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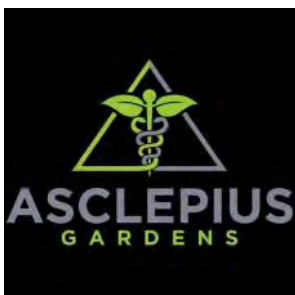
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CITY HEARS MONTROSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS REPORT



The first event to be held at the City's amphitheater in Cerise Park will be the 2021 Montrose Oktoberfest.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the Montrose City Council met for a work session on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Present for the work session were Mayor Doug Glaspell, Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank, Councilor J. David Reed, and Councilor Barbara Bynum. Councilor Anthony Russo was absent.

YOUTH COUNCIL INTERVIEW

Council interviewed Youth Council Applicant Harrison Hall, a past member and a former president of the Youth City Council. When asked by Reed what he would change about the City of Montrose, Hall said that everything is close to perfect, but road maintenance could be prioritized, and potholes fixed.

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CITY COUNCIL INTERVIEWS YOUTH COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANTS IN NEW, MATCHING LOGO WEAR

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council convened for a regularly scheduled meeting in chambers on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Present were Mayor Doug Glaspell, Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank, Council Barbara Bynum, and Councilor J. David Reed. Councilor Anthony Russo was absent. All councilors wore new, matching logo shirts.

Mayor Glaspell welcomed everyone to the meeting and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE MEETING AGENDA

There were two changes to the meeting agenda; Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank added an interview with Planning Commission Applicant Tina McFarlin, and Item 17 (consideration of Ordinance 2557 on first reading, amending the zoning district designation of Lot 1 and Outlot A of the Yokum Subdivision and the adjacent right-of-way, from R-1A Large Estate District to B-4 Neighborhood Shopping

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All councilors wore new, matching logo shirts at the Montrose City Council meeting of Tuesday, Sept. 7.

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PIZZA & POLITICS TO HOST BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE FORUM

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Pizza & Politics presents the Montrose County Board of Education Candidate Forum at Circle 3 Cowboy Fellowship, 62885 LaSalle Road.

Learn About the Candidates' platform on the issues and goals for our Montrose County School District.

Issues include though are not limited to the following: What is the Role and Responsibility of the School Board Members? What is the Future of Education in the Montrose County School District? Should Board Members Accept or Comply with the Governor's Executive Orders? Should the Curriculum be Reviewed and Approved by a joint Board/Parents Committee?

Should the Curriculum include Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Comprehensive Sex Education? Do we need more tax dollars for Montrose County Schools?

Doors Open at 6 PM. Program starts at 6:30 and ends at 8 pm. Q & A will follow the formal presentations and comments by the candidates. Pizza & Beverage provided – two slices and one beverage maximum per guest. Pizza & Politics is a program of the Montrose County Republican Party a.k.a. Montrose County GOP, and is not affiliated, associated, or a member of the Circle 3 Cowboy Fellowship church.

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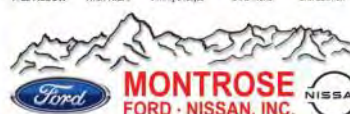
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DMEA ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD VACANCIES

Application period ends October 29, 2021.

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DELTA— Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is now accepting applications for two vacant seats on its board of directors: District 3 and District 5. Co-op members interested in serving on DMEA's board can submit their applications online at www.dmea.com until October 29, 2021.

"As directors, we understand our fellow community members place their trust in us to serve in their best interests. It is both humbling and fulfilling. I encourage all members who are interested in serving their communities in a meaningful way to submit their applications," said DMEA Board President, Kyle Martinez.

District 3 represents the North Fork Valley, including Crawford, Hotchkiss, Paonia,

and Somerset. District 5 includes a portion of the city of Montrose, as well as rural county areas, west of Hwy 550/Townsend Avenue and south of Lasalle Road. Members can view the district maps online or call DMEA at 877-687-3632 to confirm in which district they live.

Members seeking nomination for a DMEA director position must:

- be an individual at least 21 years of age
- be a member of DMEA in their individual capacity
- maintain their primary residence within the district for which they are applying
- complete the online application form and submit an up-to-date resume by 5:00 p.m., October 29, 2021

Additional requirements are available at www.dmea.com in DMEA's Bylaws, spe-

cifically Article 4 – Directors. DMEA's Board of Directors will interview eligible applicants in early November, and the new directors will be appointed at the regularly scheduled DMEA Board Meeting on Nov. 23, 2021.

About DMEA: Delta-Montrose Electric Association is a member-owned and locally controlled rural electric cooperative, incorporated in 1938. Located in Southwest Colorado, DMEA energizes and serves 28,000 members in Montrose, Delta, and Gunnison counties.

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SAVE A LIFE: PREVENTING SUICIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY

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REGIONAL-September is Suicide Prevention Month, and The Center for Mental Health (The Center) is hosting a community presentation and discussion about preventing suicide in our community.

On Sept. 21, staff from The Center will facilitate a presentation and discussion about suicide in our community from 5:30pm to 7pm at the Montrose Event Center, 1036 N. 7th Street, Montrose. You can meet the presenters and other attendees and enjoy lite snacks and re-

freshments from 5:30 to 6pm. The presentation and discussion will start at 6pm.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions and get information about community resources.

Our presenters are experienced mental health clinicians who have lived and worked in our community for a number of years. Dr. Nic Taylor, Ph.D., Ed Hagins, LPC, and Laura Byard, LPC, will be presenting on suicide in our community and answering the questions:

-What leads to suicide?

-How can I stop suicides in our community?

Suicide is one of the leading causes of death in the United States and it does not discriminate—people of all backgrounds, income levels and ages are affected. We will explore some of the reasons for the high rate of suicides in rural Colorado and across the Rocky Mountain West, while providing guidance on how to recognize warning signs and risk factors, and how to take action to prevent suicides.

The Center believes that suicide is preventable and as your community mental health center, The Center is proud to provide a variety of resources and educational opportunities to support those who may be suffering, as well as those who are ready to help. We have clinicians trained to aid clients who are experiencing thoughts of suicide, we work with our local schools to identify and help students at risk, and partner with law enforcement to respond with mental health clinicians alongside law enforcement when necessary. In addition, we provide classes for community members to learn how to recognize the warning signs and help family members, friends, and colleagues who may be experiencing a mental health crisis. In addition, The Center operates a local support line, as well as the Crisis Walk-In Center in Montrose. These resources are available 24/7, 365 days per year, and all clients are accepted at the Crisis Walk-In Center regardless of their ability to pay. This September, break the stigma, talk about suicide, and learn how to be a resource for your community. Join our experts on Sept. 21 to open the door to talking about preventing suicides in our community.

If you, or someone you know, is living with suicidal ideation, waiting is not an option—your prompt response could save a life. Call The Center Support Line at 970.252.6220 or visit our Crisis Walk-in Center in Montrose, both open 24/7 365 days a year. The Colorado Crisis Services Line can also be reached at 1-844-493-TALK (8255) or text "Talk" to 38255.



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CDOT HOSTING CAREER FAIRS THROUGH EARLY OCTOBER

Approximately 150 permanent and temporary positions available to maintain highways

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DENVER – The Colorado Department of Transportation is holding career fairs around the state over the next five weeks, seeking to hire permanent and temporary full-time and part-time highway maintenance workers. Specific fair information is listed below.

A variety of positions are available for hire, including:

- § CDL (Commercial Driver's License) Highway Maintenance Employee and Temporary Winter Employee
 - o Requires a CDL A or B and two years of experience in labor and/or equipment operation
- § Temporary Highway Maintenance Trainees (CDOT assists with CDL attainment once hired)
 - o Must be at least 18 and requires a valid regular driver's license
 - o Some experience in labor and/or equipment operation preferred, not required

§ Temporary/Permanent Equipment Mechanics (CDL preferred, not required) Permanent positions include full benefits (worth an average of \$16,669 per year) and promotional opportunities. CDOT also allows the heavy equipment requirement to be gained by driving a forklift or bus. In addition, certain positions and locations offer a housing stipend. Colorado residency is NOT required for permanent or temporary employees at the time of application. All positions include paid sick leave. Temporary seasonal positions generally last up to nine months. However, seasonal workers can apply for full-time maintenance positions based on experience gained while in the temporary position. "At each career fair, candidates can complete an application for both permanent and temporary positions, and possibly be interviewed and receive a conditional employment offer for a temporary position," said CDOT Human Resources Director Kristi Graham-Gitkind. "I encourage people to

apply if they're interested in a transportation career that provides steady pay, good benefits, and a high-level of job satisfaction from providing impactful, meaningful work that serves the traveling public." Each career fair is being held at a CDOT office and/or maintenance facility. Masks are required to participate. Positions are available not only in the towns and cities listed below but also in the greater geographic area.

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GLENWOOD SPRINGS- The I-70 Glenwood Canyon recreation path and Grizzly Creek rest area reopened today after being closed for over a month due to damaged infrastructure from the material slides in the burn scar area that occurred in late July.

"The slides in the canyon on July 29 and 30 knocked out water and electricity to the rest area as well as covered sections of the recreation path with substantial

debris," said Michael Goolsby, Incident Commander for the Grizzly Creek floods. "Our crews have been hard at work to reopen the rest area and a portion of the recreation path to the public. Clean-up efforts are ongoing throughout the burn scar area, but we appreciate the patience and support from the public."

Currently, the path will be open from

Grizzly Creek west to Glenwood Springs. Colorado Department of Transportation crews continue to make progress on clearing debris from other impacted areas of the recreation path and in the canyon as well.

For updates on the status of rest areas and the rec path in Glenwood Canyon please visit: www.COTRIP.org.

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MONTROSE-Glen Williams records an ace on the 134 yard Hole 11 at Cobble Creek on Labor Day. Courtesy photo.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

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Letter to the Editor:

Did you see or hear about the latest white on black racist attack in California?

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Larry Elder and took swings at his security detail. You would suspect such a racist attack on a black man, especially a politician, would be headline news on all the leading networks and newspapers.

Problem is that the attack did not follow the narrative of the liberal media. The attacker was white, that part fit. However, the person attacked was a black, con-

servative running against a highly, liberal Democratic California Governor that is subject of a recall election. Racism only applies if liberal, Democrats are the victim.

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VOTING GRISWOLD OUT OF OFFICE IN 2022 WOULD BE WISE

Editor:

Perhaps it's cynicism, but Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold unjustifiably suggests proficiency in how she runs her office in Denver. She tells us that in her bureaucratic grotto there is perfection of function when it comes to her oversight of the state's county election results.

Allow me a moment to recover. Let's take one small item relating to the 2020 Colorado general election that Griswold certified but never seems to discuss with us: of the sixty-four counties in our state, forty-two of them (nearly two thirds) reported more total votes than there are registered voters in those respective counties. You can find these results on line. This is so outrageous an outcome that the national group, Judicial Watch, has filed suit against Griswold.

It seems to me that voting Griswold out of office in 2022 would be a healthy thing for all Coloradans to do. But then, what is the likelihood of her certifying an honest, state-wide election giving her the boot?

Alan Metcalfe, Delta



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Montrose Event Center, 1036 N. 7th Street, Montrose

Agenda:

- Meet the presenters: 5:30 to 6 p.m.
- Interactive discussion: 6 to 7 p.m.

