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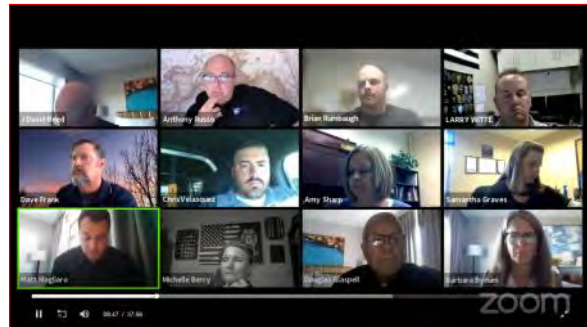
CITY COUNCIL APPROVES MORATORIUM ON GAMING BUSINESSES AT SPECIAL MEETING

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Following consideration of an emergency ordinance in work session, the Montrose City Council met for a special Zoom meeting on Tuesday Sept. 21 to consider adopting the ordinance. During the Zoom meeting Council accepted comments at a public hearing on proposed Emergency Ordinance 2560. Previously discussed in work session on Monday, Sept. 20, Ordinance 2560 would enact a temporary moratorium on local businesses that appear to be operating in a "gray area" of state gaming law, according to Assistant City Attorney Matt Magliaro.

During the public hearing Council heard from business owners located near four known gaming establishments. The owner of a youth dance studio that shares an entryway with

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At a special Zoom meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 21, Assistant City Attorney Matt Magliaro presented an Emergency Ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium on certain adult gaming arcades within the City of Montrose. Montrose police officers joined the meeting to discuss the criminal activity that has surrounded such establishments and impacted the safety of those nearby.

CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS MORATORIUM ON ADULT GAMING ARCADES, HEARS UPDATE ON AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SPENDING



One of the gaming arcades mentioned by Montrose Police as the City considered a temporary moratorium.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council met for a regularly scheduled work session on Monday, Sept. 20. All councilors were present. Mayor Doug Glaspell opened the session, which began with the introduction of new city employees.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

Streets Division Worker Ben Munoz is a return employee, having worked for the streets and utilities divisions in the past.

"It's good to be back," Munoz said. "...It's been a big blessing to come back to the City of Montrose...I live in Delta...I actually feel at home here. It's crazy 'cos I don't live here, but you know I work here, and I really feel comfortable working here...thank you for bringing me back. Thank you."

Utilities Worker Andy Palmer said he has lived in Montrose for around a year. "...I just would like to thank you guys for the opportunity to work for the City of Montrose...it's nice to

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DELTA COUNTY CORONER RELEASES NAME OF PLANE CRASH VICTIM

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DELTA-On Monday, Sept. 20, the Delta County Coroner's Office released the name of the pilot from the previous Friday's plane crash. Timothy Friendshuh, 55, passed away when his single engine biplane went down.

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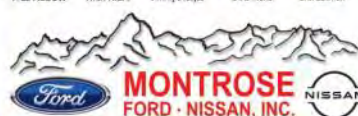
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'RURAL RINO' CRITICISM OF CORAM WELL EARNED

Editor:

Since radical Democrats took over all levels of our national government just eight months ago, we have seen a continuing string of ill-conceived decisions negatively affect our country. Freewheeling spending along with proposed tax increases threaten our economy and the lives of every American. Sadly this warped ideology has filtered down to all Democratic states, and Colorado is no exception, where bad bills flood our General Assembly.

A September 18 editorial by Dennis Anderson of The Montrose Daily Press, opined that the Montrose Republican Party was "divided," simply because they

dared to question Senator Don Coram's decision to sign on as a prime sponsor to five questionable Democratic bills in the last legislature.

Nothing could be further from reality! It certainly seems that any "division" lies with Coram's decision to become a prime sponsor of bills that he himself labeled as "crap bills".

Seeing himself as a "negotiator", Coram's proffered excuse for sponsoring these "crap bills" was so he could have a "seat at the table" to influence them. That reasoning seems to hold little water, since as a sitting Senator, he already has a "seat at the table", with the opportunity to offer

amendments at various stages. Signing on as sponsor of a "crap bill", then voting for a slightly modified version of what is still a "crap bill", says little for negotiating skills. Any elected official should certainly understand that their actions and decisions are always open for public criticism, and it certainly seems to me that the concerns voiced at the last Montrose Republican meeting were justified. If you are going to carry an "R" after your name, be a staunch supporter of your party principles!

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with one such business expressed serious concerns. Suspicious activity is endless, including drug paraphernalia on the sidewalk, and patrons of the gaming business loiter, smoke cigarettes, and stare at the young dancers as they come and go. "Just incredibly suspicious activity...I have called law enforcement weekly...I have to cancel rehearsals, I have lost students...I think the severity of the issues are known, and I sincerely hope there is something we can do about it," she said. A salon owner whose business is located between two of the gaming establishments has suffered two burglaries since the businesses opened, the most recent two weeks ago.