Our panel:

A panel discussion with experts from The Center for Mental Health including **Ed Hagins, M. Ed., LPC, Nic Taylor, Ph.D., and Laura Byard, MA, LPC.**

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE REMINDS VOTERS OF RIGHTS

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DENVER— In response to reported unofficial door-to-door canvassing of Colorado voters, the Colorado Secretary of State's office issued the following reminders to voters:

-If an individual comes to your door and requests information about your voting history or registration status, you are not required to answer.

-Every voter's right to a secret ballot is constitutionally protected in Colorado. If a door-to-door canvasser asks how you voted in a particular race, you are not required to tell the canvasser how you voted.

-Any claim that door-to-door canvassing is official business of the Colorado Secretary of State's office or the state of Colorado is false. No state or local election office in Colorado is conducting door-to-door voter

participation surveys.

-You have the right to request the name and credentials of door-to-door solicitors, as well as the organization they represent. -If you feel harassed or threatened, please reach out to local law enforcement or the Department of Justice at justice.gov.

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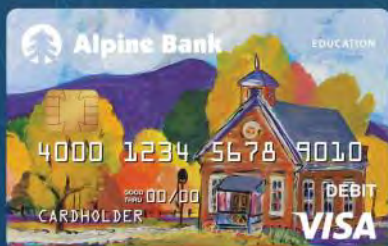
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He would like to see Youth Council host more “Rock the Rec” events this year, and he would like to learn more about the policies that impact Youth Council as well as City Council. Hall also described a situation during his tenure on Youth Council in which he reached a successful compromise with someone whose views differed from his own.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEW

Council interviewed planning Commission Applicant Steve Ball. Ball discussed his educational and professional background, which includes professional experience, bachelor’s degrees in philosophy and environmental economics, and a master’s in public administration. Ball owns a home in the City, currently works at the Rec Center, and has taken the time to familiarize himself with the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

Councilor Bynum asked what Ball would see as top planning commission priorities for the next one to three years.

Ball said his understanding is that items are brought before the planning commission primarily by developers. In his view, one challenge to be faced is the need for more and lower cost housing.

“...I think the challenge and the focus can continue to be on lowering the cost of housing,” he said, “but doing so in a way which speaks to and tries to answer to different interests in the community as well.”

Council also spoke to Planning Commission Applicant Catherine Buckley Hoffman. The job of a planning commissioner can only be done one way, Hoffman said, and that is according to the Master Plan and the rules. She has reviewed the Comprehensive Plan.

Hoffman and her husband have lived in Southwestern Colorado since 1999. They lived in Norwood for 19.5 years, and now Montrose for around 3.5 years. The couple moved to Las Vegas in 1969 and lived with the results of that city’s lack of a comprehensive plan.

“My passion has always been around helping people who are underprivileged,” she said. “There is such need in our com-

munity...for affordable housing, housing that is accessible to services...Montrose has so much to offer.

“I think we will benefit as a community tremendously if we do it right,” Hoffman said.

MONTROSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION UPDATE

Montrose Community Foundation Executive Director Sara Plumhoff presented the annual report on Enhancement grants to Council, highlighting the grants awarded through the Foundation’s partnership with the City of Montrose, which began in 2013. Since then, the Foundation has awarded \$190,000 of City grant enhancement dollars.

“It has been a great partnership for us,” Plumhoff said. She discussed the grant opportunities for 2021-2022, and the Foundation’s Community Impact Fund campaign.

2020-2021 grants included:

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Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank said there are currently openings on the Montrose Community Foundation board. Mayor Glaspell said that donors to the Montrose Community Foundation can direct their funds to particular items. “I think that gives you a lot of flexibility,” Glaspell said.

GRAY & BLACK MARKET MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

City Community Program Manager Kendall Cramer presented information on a proposed resolution authorizing the filing of the City’s annual grant application to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). A resolution is required to opt into this program, Cramer said. The City has received funds in years past.

In 2018, the City received around \$70K in

grant funds, and in 2019 around \$81K. In 2020 the program was cut due to COVID but the City received about \$10K, Cramer said.

TOWNSEND AVENUE UTILITY REPLACEMENTS PROJECT CONTRACT AWARD

Council discussed the award of a construction contract to Mountain Valley Contracting in the amount of \$1,345,278.88 for completion of the Townsend Avenue Utility Replacements Project.

City Engineer Scott Murphy presented information on the contract award via Zoom call. Utility work will begin in November and will take place through the winter, for completion prior to the start of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)’s Townsend Avenue overlay project in April of 2022.

Background-A memo from Murphy to Council states, “*The City of Montrose Utility Department owns and operates several miles of sanitary sewer and water utilities within the Townsend Avenue (US 550) right of way. Select reaches of the water utility within Townsend Avenue are over 50 years old, have reached the end of their useful life, and are in need of replacement. Furthermore, many of the sanitary sewer manhole lids within Townsend Avenue have also reached the end of their useful life or have sunken excessively below the adjacent pavement. In response to these issues, the City is looking to replace select reaches of waterline and rebuild the tops of all sanitary sewer manholes on Townsend Avenue within the project extents shown on Figure 1. This work is being performed prior to and in anticipation of a 2.5-inch mill and overlay project that...will be performed by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) starting around April of 2022.*”

PUBLIC WORKS SHOP DESIGN CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY

Murphy also presented information on an amendment to the Public Works Facility Design Contract with Chamberlin Architects, to add scope of work for a Phase II environmental site assessment at a cost of \$48,500. The Phase II site assessment is needed for due diligence, Murphy said.

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Background-A memo from Murphy to Council states, "The scope of work and plan for the Phase II ESA was dependent on the results of the recently-completed Phase I ESA. With the Phase I ESA now complete, this second phase of environmental work was scoped out at a cost of \$48,500 on a time-and-materials, not-to-exceed basis based on negotiations with Chamberlin Architect's environmental subcontractor, Grande River Environmental (Grand Junction, CO). Contract administration and general project management will continue to be performed by the City of Montrose engineering, utilities, and public works departments. Like the original contract, this amendment would continue to be funded out of reserves (2021) and budgeted funds (2022) from the recent sale of the City's Banner Road property."

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR LIQUOR LICENSING SERVICES

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo presented information on the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Montrose County. A memo from DelPiccolo to Council states, "The City was recently approached by Montrose County and asked if the City Clerk's Office would be willing to process applications for liquor licenses, renewals, and permits in unincorporated Montrose County. The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will remain as the liquor licensing authority for these licenses and permits. Under the terms of the agreement, the City will retain the application fees. The City Clerk will oversee application processes, forward information to applicable County staff members for review, and present the applications to the BOCC. The IGA was approved by the BOCC on August 18."

COUNCIL/STAFF DISCUSSION
Public Works Manager Jim Scheid gave an update on projects. The LaRaza Park Sports Court is 100-percent finished, including lights. The Amphitheater in Cerise Park is nearing completion, well ahead of schedule. "We're looking at an early October completion date at this point," Scheid said. There will be a ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony. The first event held there will be the 2021 Montrose OktoberFest. "That's kind of an exciting way to open that facility and really test it out," Scheid said.

The new Public Safety Facility is at an interesting stage, with steel construction on the west side and masonry block on the east. The project continues to experience delays related to materials, Scheid said. Murphy gave an update on the Woodgate Road Realignment. The City just learned that a compatible new communication cabinet will not be available until November, though the utility company was contacted more than a year ago. Still, about 80 percent of the road can be paved now. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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BOCC PROCLAIMS SEPTEMBER SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH, VOTES TO PURSUE INVESTIGATION OF TRANS CARE AMBULANCE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners gathered for a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 1 and for a special meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

REGULAR MEETING-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) gathered for a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 1. BOCC Chair Sue Hansen and BOCC Vice Chair Keith Caddy were present; Commissioner Roger Rash was absent. The invocation was delivered by Pastor Buddy Cook of the Church of the Nazarene.

Cook prayed that hope would empower the commissioners as they did their work. "...The hope, Lord, that says there's a brighter future than we see today..."

Caddy led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments from the public.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Jon Waschbusch had no changes to the meeting agenda.

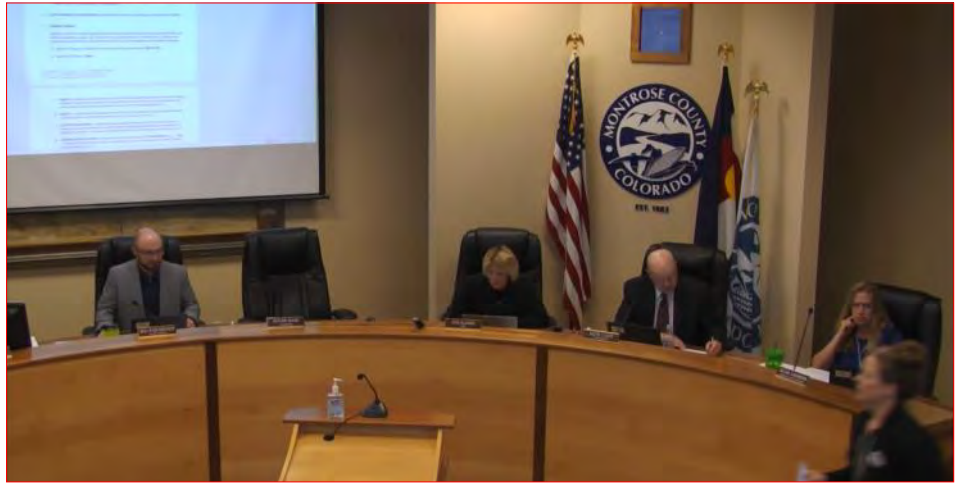
CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved, with Resolution No.36-2021 assigned to Item 6 (for the Ken Kirby Rezone) and Resolution No. 37-2021 (for the River Road Warehouse Adjacent Parcel Rezone) assigned to Item 7.

GENERAL BUSINESS

County Media Relations Manager Katie Yergensen presented for consideration and approval a Proclamation that the month of September 2021 be designated "Suicide Prevention Month" in recognition of the importance of creating awareness and promoting suicide prevention resources in the community. Yergensen read the proclamation into the record, including such statistics as suicide remains the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 to 34, and in 2019, 1,312 people died by suicide in Colorado.

"I think it's an important issue," Hansen said. "Even when we had the rising COVID deaths, suicide deaths outpaced COVID



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deaths. I think it's really something we should be aware of, and make sure we have mechanisms in place with which to deal with it."

She said that increased mental health access and programs could be a solution, "I think that we can make some headway in looking at that topic."

Said Caddy, "Suicide's a problem in this community, it always has been...I think we are lacking in the State of Colorado in mental health facilities and treatment."

Commissioners voted to approve the Proclamation designating September, 2021 as Suicide Prevention Month.

County Treasurer Rosemary Murphy presented Resolution No. 38-2021, for the cancellation of a property tax lien; the amount of uncollectible property taxes included in the tax lien to be cancelled are \$369.76, fees and interest \$897.67 a total of \$1267.43. Commissioners voted to approve.

Murphy also presented for adoption Resolution 39-2021, for the cancellation of uncollectable property taxes. Property taxes that are delinquent and have been determined by the Treasurer to be uncollectible are purged from the tax roll to give an accurate amount of outstanding taxes. The BOCC approved Resolution 39-2021 for the cancellation of uncollectable property tax.

Facilities Director Jennifer DelTonto asked for approval of a bid award, a contract in the amount of \$160,123.52 to low bidder Acumen Environmental Services, LLC for permitting, hazardous materials abatement, demolitions and site reclamation of the Montrose County Health & Human Services Old Dental Clinic Building, which dates to the 1960's. Acumen Environmental Services, LLC was the lowest responsive, responsible bid. The project is anticipated to start on or after Oct. 1 and be completed by Nov. 30, a budgeted expense of \$160,123.52. Commissioners approved the bid award.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

SPECIAL MEETING

On Tuesday, Sept. 7, the Montrose County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) met for a special meeting to review a complaint made on Sept. 2, 2021 by Emergency Manager Scott Hawkins regarding Trans-Care Ambulance Service operating without a license, and to determine if further investigation is needed. BOCC Chair Sue Hansen and Commissioner Roger Rash were present; BOCC Vice Chair Keith Caddy was absent.

Rash led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

County manager Jon Waschbusch had no

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changes to the special meeting agenda.
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Hansen said, "In my opinion I think that we have enough to move forward with an investigation, and I would suggest that we ask the County Manager and/or our Emer-

gency Manager to look into this further." "I think it needs to be looked into," Rash said.

Assistant County Attorney Joe Gaffney advised the BOCC that if there appears to be a violation they can direct the County Manager to look into the matter.

Rash moved to empower County Manager Jon Waschbusch and Emergency Manager Scott Hawkins to review the complaint and prepare a report.

The motion was approved. With no further business the special meeting was adjourned.



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District) was deleted.

Senior Planner Amy Sharp said that Item 17 would be reheard by the Planning Commission, due to an error in the public noticing description for the Aug. 25 Planning Commission meeting. "At the time, the Initial Public Notice stated that this property was located at Ogden Road and Pavilion Drive, and the correct description is actually Ogden Road and Bridges Drive," Sharp said. The Planning Commission hearing will be held at 5 p.m. on Sept. 22.

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

As he introduced a proclamation in support of National Suicide Awareness Month, Mayor Glaspell welcomed Greg Fisher of the Tri County Health Network. "Suicide is a public health issue, yet many are still afraid to talk about it," Fisher said. "...It is time to take action to make sure that your constituents know that suicide prevention and education matter."

Tri County Health Network will be hosting events and providing resources as part of Suicide Prevention Month, Fisher said. Mayor Glaspell read the proclamation into the record.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved.

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

First to be interviewed was Applicant Gunison Clamp, who previously served on Youth Council for two years. He said that it has been a very rewarding experience. "I've had a great time." Clamp said that suicide prevention and mental health issues pose a challenge to the community, and Youth Council offers fun activities for youth.

First time Applicants Amy Scriffiny, Jasmine Hemenway, and Indica Taylor were also interviewed. Scriffiny emphasized her leadership skills and said she would leverage social media to reach out to peers. Asked about the greatest challenge facing Montrose, "Single parent families," Scriffiny said.

Hemenway said, "When I first heard about the Youth City Council, I was interested in it, because I wanted to more involved with my community, because I find things like this very interesting and intriguing, and I enjoy partaking in community services and such."

Taylor said, "This will be my first time even hearing about youth city council." She suggested that group activities such as field days at the rec center would help connect youth to the city. She would reach out to peers both at school and on social media. The biggest challenges facing youth today include suicide prevention and mental health, she said. "...I know it's hard to talk about those things...but it's natural. All of us face bumps in life, all of us face difficult things that we need to talk about eventually, because we're all human here," Taylor said.

Glaspell thanked the Youth Council applicants for attending.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEW

Planning Commission Applicant Tina McFarlin said she is originally from Montrose. She returned home recently after 36 years in Denver and has started a business here "I was involved in legislative work up in Denver, working with bills and working with Senators. I am just very interested in all the growth that is going on in Montrose...it's just incredible. I want to be part of that and understand what's going on." Infrastructure should be a focus, she said, with an emphasis on working collaboratively. "How are you going to deal with a lot of the traffic through Main Street and Townsend...also, are additional schools being planned with all the growth that's coming and all the homes that are being built? Do we have adequate resources for all those homes?"

McFarlin said she will review the City's comprehensive plan and has no conflicts with evening training sessions.

GRAY & BLACK MARKET MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

As discussed previously in work session, Council voted to approve Resolution 2021-17, authorizing the filing of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs grant applica-

tion for the Gray & Black Market Marijuana Enforcement grant program.

ORDINANCE 2553-FIRST READING

Also approved was Ordinance 2553 on first reading, repealing and replacing Title 5 Chapter 3 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose. Previously discussed in work session, Ordinance 2553 removes the licensing requirement for police alarm systems.

ORDINANCE 2554-FIRST READING

Council voted to approve Ordinance 2554 on first reading, vacating portions of a right of way within the City of Montrose.

RIVERBEND RV PARK ADDITION II

Council voted to approve Resolution 2021-18, Findings of Fact for the Riverbend RV Park Addition II; and adopted Ordinance 2555 on first reading for the Riverbend RV Park Addition II annexation and Ordinance 2556 on first reading, zoning the Riverbend RV Park Addition II as a B-2, Highway Commercial District.

RESOLUTION 2021-19

Council voted to approve Resolution 2021-19, setting Oct. 19, 2021 as the hearing date for the annexation of the McCracken Addition.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, Council voted to approve the Bear Creek Subdivision Amendment #4 Preliminary Plat; and The Falls at Valley Ranch South Preliminary Plat; Council adopted Ordinance 2558 on first reading, vacating a portion of Pinon Way within the City of Montrose, and Ordinance 2559 on first reading, repealing and replacing Title 2 Chapter 2 Section 1 (2-1-1) of the Official Code of the City of Montrose. The modification increases Planning Commissioners' compensation from \$40 per month to \$80 per month and increases the Chairperson's compensation from \$60 per month to \$100 per month.

Glaspell opened a public hearing as Ordinance 2559 came before Council. Citizen and former Planning Commission Applicant Laura Baker stepped forward to speak. "I really recommend, if you want a diverse group of people to represent your planning commission, that you offer a little bit more incentive for them to make time in their schedule...I really think you need

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to consider it, because this planning commission, as great as it is, needs a little bit of support from a diverse perspective. So please, at minimum, if you can bring a

little bit more funds for people who might be losing out on their daily wages, do it. "This is just a public perspective, from someone that does not want to be on

your commission, but did consider it," Baker said.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilor Reed thanked Councilor Bynum for designing the new City logo shirts that all were wearing.

Said Bynum, "Kailey (Kailey Rhoten of the Office of Business & Tourism) really designed it...I stole a little inspiration from the Town of Steamboat Springs. Their Council does a lot of outreach to their community, and does it wearing matching blue polo shirts...we have a council that's really working well together, and wants to engage our community more, and I thought it would be a way we could maybe take a page out of our Youth Council's notebook—they always look so good when they wear their Youth Council logo wear.

"We could do it as part of our outreach to the community when we're out there," Bynum said.

"It matches our eyes," Glaspell said.

Frank said, "I am really excited to see the Youth Council candidates come out. We have some really great kids coming forward and I really look forward to working with them for the next year."

Glaspell said, "...We had a good turnout for the Planning Commissioner alternate position, we had some great candidates for that, it's really super to see that support."

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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CARPOOL APPS NOW LEGAL IN COLORADO

Special to the Mirror

DENVER — Coloradans who want to use an app to carpool with others to the mountains or for other activities will be able to do so legally come October.

That's the result of a new law that requires carpooling app companies such as Treadshare and Gondola to simply register with the Colorado Department of Transportation to operate legally. Previously, these companies had been subject to the same regulations as "transportation network companies" — such as Uber and Lyft — and would have had to register with the Colorado Department of Revenue and Public Utilities Commission and pay an annual fee of \$111,250 to operate.

Under the new law, HB21-1076, carpool app companies must register with CDOT starting Oct. 1. Companies can register [here](#).

Carpool apps such as Treadshare and Gondola allow a driver to connect with passengers going to the same destination and transport them, with the passengers helping pay the driver's fuel and mileage costs. The apps are a useful way for Coloradans headed to the ski slopes to reduce emissions and save on parking costs, though under the right circumstances, the carpool apps could be used for concerts, sporting events or other activities.

The law limits a carpool to no more than six passengers, not including the driver, and to no more than one round trip per day, which would have to be no less than 23 miles each way. That minimum distance requirement is waived for carpools to ski areas, an exception that could help workers at ski resorts ride together.

The new law was specifically intended to help transport people who voluntarily choose to utilize carpooling along the I-70 mountain corridor, and Coloradans interested in learning more about carpooling resources in the mountains can visit GoI70.com/carpool. However, as long as a trip is 23 miles or more each way, carpools could band together for any purpose, including commuting to work, going to a concert or sporting event or to college campuses.

Coloradans who use carpool apps should

understand that, aside from the registration requirement, the state does not regulate the app companies. There are no background checks or training standards required for carpool drivers, vehicles are not subject to inspection, and insurance

verification is not performed. Coloradans using a carpool app should exercise caution and good judgment before getting in a car with strangers. CDOT is not liable for any act or omission by carpool app companies, drivers or passengers.



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A ceremony was held on Saturday, Sept. 11 to mark the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The event began with a procession of first responders lead by the American Legion riders, finishing in front of the old county courthouse. By Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher



OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

BIDEN'S BLATANT LIES TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE TREASON

Editor:

This is the administration the media sold us in 2020 --- "the adults are in charge again", "Build Back Better Biden", "return to a state of normalcy", "let the healing begin", blah, blah, blah. It was all a gigantic lie of course, and it only took Biden a few months to prove it.

Despite having an unlimited amount of time to prepare an orderly withdrawal from Afghanistan, Biden's military fled in a disorderly panic from a weaker enemy without notice to our allies, abandoning thousands as hostages, gifting the terrorists \$85 billion of sophisticated weaponry, and even hindering the escape of some of those hostages.

Adding insult to injury, Biden and company continually lied to the American people about how the withdrawal would go and the abandoning of Americans. Attempts to spin it as an "extraordinary success" implies Biden is a genius for a precipitous withdrawal that caused more service members' deaths than the last several years of combat with the Taliban.

Attempts to conflate the popular decision

to exit Afghanistan with Biden's incompetent execution of that policy only confirms how stupid liberals think the American people really are.

Afghanistan is the most recent of Biden's self-inflicted disasters. Democrats are apparently fine with the insanity of spending trillions that we don't have and igniting uncontrolled inflation, abandoning the defense of our southern border, destroying our energy independence (soaring fuel prices), and defunding police and the resultant crime waves in Democrat controlled cities.

These are the same Democrats that applaud trashing state voter ID statutes as "Jim Crow" and favor Pelosi's bill to federalize elections. They look the other way when Biden absolves China of responsibility for the worldwide pandemic they unleashed, and are not concerned when Biden claims our greatest terrorist threat is from "white nationalists" (meaning the conservative half of America of all races opposing their tyranny).

The left keeps insisting that we reject or ignore clear and convincing evidence and

embrace their crazy falsehoods. From the Trump/Russian collusion fantasy and concocted claims about Hunter Biden's laptops being "Russian disinformation", to ongoing efforts to cast an America that is the most free and fair nation in the world as a nation riddled with "systemic" racist oppression, liberals truly believe we will ignore the truth before our very eyes and accept their lies as truth. They want you to believe the Titanic was a success because the life boats worked.

Most people don't really care that Biden has a long history of lies about himself. His current lie to Jewish leaders about visiting the Tree Of Life synagogue after that anti-Semitic terror attack is just an example of vintage Biden dishonesty.

Those lies just expose him as the narcissistic liar that he is and are relatively harmless. His actions since becoming president and his blatant lies to the American people to deflect responsibility for the resulting death, damage, and destruction are far from harmless and are in fact treasonous.

Ed Henrie, Montrose

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

GIVING COMFORT AND AID TO THE ENEMY IS TREASON

Editor;

The highlight of the 9/11 remembrance day was that we didn't have to endure Biden attempting to mumble a prepared speech and trying to look tough in doing so. Instead, we saw President Donald Trump giving interviews in front of excited crowds. It was very notable when President Trump noted that he had built up the military immensely and then Biden gave \$80 BILLION of it to our enemy, the Taliban. That is the very definition of treason; giving comfort and aid to the enemy. America now faces the most well-equipped terrorist organization in world history. Now here we have a president(?) who is actually committing impeachable offenses, but does anyone think Democrats in Congress will actually introduce articles of impeachment against Biden? How about the Leftist news outlets? No, the Democrats defend each others crimes. Biden not only gave away our military equipment, but he leaves Americans behind in enemy territory as hostages. And just recently, China announced they are giving Afghanistan \$31 MILLION in aid. Surprise! surprise! That should buy all of our military equipment China wants and the airports America built. It's no accident China is the beneficiary of the despicable cowardly act of Biden to turn Afghanistan over to the Taliban and then to China. It's no secret Biden and son, Hunter, are tied to China with billions of dollars in secret deals. Of course Democrats and their lap dog Leftist media have now forgotten the word, "collusion". According to the

source, "Profiles in Corruption", by Peter Schweizer, Hunter was taken on Air Force Two by Joe to Beijing, China on Dec. 4, 2013. The trip concluded with an enormous \$1 billion financial deal with the state-owned Bank of China and Hunter Biden's firm, Rosemont Seneca. He had visited China before in 2010 and 2011 cultivating this deal. Remember, Joe was Vice President at this time and his son, Hunter enjoyed free rides and luxuriant food service to China compliment of the U.S. taxpayer. Since that occurrence, there were numerous other deals some involving \$billions of dollars, some involving nuclear energy and all the deals were because of Hunter's connection to the Vice President of the United States. Eventually, Hunter acquired lucrative deals with governments all over the world and his travel expenses and food were compliments of the good ol' U.S. taxpayer! Of course Joe says he knows nothing about Hunter's business deals! Now Russia, China, and Iran have our best military equipment. And the Taliban now have some of their worst commanders back on the battlefield thanks to the Obama/Biden ilk when they turned them loose from Guantanamo in exchange for a dastardly, sniveling, military deserter and military-hater, Bo Bergdahl.

So now Biden's actions can be explained by the chain of events that took place recently. Democrats had to get rid of President Trump any way they could. He was extremely popular and patriotic. Phony scandals, accusations, and impeachments

over a chorus of Democrat lies didn't get the job done. Their Left wing agenda couldn't survive another four years of Trump. So, with Biden's close ties with China he acquired a little help. Is it a coincidence that at the very start of the 2020 presidential campaign season China released the corona virus, which resulted in unprecedented total social lockdown of America? Then Democrats used that to say it wasn't safe to vote in person. So then they said everyone has to vote by mail with no ID required and ballot harvesting as well as numerous other sinister methods of cheating. And it worked! Stammering, stuttering, mumbling, incoherent, and confused Joe was installed as president even though he seldom appeared in public campaigning. President Trump gathered crowds of 20 and 30 thousand at his rallies plus the tens of thousands of viewers on Right-Side broadcasting on the internet. And they were outvoted?

Now it's time to reward China with all our military equipment plus billions of dollars in cash. The most treasonous part is giving them American and NATO hostages, which now gives the enemy collateral to bargain with for more special gifts for China, Russia, Iran, and the taliban.

This is a sick Democrat administration who hate America and are putting America's very existence at extreme risk. And why?

They have to live here too. Apparently they can't think that far ahead.

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose

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DR. MORGAN MCCARTY NAMED COLORADO'S ASSISTANT STATE VETERINARIAN

Special to the Mirror

BROOMFIELD— The Colorado Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce Dr. Morgan McCarty has been selected as the Assistant State Veterinarian for the State of Colorado.

In the role, Dr. McCarty will focus on disease response activities, overall management of division activities, and supporting Colorado State Veterinarian Dr. Maggie Baldwin and the mission of the Animal Health Division.

"We are excited to have Dr. McCarty on board as the new Assistant State Veterinarian for Colorado," said State Veterinarian Maggie Baldwin. "She brings a breadth of experience as a private practicing veterinarian and livestock producer from the Western Slope that will be invaluable to guide our work in the division."

Dr. McCarty earned her DVM from Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in Fort Collins. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from Colorado State University before attending veterinary school. She started her career as an associate veterinarian in a large animal practice before starting her own mobile large animal practice in Western Colorado.

"CDA is honored that Dr. McCarty is

bringing her years of experience and knowledge to our department. Her years of working with ranchers and livestock owners on the Western Slope are going to bring invaluable connections to the land and the people of Colorado," said Agriculture Commissioner Kate Greenberg.

Dr. McCarty owned and operated her veterinary practice for 10 years until 2018, when she sold it to pursue a lifelong dream of hiking the Appalachian Trail, a 2,200 mile trek from Georgia to Maine. After four and a half months of hiking, Dr. McCarty returned to Rifle to start a beef cattle consulting practice and pursued a career in small animal medicine.

"I am extremely passionate about agriculture and the livestock industry and am excited to apply my veterinary and producer experience to my new role as the Assistant State Veterinarian," said Dr. Morgan McCarty. "I look forward to working with veterinarians, producers, and the livestock industry to work towards ensuring a safe food supply, protecting the health of Colorado's livestock, and to strengthen our agricultural industry as a whole."

Dr. McCarty grew up in Rhode Island on a small farm with horses, sheep, and beef cattle and was an active 4-H and FFA



Dr. Morgan McCarty has been selected as the Assistant State Veterinarian for the State of Colorado. Courtesy photo.

member. She and her husband own and operate a small purebred cattle operation near Rifle, Colorado. When she is not working cattle she enjoys reading, hiking, backpacking, paddleboarding with her Australian Cattle Dog, and spending time outdoors with her husband.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WHY WOULD ANYONE HESITATE TO DO WHAT OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAYS IS GOOD FOR US?

Editor:

Why, oh why would anyone hesitate to do what our Federal government tell us is good for us? Wazza madder doan we trust them? You are damned right we don't and for damned good reasons!

Between U.S. History and my own life experiences here are some examples of misplaced trust of our federal government:

1 In WWI the soldiers were provided with unlimited smokes to calm their nerves in the trenches of France. In 1921 several medical students went on a field trip from Northwestern to an Eastern Chicago hospital to observe several veterans who had a relatively new malady---lung cancer.

2 In WWII cigarettes were again made readily available. Each C Ration contained 4 or 5 cigarettes. Same in Korea and in Vietnam. An analysis comparing those dried out smokes with fresh cigarettes in one of my science classes indicated that the government variety was VERY HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH when smoked. What was one of the largest concerns with putting a health warning on cigarette packs? How can we replace the lost revenue? Not the people's health!

3 In Vietnam they, meaning the government and military hierarchy, wanted to make it easier to see the enemy in the jungle. Hence we sprayed with a powerful defoliant called agent orange. Lying Lyndon and Mickey Mouse Edsel Mac Namara all were frequently in the news assuring the nation that the stuff was harmless.

4 Servicemen from all services and from all over the United States started having serious problems, offspring had serious birth defects and still the lies by the President, DOD and the Veterans Administration persisted. The big lie was that Agent Orange had nothing to do with it. This lie was perpetuated for years.

5 OUR GOVERNMENT INSISTED THAT AGENT ORANGE WAS NOT THE CULPRIT. THEY PUT OFF ACCEPTING THE BLAME FOR OVER 20 SERIOUS CANCERS ETC FOR YEARS UNTIL STUDIES PROVED OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE OF THE OPPOSITE. AGENT ORANGE WAS AT FAULT.

6 In Vietnam and in the early desert deployments Chloroquin-Promoquin was used as a malaria prophylaxis but some government nerd determined that the stuff was not good enough, that we needed one with more 'power' and the government bought off on the idea. A bunch of jerks in the Pentagon. The new stuff was rushed to the battlefield where the troops said they took it in the morning and all went 'nuts' at night. Very little testing if any. Maybe this is where so much PTSD has come from?

7 In the fifties and sixties there was thalidomide, a drug to moderate nausea in pregnant women that was supposed to be ok. Nay, nay I say. The drug was prescribed and taken---and low and behold thousands of malformed babies were born. What a way to start a family! What a way to start the rest of your life! All because your doctor trusted in the Federal Government to have tested thalidomide for such effects.

8 In the mid-east the military burned garbage dumps with disastrous results the totality of which remains to be seen. Such burning was said to be harmless, UNTIL IT WAS NOT! The troops around the burn pits kept getting sick and sicker. The justification to continue, "If we don't burn it what do we do with it?"

9 The CDC lied to us about Covid19, lied to us about masks, about social distancing and about school opening. They are still lying about that based on pressure from the teacher's politically motivated lies.

10-As Sonny and Cher sang all the while, "The beat goes on!"

Our government fostered all of these poor bureaucratic political decisions. When caught they lied and often doubled and tripled down. The Big Lie. Servicemen and women serving bravely and honestly got the crud from these poor decisions. *In the case of the thalidomide many families had crippled children to care for their whole lives. Years of pain and suffering while the liars who perpetrated this travesty retired from the government and lived out comfortable rich lives not having to deal with the mess their decisions and cover-ups made. These

and many more continue to the detriment of many of our GIs who served honestly and now suffer lies and denial for years. All of our lives we have been told that all drugs need to be tested before we could take them. People have died awaiting approval on this premise----except when the government is in the hurry.

Why would you think that many Americans (especially relatives of service personnel) would NOT want to try an untested vaccine. No, not very many folks have died from the Covid-19 vaccine---SO FAR---but in a few years when today's children are reproducing they might possibly bring forth afflicted off-spring (thalidomide?) Or when a few years down the line mysterious tumors begin to form for no known reason. We know that drugs/vaccines have different side effects in the young verses the old.

Have we learned nothing in the last 122 years of so-called modern medicine? What happened to the Hippocratic Oath wherein physicians are enjoined to 'above all, do no harm'?

Yes, there are plenty of very good reasons why we should not trust our government! These reasons I have given you provide EXACTLY WHY WE DO NOT. Many of us have been victims of their lies and we do not trust them----They have lost our trust.

Note: By party these reprehensible decisions are almost equally split---so all of our high-priced politicians are liars. *is an example of what happens when our citizens (servicemen and women) are MANDATED to take the drug, 'everybody gets the problems', hint hint

I have had my shots. I do not like the possibilities of delayed side effects. But I am old. Can't do my potential offspring much harm or those of my children. But in the generations after that (there are two in my family) maybe their experiences with after/side effects might be significantly different. Cancer, birth defects, sterility, allergies.

Are we still supposed to trust what our Federal (State or local) government tells us. I can only say as President Reagan said, "Trust but verify!"

Bill Bennett, Montrose



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MAXIMUS PAUL SCHUETZ *February 11, 2004 - June 14, 2021*



MAXIMUS passed at the age of 17, peacefully at home, Montrose, CO, from Treatment-Induced Glioblastoma after battling Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia since the age of 22 months. He is survived by his mother, Bobbi Browner.

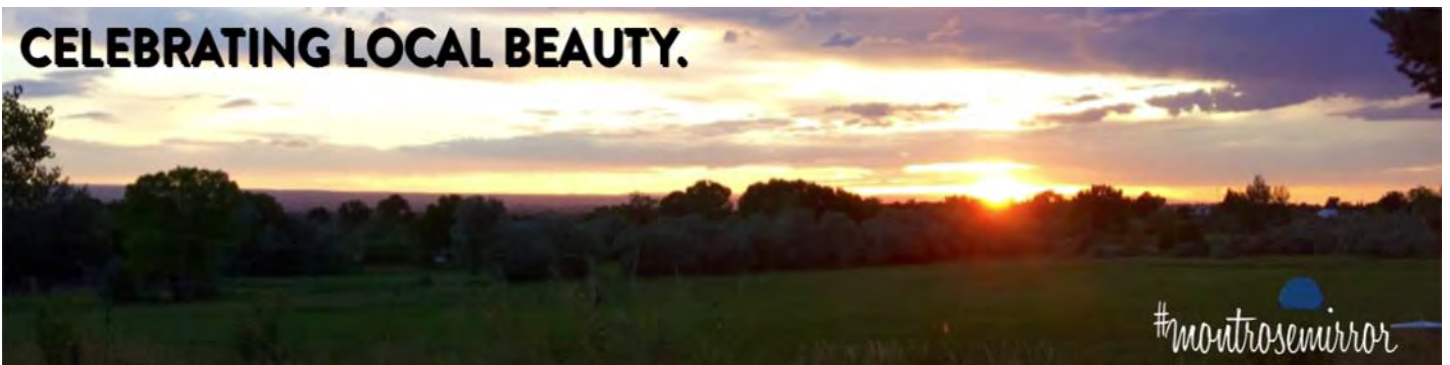
Max was born in Ridgway, CO, and would have been a senior at Ridgway High School this year. Max was an active member of Black Canyon 4-H Club and was highly successful with training mustang horses in the Wild to Mild TIP Challenge, training his dogs for obedience and agility, and showing and breeding rabbits. He enjoyed fencing with Ouray

Swordplay, drama with Magic Circle Theater, attended Wapiyapi, Round-Up River Ranch, Nighthawk, and Sky High Hope Camps, and participated in many activities with the Montrose Rec Center. Max had a keen knowledge of dinosaurs and owned several reptiles. He loved camping, nature, and all activities involving water. He enjoyed archery, shooting guns, skiing, gaming, building Legos, traveling, and was interested in any kind of medieval lore. But his favorite thing to do was hang out with his friends. He was loyal, protective, bright, compassionate, gentle, generous, and had a fun, sarcas-

tic sense of humor, and a contagious laugh. Max loved deeply. He left us bravely, with a courage that made him more concerned about those he was leaving, than about his own loss.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Maximus on September 25, from 2 – 7pm, at the Ridgway State Park Group Events Facilities, which are at the Pa-Co-Chu-Puk entrance. There will be a slide show and pot-luck, and a chance for people to share stories and memories. A State Park Pass or Day Pass will be required, and car-pooling is encouraged. All are welcome

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DANIEL DUANE GRANBERG *January 7, 1997-September 3, 2021*



Montrose Resident, Daniel Duane Granberg, 24, passed away on Friday, September third, at approximately 20,000 feet, on the Integral route of Illimani Mountain in Bolivia, of High-Altitude Pulmonary Edema.

Daniel Granberg was born on January 7, 1997, in Salida, Colorado. The family lived in Buena Vista, in the shadow of Mt. Princeton, for the first 5 years of his life, then moved to Delta, where he began to study violin, joining the Valley Youth Orchestra, in which he played until he left for college.

The family moved to Montrose in 2006, where Daniel attended school, graduating as Valedictorian of Montrose High School in 2015. While at Montrose High, Daniel excelled in debate, attending numerous state competitions, was in all-state choir, and played percussion in the marching band all four years. Not having a physics teacher during his senior year, he taught himself physics and scored the highest possible score on the AP exam. He attended Princeton University from

2015-2019, graduating with a degree in Mathematics and a minor in Humanities. While there, he participated in numerous vocal groups, including Glee Club, Chapel Choir, and Chamber Choir, loving it and making many close friends.

It was at Princeton that Daniel began to travel the world, both solo and with the choirs, visiting Nepal, Morocco, and other countries in Africa and Europe.

After graduation, he took a job as a remote programmer for NRECA, which allowed him to continue travelling the world; he lived and worked in Poland, Russia, Croatia, Albania, Greece, Turkey, and India. During Covid, he came back to Colorado to be with family, exploring the area where he grew up. He climbed numerous 14'ers, backpacked the Colorado trail, and explored the deserts of Utah.

He then turned his focus to Latin America, travelling to Puerto Rico, Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands, and lastly, Bolivia.

During his travels, he learned French, Spanish, a variety of ethnic dances, surfing, rock climbing, paragliding and mountaineering. He always carried at least two books (sometimes textbooks) in his backpack while he traveled, teaching himself numerous academic fields up to a PhD level, as well as learning from everyone he met. A friend from college said that he got along with so many people because he was so curious and generous in conversation, seeking to understand others selflessly, without passing judgement.

It is almost impossible to capture how unique this young man truly was. His Facebook page is a testament to the

sheer number of people he touched- people from all over the world- who will always remember his smile, his genius intellect, his consistently positive attitude, and endlessly open curiosity.

Those of us who knew him will feel his light our whole lives.

His college friend Andrew Hunt perhaps said it best:

I can't help but feel angry at the unfairness of Daniel's death. Daniel squeezed so much joy and newness out of each day, and everyone he met got so much out of each day with him too. My heart is broken thinking about what the world lost, to those who knew him, to those who never got to know him, to all of the careers and endeavors in which he would have thrived in the next 60 years. However, I'm comforted knowing that Daniel experienced more life and adventure than most humans ever do. More than anyone I know, he lived life to the fullest.

Special mention must be made of the Bolivian Andean Socorro rescue team, who literally brought him across a knife edge traverse, at night, by headlamp, in a storm, at 30 below zero. They did some phenomenally difficult climbing in truly record time, going 36 hours without sleep.

Daniel is survived by his father, Duane Granberg, his mother, Jean Granberg, and his two sisters, Jennifer and Janae Granberg.

A memorial service will be held at the Montrose Botanical Gardens at 1800 Pavilion Drive, Montrose, CO. on Sunday, September 26th at 1pm. Reception following.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

DORENE CECELIA MARTIN

February 22, 1948 – September 1, 2021



Dorene left us to be with our Lord Jesus from her home in Olathe, Colorado on September 1, 2021 after a long battle with lung disease.

Dorene was born to Manuel and Flora Martinez in Denver, CO. She had a son Robert in July of 1966 and daughter Denise in July 1968. Dorene was the youngest of twelve children.

She was very outgoing in her early years and had many occupations. She did everything from office work to construction, and then worked for RTD in Denver. After retiring from RTD, she went to school

to be a certified casino dealer in Central City, CO.

Dorene then had her first grandchild in 1992 and granddaughter in 1995 in Olathe, CO. She would drive frequently from Denver through all types of weather, it didn't matter if there was snow or ice she would be there. In 1995 she couldn't stand being away from her daughter, son in law, and grandchildren, so she decided to move to Olathe to be with them, where she resided until her death.

Dorene was loved very much by her children and grandchildren who she was always there for. She will always be known as "Gramma Dorene," not only to Andrew and Andrea, but their friends growing up and all her other grandchildren she helped raised and take care of throughout her early years here in Olathe.

She enjoyed watching all of her grandchildren's baseball, football, softball, basketball, volleyball games and was their biggest fan at the games. Dorene loved to watch her broncos and she especially enjoyed watching Serena Williams play tennis. She enjoyed family

gatherings in which she loved to cook for, she was an excellent cook. She will always be remembered for her amazing tamales, enchiladas, potato salad, and red chili by those that knew her.

She made sure her family knew her recipes that she had learned from her mother to pass along, and was very proud of that.

Dorene is survived by one living sister, Louise "Chat" Abeyta of Denver; son Robert Martinez of Denver; daughter Denise Rivera (Larry Crosby) of Olathe; grandchildren, Andrew Rivera (Tessa) of Corpus Christi, and Andrea Rivera of Denver. She had two great grandchildren, Alija Ray and Blair Rose Rivera, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her family always brought her a smile to her face and she was very proud of them. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by all. Until we meet again in glory.

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DEB BARR: SINGER, SONGWRITER, ENTERTAINER

By Kathryn R. Burke

REGIONAL-Deb Barr was born a musician.

Music has been a guiding light throughout her life. She learned to play the piano when she was just two years old. At age five, she had memorized and could sing—all the words—to songs on 45s someone had given her. “Patty Page, Brenda Lee, Bobby Darrin, and if it was instrumental, I would hum it.” She was nine when she wrote her first song. “I can still sing it, but I never gave it a name.”

In high school, Deb sang, played piano, and was involved with musical productions for community theater and her school. She was 16 when she joined a Peter, Paul, and Mary “clone” band and sang with them until she went to college (in Austin, Texas), where she studied...music. Well, until they expected her to sing opera, which is not in her repertoire, so she switched to American Studies. “That was where I learned to study and to write, so it was all good,” she says. She also started her own jazz band while she was in college and was singing with other bands as well.

In 1981, Deb left Texas and headed to Telluride, Colorado, where she joined the Telluride Jazz Quartet (which then became a quintet). Seven years later, she went to New York City to take private lessons with a vocal instructor with the Manhattan School of Music. Deb also performed at various venues throughout the area.

She returned to Telluride in the ‘90s as a solo artist and also to sing with the Jeff

Solon Swingin’ Big Band for the next 11 years. Today, she performs as a solo artist, and, besides Telluride, has performed in Albuquerque, Durango, Ouray, Ridgway, Montrose and other areas.

Who is Deb Barr, and where did it all come from?

Deb Barr grew up in Abilene, Texas, where she was fortunate to have access to a variety of types of music and opportunities for singing. “I was around a lot of people who sang—in the choir, at funerals. My family were my early influencers. I was an only child then and absorbed everything I heard. My mother could play by ear. My grandparents sang gospel music. My grandfather and his brother had a dance band that played on the radio in the 1940s. “I learned to play the piano,” she says, “because...it was just there. And, I was lucky to have some really excellent music teachers.

“I absorbed every single thing I heard,” she explains. “From gospel to folk, pop to classical—I loved it all. The Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky was a special favorite.”

Over the last few years, Deb has continued as a solo artist, writing music and performing. She has three CDs out now, and a poetry book, *There Will Always Be a Place*. The title of the book is also the title of one of her original songs. The book is hand-bound, each copy produced to order, a combination of her writings and the photography of her husband, Jim Womeldorf. She and her husband now own 333 Arts

in Nucla, Colorado.

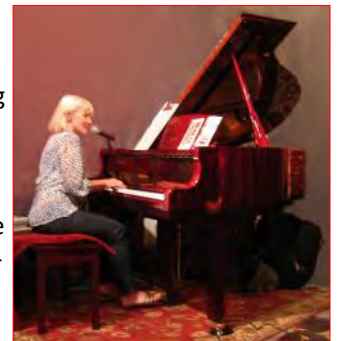
“We’re trying to combine a small gallery and performance venue with his massage studio, representing all the arts.”

Although Covid has slowed their plans, the ultimate goal is music and poetry events, art shows, and more, “anything relating to the arts.”

“Jazz is my thing,” she says, “but it is only part of my repertoire. My identity as a singer/songwriter is very strong. I enjoy playing and performing a variety of music, including instrumental concert pieces, classical, old folk songs, like Judy Collins, pop, and of course...jazz.”

This variety is the theme of her “Musical Retrospective,” performed Friday, Sept. 17, at Montrose United Methodist Church as a fundraiser for the Montrose Center for the Arts. Deb plans to start her performance with *Autumn Leaves*. The rest of the selections? We leave that for you to discover when you attend her concert.

“It will be an intimate evening, an evening of beautiful music, all kinds of music about different things,” is how Deb Barr describes it. We are all looking forward to the event. [Click here for sponsors.](#)



Deb Barr playing jazz in concert in Telluride. Courtesy photo.

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AMPHITHEATER TO OPEN WITH MONTROSE OKTOBERFEST

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Montrose Oktoberfest is back, with the best beers of the Western Slope and beyond, live music in a new location—the Montrose Amphitheater in Cerise Park—delicious food from local food trucks and restaurants—and best of all, back to sharing it with our amazing community. After a successful virtual and take-home event in 2020, we are thrilled to return to our festival atmosphere for 2021. The event is hosted by the Black Canyon Homebrewers Association, a group that has spent over a decade building strong relationships with the best breweries throughout the Western Slope and the state of Colorado.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY CHIPETA CHAPTER TO MEET SEPT. 15

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REGIONAL-On Sept. 15, the Colorado Archaeological Society will present the results of limited test excavations at a deep archaeological deposit at Shavano Springs, a privately-owned site in Shavano Valley. The public is invited to this free presentation by Carl Conner of Dominguez Archaeological Research Group. (Vaccination, social distancing and masks are recommended). As it is the first meeting of the Chipeta Chapter since February of 2020, there will be refreshments and news at the chapter meeting starting at 7 pm, Sept. 15, at the United Methodist Church Baldrige Hall, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose.



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WESTERN COLORADO'S HISTORIC OPERA HOUSES

A story of boom-bust-and boom again



L-R: Opera Houses: Central City 1878; Wright, Ouray, 1888; Wheeler, Aspen 1889; Sheridan, Telluride 1913. Courtesy photo.

By Kathryn R. Burke

REGIONAL—The late 1800s and early 1900s was an exciting time in Colorado. The discovery of gold and silver in the Rocky Mountains enticed thousands of prospectors to the high country. Many of the small towns that we now know today started out as rough mining camps with makeshift structures and a thriving red-light district. Absent complicated permitting and zoning restrictions, cities went up almost overnight. Within less than five years, many grew to have populations larger than they have today.

As the towns prospered and became gentrified, permanent stone and brick building were erected. Residents (especially the wives) desired a place for more genteel entertainment to replace (or, at least augment) the infamous brothels, gaming parlors, and saloons frequented by the miners.

Thus...the opera houses. Most were built by men who had struck it rich in the gold and silver mines. The ornate venues were designed to bring high-class, top-name entertainment to the bustling mining towns. Between 1860 and 1920, 132 opera houses were built in 68 towns in Colorado. Despite flood, avalanche, fire, labor wars, the Silver Crash of 1893, and 18 long years of prohibition (outlawing a

primary source of their income), a surprising number survived, finding new life when tourism replaced mining.

The Sheridan, Wright, Wheeler, and Central City Opera Houses are four of them. All four tell a typical tale of boom, bust, then boom again like the cities where they were built. After having been rescued by non-profit organizations, and now supported by tourism rather than mining, these iconic structures are once again vibrant venues drawing year-round audiences for top-name entertainment.

1878, Central City Opera House. Although technically, it's not in western Colorado, because it is the oldest, it is a predecessor. It was built by Welsh and Cornish miners and town residents who loved music and wanted a place to enjoy it. Electricity was installed in 1896, and the venue flourished, offering operatic and theatrical productions which have drawn prominent actors and performers from the beginning. After the Silver Crash, the building gradually declined. It fell into disuse during prohibition and was finally closed in 1927.

Two years later, and as happened with so many of its contemporaries, a dedicated band of preservationists and music lovers formed a non-profit association to save it. A grand reopening was held in 1933, featuring silent film star, Lilian Gish. After

that, however, the building was used mostly as a movie theater. Then, during 1980s and 1990s, the entire structure was restored thanks to The Central City Opera House Association.

Today, this 550-seat opera house is home to the Central City Opera, now in its 89th year. The company presents world-class opera performed in the original language of the operas. It also hosts the 4-week Central City Opera Festival. Unlike Aspen and Telluride, which turned to skiing as a key tourism draw, Central City hoped to bring in gamblers (same old mining camp story, but with computerized casinos now rather than gaming parlors of old with a brothel upstairs). However, Central City is located north of Black Hawk, which has four thriving casinos. So, it is the Opera House and all the businesses that support it, that keep the town's cash registers ringing.

1888, The Wright Opera House, Ouray. Prospectors coming over from Silverton in the 1870s discovered silver—and gold, the ore that saved the Ouray from the *Silver Crash*. Originally a mining camp with more horses than people, Ouray, incorporated in 1878, grew to population of 1,000 people, about the same as it is today.

The Opera House was built by Ed and George Wright, who, like Wheeler, had

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struck it rich. They sold their claim to invest in other ventures. Meanwhile, they had both married upright, ambitious ladies who deplored the town's red-light district and convinced their husbands to provide cultural opportunities to offset the dance halls, saloons, gambling dens, and houses of ill repute.

The brother's solution was the Wright Opera House. Completed in 1888, it soon fulfilled its stated mission of "(decent) cultural entertainment and educational programs of high quality." The wives were happy.

Ed and Letticia ran it until he died in 1895. She took over and did a good job, but eventually the building was foreclosed on. George and Lenora Wright bought it and ran it successfully until 1915. The Opera House thrived during the early 1900s before falling victim to a 1909 flood that roared through town when Portland Creek, above Ouray, overflowed. The building was somewhat repaired and continued as a community social hall until the Wrights sold it to the Masons, who couldn't afford to maintain it. The Opera House subsequently changed hands several times, mostly used for retail and storage. In 1977 entertainer C.W. McCall reopened the Opera House for his San Juan Odyssey, a popular, big-screen production featuring the scenic San Juans.

In 1982, Portland Creek overflowed again and once more filled the building with mud and debris. Following that, various enterprises occupied the structure, which gradually deteriorated over the next 25 years.

It was rescued in 2007 by non-profit organization. Vowing to "preserve and restore arts and culture in Ouray County," the Friends of the Wright Opera House purchased it 2007.

Today, although it's still undergoing restoration, the Wright meets their expectations and more, with live music and theater, lectures and literary events, classes, gallery shows, first-run in-house and virtual movies, a busy tavern, and an outdoor "Summer Faire." The town thrives on tourism with year-round activities, including the hot springs, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, and world-class ice climbing, in addition to hiking, biking, water sports,

and scenic tours.

1889, Wheeler Opera House, Aspen. Jerome Wheeler, a Civil War veteran, who at one time owned the Macy's Department Stores, struck it rich with a mining claim. Within five years he sold his mine, purchased four others, built the Midland Railroad to Aspen, constructed the Jerome Hotel, and erected the 3-story, sandstone building he called the Wheeler Opera House.

It was the tallest building in town and took less than one year to complete! The entertainment venue was on the top floor, offices on the second, and retail space at street level. Reflecting Aspen's accomplishment of being the first city west of the Divide to be wired for electricity, the Opera House featured a central chandelier with 36 electric lights. The Wheeler quickly became part of a circuit of performance venues from Denver to Salt Lake City, hosting top entertainment.

Four years later, following the repeal of the Sherman Act, it went dark. Wheeler went bankrupt. Aspen's population declined from 12,000 to 700. In 1912, a fire nearly destroyed the building, and it was boarded up except for some retail spaces and remained so for 30 years. After limited restoration with skiing becoming popular, the Wheeler limped along, mostly as a movie theater for 20 years.

Fortune struck again when a non-profit organization came to the rescue. In 1970 the Music Associates of Aspen facilitated a complete structural overhaul. By 1984, the Wheeler was restored, and a grand reopening held with a week-long celebration. Soon the Wheeler was once again hosting top-notch entertainment. Today, it is a leader in producing exceptional festivals. Aspen has also become an upscale ski resort. That and the Opera House keep the town booming all year long.

1913. Sheridan Opera House, Telluride. During the 1880s, the town of Telluride, briefly known as Columbia, quickly blossomed into a small mining-supported community. Within 10 years, the population had grown to 5,000 people. By 1909 the Telluride mining district had produced \$60,000,000 in ore, and the town soon became the attraction point for railroad excursions, picnics, circus acts, and riding

clubs. As high culture blossomed, wealthy mine owners and aristocrats began to host lavish parties, balls, and evenings of entertainment.

In 1912, J. A. Segerberg, manager of the New Sheridan Hotel, recognizing Telluride's need for a venue to host such events, developed plans for building a three-story, intimate opera house, which was completed in July of 1913.

The Segerberg Opera House survived a devastating flood the next year and a mudslide that buried the adjacent Sheridan Hotel in 10 feet of debris but flowed around and not through the Opera House. It also survived the silver crash, but eventually succumbed to prohibition in 1930, a period in which skiing began to become a popular pastime.

The building continued as the Segerberg Theater, mostly showing movies, until the early 1960s, when it was renamed the Sheridan Opera House (after the neighboring New Sheridan Hotel). In the early 1970s, after Telluride Ski Resort opened, Telluride's focus shifted to community tourism. Bill and Stella Pence purchased the now-dilapidated building and altered the interior to host the still-popular Telluride Film Festival. They sold it in 1983 to J.W. Lloyd, who added a new entryway, conference room, and the 3rd-floor Vaudeville Bar. But, the building, with limited use, continued to deteriorate. Then, along came the Sheridan Arts Foundation. Founded in 1991, and, along with the town of Telluride, it restored the crumbling building and its original splendor—a 10-year project that was completed in by the spring of 2010.

Today, the Sheridan Opera House (like the other three in this story) is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The popular 238-seat theater is a year-round entertainment venue, drawing an audience from the surrounding communities and visitors from around the world and hosting top performers. Telluride tourism, which helps to support the Sheridan, depends on skiing, summer mountain activities, and a multitude of creative, themed-festivals that entertain all year long.

Read the full story here, with sources: silverstage.news/opera-houses

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WEEK OF UNITY AND PEACE CELEBRATES 12 YEARS

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-The community is invited to participate in the events of the 12th Annual Week of Unity and Peace, Sept. 17-24. Events are limited this year due to the increase in covid cases.

"The Week of Unity and Peace is a time to come together and think about how we, as individuals, and as a community can create and practice more peace in our lives and in the world. There are so many challenges right now in everyone's lives, that taking some time to contemplate peace could bring a change for the better," explained Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, member of the Peace Committee.

Peace week events include a kick-off Peace Program on Friday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Chipeta Room at the Ute Indian Museum, sponsored by the Western Colorado Friends of the Himalayas. The WCFH is a local nonprofit organization that supports peace locally and in the Himalayan region through emergency relief, education and cultural preservation.

Friday's program features the presentation of the 2021 WCFH Peace Award to Danika Gilbert of Ridgway for her humanitarian efforts to help the young women of Afghanistan. She is currently working to support and assist Afghan refugees in the U.K. and other countries whose families are still caught in the current crisis in Afghanistan.

"Danika deserves this Peace Award, not only for her current humanitarian work, but also for her work with veterans and women in mountaineering," said Val Burnell, WCFH President.

The special program for the evening is a new slide-show presentation by Kelvin Kent, on "Nepal-Then and Now." Kent is a



Members of the community attend a Peace Prayer Gathering at the Peace Pole in Ute Indian Park in 2011. This year's Peace Gathering and Flags of All Nations ceremony will be Tuesday, Sept 21 at noon. Courtesy photo

board member of the WCFH. He lived in Nepal and served with the Gurkhas. He also assisted several climbing expeditions in the Everest region. He is one of the recipients of the 2015 Peace Awards. The program is free to the public. There will also be a silent auction and refreshments. On Tuesday, September 21, the United Nations International Day of Peace, a Peace Prayer Gathering will be held at the Peace Pole in Ute Indian Park (across the street from the Museum), at noon. A special Flags of All Nations ceremony will be part of this event. Bring your drum to accompany the prayers for peace.

The week's events end on Thursday, Sep-

tember 23, at 5:30 p.m. with a Community Peace Meditation along the Uncompahgre River at Riverbottom Park. Everyone is welcome to join this interfaith quiet meditation for peace. Bring your own chair.

"Families, churches and other groups are invited to talk about peace, pray for peace, and learn new ways to practice peace in thought, word, and deed during this peace week," added Dr. Macdonald.

"We appreciate our sponsors for this year's Week of Unity and Peace: Ute Indian Museum, Western Colorado Friends of the Himalayas, and the Spiritual Awareness Center." For more information call 970-252-0908.



VOLUNTEERS FOR OUTDOOR COLORADO BRINGS PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE STATE TO HELP BUILD TRAILS AT ELECTRIC HILLS



Susan Graham (right) prepares lasagna as volunteer served appetizer. Courtesy photo.



Kate Barrett gives instructions after breakfast. Courtesy photo.

By Jeff Rice

"A society grows when old men plant trees in whose shade they will never sit" – Greek Proverb

MONTROSE—Over this past weekend, the Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) executed a spin off of this proverb by bringing volunteers from across the state to help build non-motorized trails at Electric Hills. Most of these individuals may never utilize the trails and certainly not to the capacity that local Montrose citizens will. But you may have thought differently judging by the smiles on the faces of all the volunteers.

VOC is a Denver based non-profit whose mission statement is to motivate and enable people to be active steward of Colorado's natural resources. Essentially they partner with public land managers and trail building organizations to come into the community to help where they can. Projects vary from a weekend up to five days long in the back country. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, VOC was executing around 100 projects a year with turnouts around 60 to 70 volunteers.

The Electric Hills project was a two day weekend event where the out of town volunteers camped at Rotary Park when not working on the trails at Electric Hills (which are roughly 8 miles west of Mont-

rose right where State Highway 90 becomes

County Road 90).

The project at Electric Hills was a partnership between VOC, Uncompahgre Field Office for BLM, Montrose Uncompahgre Trails (MUT), and Sweet and Sustainable Singletrack. Caroline Kilbane, BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner, said they were "very happy to partner with VOC to put this special event on." The funding for the event comes from a BLM assistance agreement with VOC at the statewide level.

"This one happened to be held in conjunction with National Public Lands Day with is a which is a BLM effort to host different types of volunteer events on public lands to encourage individuals to come out and enjoy their public lands and do some meaningful volunteering" said Kilbane. Electric Hills has been a long standing collaboration between the BLM, MUT, and Montrose County.

Kate Barrett, Project Manager for VOC, says that these events "become a tight community and word of mouth helps to spread the network. People hear from a project from a friend and join for a trip." Barrett's job is half to get the work done and half to ensure the volunteer has an enjoyable weekend. She thinks that the volunteers feel the appreciation which is why they keep coming back. "You get to

go on a mini vacation with friends that you make and then reconnect with them at projects throughout the community" says Barrett.

Proof of that reconnection is with volunteers like Hannah Hunter from Denver. Hunter says this was her 20th VOC event since 2017 and 6th this year. "I met a few very good friends at an event a couple years ago and now we get together back home in Denver for Trivia Nights and pick the future projects we want to volunteer at together" says Hunter.

Hunter says she is attracted to events that have rock work or cross-cut sawing. She really wants others to know "how welcoming it is to attend a VOC event. Even if you've never done trail work before. There's different skill levels of what every individual can contribute. Even if you don't think you have the physical ability, you could be the chef or photographer or many other positions that are not physically demanding." When asked if Hunter is a mountain biker she said that she isn't but she still wants to come help build trails for those who are. Hunter says she likes to "pick a project also based on the location and in an area of Colorado I would like to see."

The event isn't just for out-of-town volunteers, though, as MUT was able to motivate a handful of locals to come out as well. Bill Harris, Board Member for MUT,

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Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado provides all of the tools. Courtesy photo.

volunteered both days of the weekend and says "MUT's partnership with VOC, BLM, and Sweet and Sustainable Singletrack is what keeps this project moving ahead."

It should be noted that none of them were financially compensated or reimbursed for their travel to the areas. However, they are provided with a fun environment, an area to set up a tent, and some of the best camp food around which happened to be prepared Susan Graham of Del Norte at this event. Graham has been helping VOC since 2018 and this is also her sixth of the year. In fact, she and Hunter have been on multiple trips together this year.

Graham says that her duties as the Crew Chef are different as she arrives to the location before the trail volunteers to get the food purchased and kitchen set up.

The kitchen team (this event had four total volunteers) is awake an hour before the trail team to get breakfast prepared. The volunteers are provided breakfast and dinner but due to current COVID-19 protocols they are required to pack their own lunch for on the trail. While the trail volunteers are away from camp then the kitchen crew is working behind the scenes to clean up, prepare dinner, and breakfast for the next morning.

VOC provides all of the necessary camp kitchen equipment, but Graham says each Crew Chef does things a little differently. The menu is created by the Crew Chef and this particular event included some Dutch oven cobbler. Graham said that she loves being the Crew Chef and has a goal to volunteer four weekends/events per year. When asked how long she thinks she will continue to volunteer, Graham referenced

a married couple from a kitchen crew who are in their 80s. She says they are setting the bar and she wants to follow it.

Graham mentioned she has a full-time job but is fortunate that it is flexible to allow participation on the weekend events. When asked why she gives up so many weekends a year, without hesitation her response was "It's a commitment that I get a lot of satisfaction out of and it meets my needs. Every project is good people and good energy. I get vibes off of people and these events are just good people that have a common interest but they are all kind of different, so you get to meet people from all across the state."

For more information about the Electric Hills trails, check out www.facebook.com/MontroseMUT For more information about VOC volunteer events across the state, check out www.VOC.org

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Office hours: Varies
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 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)

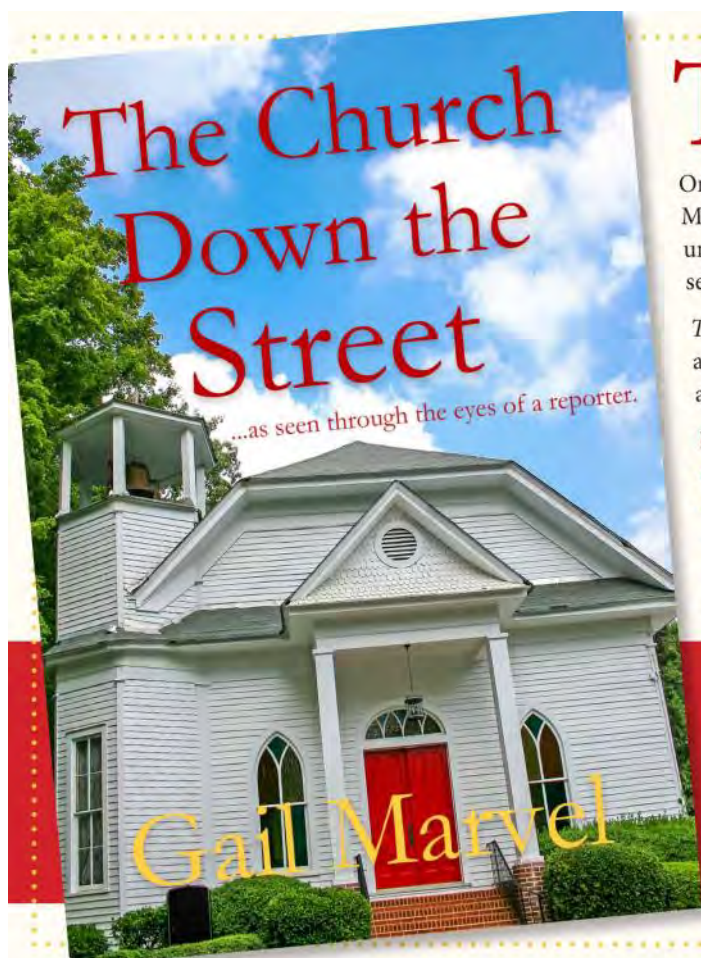
Name of current Senior Pastor

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).

GAIL MARVEL
Montrose Author & Reporter



PEACE BEGINS WITH A SMILE

By Rev. Dr. Arlyn McDonald

MONTROSE-Mother Teresa was born in 1910 in Albania and her birth name was Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu. Her father died when she was eight years old. At the age of 12, she decided to become a nun and at age 16 she left home to join the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland, never to see her mother or sisters again. There she took the name of Sister Mary Teresa. In 1926, she went to India to teach at a Catholic girls' school. "Never give up on the things that make you smile. Peace begins with a smile," said Mother Teresa, a diminutive 5' tall humanitarian nun, who changed the world by drawing attention to the plight of the poor, the orphans and the dying.

In 1946, she said she heard Jesus speak to her saying she should abandon her teaching and go to the slums in Calcutta "to help the poorest and the sickest." In 1950, the Vatican gave her permission to establish the Missionaries of Charity, and 20 years later there were missions in Asia, Africa, Europe, and the United States.

Mother Teresa was a great advocate for peace. She established the House of the Dying for the poorest in Calcutta so they would have a place of peace and compassion as they passed away. There the nuns and volunteers fed, took care of, and held in their arms those dying poor who had no family or friends. She and her nuns often went out into the streets to comfort those who couldn't make it to the House.

She established orphanages for poor children so they could have a home of love and peace rather than live on the streets. She also established a compassionate home for lepers, where they could live out their lives in peace.

Her humanitarian work was made known

to the world through an interview on BBC television with Malcolm Muggeridge. He went on to make a documentary, "Something Beautiful for God," about Mother Teresa's work in the House of the Dying.

In her lifetime, Mother Teresa received over 120 awards and honors, among them the first Pope John XXIII Peace Prize, the Nobel Peace Prize, and the United States Medal of Freedom. She passed away on September 5, 1997, at the age of 87, and was buried in a state funeral in India with many world dignitaries in attendance. Her work continues today.

She accomplished all of this by remembering not to give up on things that made her smile. We can learn an important lesson from Mother Teresa. A smile is such a simple act of kindness. You can't be at war if you have a genuine smile. When she addressed the United Nations General Assembly, all the delegates had smiles because of the quiet power in this tiny woman dressed in white and blue robes. There was peace between the nations in those moments in her presence.

What can a smile do for us? It can change our mood; share joy with others; invite meaningful conversation; and send healing through our bodies. Smiling is a healing act, not only for our self but for others as well. Smiling stops angry thoughts and actions. They simply fade away in the beam of someone else's smile.

On September 21 we celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace. People all over the world will be thinking about and taking action for a more peaceful world. What better way for us to celebrate than to increase our smiles on that day? It's a simple thing that everyone can

do. Smiles create kindness and kindness creates peace. Smile for that entire week of Unity and Peace.

In these trying times, let's remember to smile. Smile at the sunshine. Smile at your children, your pets, your family elders. Smile at the stranger on the street and smile for all your friends.

Smile as the trees get ready to put on their autumn colors. Smile as the weather gets colder.

Smile that football season is here again. There are so many reasons to smile.

Smiles are really blessings. They are action blessings. We can't feel a smile from another person, but we can sense the blessing energy and that always causes us to smile back. In that blessing moment peace comes into our lives.

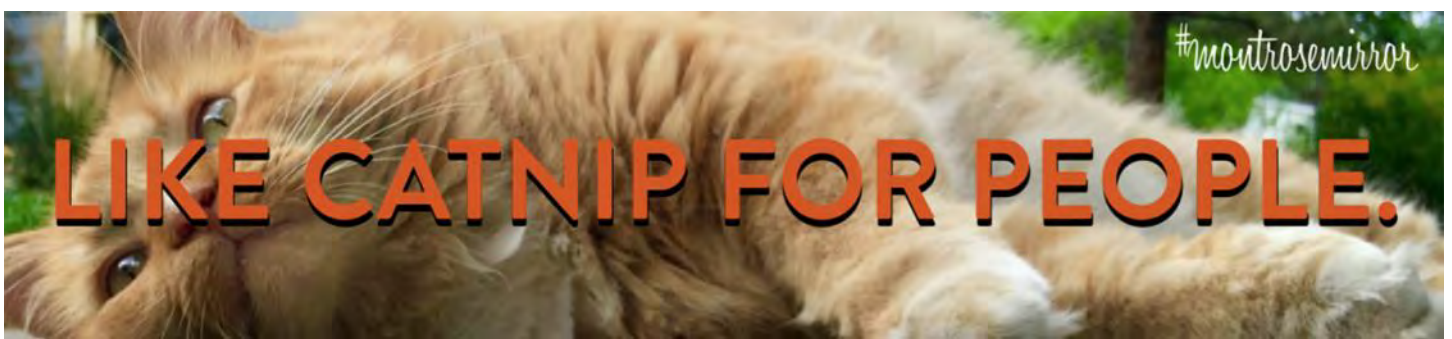
Even when you wear a mask, you can practice smiling because your eyes light up when you smile.

With each smile a bit of kindness begins to form. Mother Teresa said, "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: **kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.**"

People are in need of peace and kindness and smiles right now. Let's do our part and remember that "Peace begins with a smile."



Mother Theresa's smile is remembered worldwide. Photo taken in 1986. Wikimedia-Commons User Túrelío, Creative Commons 2.0



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

IN-PERSON WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S RETURNING TO MONTROSE SEPT. 25

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE – For the first time in two years, hundreds of family caregivers and friends of Coloradans living with Alzheimer's disease will be able to gather together in the heart of Montrose on Saturday morning, Sept. 25, to bond, share stories and raise funds for a cure to the disease during the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's.

People from across Montrose County and the surrounding area will gather at Riverbottom Park in Montrose to walk on behalf of more than 76,000 Coloradans and 6.2 million people across the United States living with Alzheimer's, the sixth-leading cause of death and the only major disease without a prevention or cure.

"COVID-19 kept us apart in 2020, but the Coloradans who share our commitment to finding a cure for Alzheimer's are ready to

gather together in honor of their loved ones, walk arm-in-arm, and raise funds to find a prevention or cure for this horrible disease," said Tonja Kueper-Rinaldo, regional development manager for the Alzheimer's Association in Western Colorado. "We are excited to announce that we have changed the location of our Montrose-Olathe-Delta (MOD) Walk to End Alzheimer's to Riverbottom Park in Montrose," Kueper-Rinaldo noted. "With this location, we are looking forward to an even greater sense of community, participation and local support as we utilize the new space."

Kueper-Rinaldo and the team of volunteers from across the region are actively engaged in recruiting walkers and team sponsors for the Walk in Montrose to meet the Association's ambitious fundraising goal of \$35,000.

"The 13 Walks to End Alzheimer's across the state are the primary source of funds for services offered through the Colorado Chapter," said Kueper-Rinaldo. "Combined with our 12 other walks across Colorado, we have a statewide fundraising goal of \$2.4 million for 2021."

The proceeds from the Walks enable the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado to continue to provide the essential programs and services for those who receive an Alzheimer's diagnosis, as well as services for their family and caregivers.

The 2021 MOD Colorado Walk to End Alzheimer's will start with registration at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Riverbottom Park. Opening ceremonies will start at 9 a.m. Edward Jones and CVS Health are national presenting sponsors of the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Right at Home is a local sponsor.

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LIVE MUSIC ROUNDUP-WEEK OF SEPT. 13

By Paul Arbogast,
Mirror Publisher

Cobble Creek:

- Friday, Sept. 17, 4 PM – Neon Sky

Grand Mesa Arts & Events Center, Cedaredge:

- Saturday, Sept. 18, 7 PM – Metmoocil Mountain Boys Reunion Concert

Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery:

- Friday, Sept. 17, 7:30 PM – The Last Spike

Horsefly Brewery:

- Saturday, Sept. 18, 6 PM – Duke Everhart
Mesa Theater, Grand Junction:

• Wednesday, Sept. 15, 8 PM – Teenage Bottlerocket

- Friday, Sept. 17, 8 PM – Con Brio
Powderhorn Resort:

- Saturday, Sept. 18, 1:30 PM – Haven Effect Duo

Ramblebine Brewery, Grand Junction:

- Thursday, Sept. 16, 6 PM – Union of None
Silverton Summer Sounds, Silverton:

- Friday, Sept. 17, 6 PM – Arkansauce w/ Patrick Storen Trio

Sherbino, Ridgway:

- Friday, Sept. 17, 5:30 PM – Gabrielle Louise and Ryan Ditts

- Saturday, Sept. 18, 3 PM – Richie Castro and Paul Cooper

Two Rivers Tavern, Grand Junction:

- Saturday, Sept. 18, 9 PM – Ornet w/ Just as Well.

Warehouse 25sixty-five, Grand Junction:

- Friday, Sept. 17, 7 PM – Phil Vassar

Rio Bravo
970-964-4477

Horsefly Brewing
970-249-6889

Remington's at the Bridges
970-252-1119

Lighthouse Eatery
970-964-4424

Busy Corner White Kitchen
970-323-6215

Jimmer's Steak & BBQ
970-252-1227

Fiesta Guadalajara
970-249-2460

Tacos El Gordo
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970-964-4448

Sidelines Sports Bar
970-765-0129

Trattoria de Sofia
970-249-0433

San Juan Brews
970-901-8594

Camp Robber
970-240-1590

Crash Burger
970-249-0825

Rib City
970-249-7427

Cold Stone Creamery
970-252-8014

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COTTON AND CAPTAIN'S POTATO DIG



*People of all ages took part in the annual potato dig at Matt Miles' Farm.
Photos by B. Switzer.*



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 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

Sept 13-630pm Monday Citizens Climate Lobby reconvenes Montrose Library meeting rm IN Person, for the environment, nonpartisan, national, non-profit 970.765.9095 info.

Sept. 15-The Colorado Archaeological Society will present the results of limited test excavations at a deep archaeological deposit at Shavano Springs, a privately-owned site in Shavano Valley. The public is invited to this free presentation by Carl Conner of Dominguez Archaeological Research Group. (Vaccination, social distancing and masks are recommended). As it is the first meeting of the Chipeta Chapter since February of 2020, there will be refreshments and news at the chapter meeting starting at 7 pm, Sept. 15, at the United Methodist Church Baldridge Hall, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose.

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

Sept. 21-1-4 pm. Alcohol Ink Painting. \$40. [Register here](#). Montrose Center for the Arts

Sept 21-Save A Life: Preventing Suicide in our Community-Montrose Event Center, Rooms 1 and 2, 1036 N. 7th Street, Montrose, from 5:30 to 7pm. Meet the presenters 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Interactive discussion from 6p.m. to 7 p.m. Suicide is preventable. Learn more about suicide in our community and the resources available to help individuals in crisis, and how you can do your part to save a life. A panel discussion with Ed Hagins, M. Ed., LPC, Dr. Nic Taylor, Ph.D., and Laura Byard, MA, LPC, from The Center for Mental Health. Questions to answer-What leads to suicide? How can I stop suicides in my community?

Sept. 23 & 24-Pat Jeffers abstract art workshop. At Montrose Center for the Arts. 9:30 am-4 pm. \$100 (\$90 members). [Register here](#).

Sept. 23-Pizza & Politics presents Montrose County Board of Education Candidate Forum. Circle 3 Cowboy Fellowship, 62885 LaSalle Road. Doors Open at 6 PM. Program starts at 6:30 and ends at 8 pm. Q & A will follow the formal presentations and comments by the candidates. Pizza & Beverage provided – two slices and one beverage maximum per guest. Pizza & Politics is a program of the Montrose County Republican Party a.k.a. Montrose County GOP, and is not affiliated, associated, or a member of the Circle 3 Cowboy Fellowship church. Attendance is by free will and choice with a full and complete acceptance of the potential Covid risks in attending such a public event.

Sept.24-26-Gun Show, Friendship Hall Montrose, 1001 North 2nd St. Friday 4 to 8 pm, Saturday 9am to 5 pm, and Sunday 9am to 2 pm. Admission \$5, three-day pass \$10. Children 12 and under free with adult.

Sept. 24-26 -The Ridgway Old West Fest returns to Ridgway Sept. 24-26 for a fun-filled weekend jam-packed with rides, tours, a music concert, lectures, movies and even a wild west show. Go to the festival website <http://www.ridgwayoldwestfest.org> to purchase tickets or see the complete schedule of events.

Sept. 25- The 2021 MOD Colorado Walk to End Alzheimer's will start with registration at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Riverbottom Park. Opening ceremonies will start at 9 a.m. For more information, call the free 24/7 Alzheimer's Association Helpline at 800-272-3900. To register, volunteer or make a donation to the MOD Colorado Walk to End Alzheimer's, go to www.alz.org/walk or click [here](#).

Sept. 26-On Sunday, Sept. 26, 3 pm. It's Elemental: Montrose Community Band Free Concert, Montrose Pavilion. Explore the elements of our world through music. It's exciting.

Sept 28-Marko Marino Plein Air Painting 9am-2pm. \$40. [Register here](#).

Sept. 30-Renee Fisher. Clay Pendants. 1-3 pm. Center for the Arts. \$40. [Register here](#).

Oct. 13. History Wednesday: noon- 2 pm. Brown Bag lunch. With Gail Saunders, *Old Tyme Recreation in Western Colorado*. FREE

Nov. 17-History Wednesday: With Dave Kauffman, *Historic Art of Woodturning*. FREE film. Studio Tour, \$25.

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CELEBRITY SIGHTING DOWNTOWN...



Above and at right, worldwide celebrity makeup Artist, entrepreneur, and Wyoming Yak Farmer Jeffree Star was spotted having the time of his life in Montrose last week, enjoying the Public Art eXperience (PAX) sculpture "Green Goat," (above) by Paonia Artist Mary Zimmerman and the Vic Payne Monumental bronze (right) at Main Street and South Park Avenue. Courtesy photo Jeffree Star/Twitter.

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