The Salon owner said that she was closing her business because of the neighboring gaming establishments, after losing both clients and stylists. The landlord now plans to rent her space to another gaming facility, she said. Montrose Police Detective Samantha Graves spoke about recent calls for service due to activity at the gaming establishments, ranging from attempted murder, to assaults, shootings, stabbings, and a kidnapping. MPD Sergeant Chris Velasquez and Patrol Sergeant Courtney Jones discussed criminal activity, and Sergeant Brian Rumbaugh discussed the distribution of illegal narcotics that takes place in the gaming establishments.

"Known traffickers...do frequent these locales, and they bring their own sort of violence with them...without a doubt I can say that they pose a significant risk to public safety."

Montrose Police Detective Sergeant Michelle Berry said, "...I can attest that the types of violent crime surrounding these establishments have increased significantly in numbers. It is my opinion that these establishments attract a certain clientele that foster this type of behavior and continue to impact the public safety, the health and welfare of our citizens, our community, surrounding businesses, and certainly the officers who respond to these calls."

The establishments have tasked the police department's resources and manpower, Berry said. "There are no other establishments within the city that create the amount of volatile calls that seem to surround the four known gaming establishments within our city limits."

The special meeting agenda states that Ordinance 2560 is "for the preservation of health, peace, or safety, declaring zoning in progress and enacting a temporary moratorium to prohibit the filing, acceptance, sales tax licensure, or any other official action for the establishment of any new or relocation of existing adult gaming arcade uses within the City limits of the City of Montrose; providing that the moratorium shall be in effect for a period which shall terminate at the earliest of the City's adoption of an update to Title 4 Chapter 4, Zoning Regulations, and/or Title 5 Business Regulations of the City of Montrose or the expiration of one hundred eighty (180) days from date of passage of this Ordinance; providing for legislative findings, intent, and purpose; providing for a definition of the use of adult gaming arcades for the purposes of this Ordinance; providing for repealing clauses; declaring an emergency and providing an effective date."

Following the public hearing, Council voted unanimously to adopt Emergency Ordinance 2560.

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MONTROSE POLICE DEPARTMENT SEEKS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON A FELONY ASSAULT

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MONTROSE- The Montrose Police Department is seeking additional information on a felony assault that occurred on July 18, 2021, outside of Rio



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MONTROSE COUNTY REPORTS WEST NILE VIRUS DEATH

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MONTROSE- Montrose County Public Health is reporting the first case of death from West Nile virus in 2021. The deceased was a resident of Montrose County. West Nile virus is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the continental United States. It is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. Montrose County Public Health would like to encourage residents to remain vigilant with protection measures (despite the cooler temperatures) as mosquito season continues through fall.

Seven cases of West Nile virus have been reported in the county this season. In Colorado, most human West Nile virus cases are reported in August and September. Most people infected with West Nile virus don't have symptoms. About 20% of infected people will have flu-like symptoms, and fewer than one-percent develop a serious, potentially deadly illness. People over age 60 and those with medical conditions are at greater risk for serious illness. See a health care provider if you develop severe headaches or confusion.

"Even though we just entered the fall season and may be thinking about pumpkins, cooler weather, and peak colors, West Nile virus is still present in Montrose County. Please make sure to continue to wear bug repellent, stay indoors during high mosquito times, and make sure to mosquito-proof your home to help protect your loved ones," said Montrose County Emergency Preparedness and Communicable Disease Coordinator Lisa Gallegos. To protect yourself:

-Use insect repellents when you go outdoors. Repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, and some oil of lemon eucalyptus, and para-menthane-diol products provide the best protection. Follow label instructions.

-Limit outdoor activities at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus are most active.

-Wear protective clothing (long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and socks) in areas where mosquitoes are active. Spray clothes with insect repellent for extra protection.

To mosquito-proof your home:

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BLM SEEKS NOMINATIONS TO COLORADO RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCILS

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LAKEWOOD— The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public nominations for positions for its Southwest Colorado and Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Councils (RACs). These citizen-based councils assist in the development of recommendations that address public land management issues. The BLM maintains RACs chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and the Federal Policy and Land Management Act (FLPMA) across the West. Each RAC consists of 10 to 15-members from diverse interests in

local communities, and they assist in the development of recommendations that address public land management issues.

The BLM maintains RACs as a means of gaining expert advice, ideas, and diverse opinions on issues including land use planning, fire management, off-highway vehicle use, recreation, oil and gas exploration, noxious weed management, grazing issues, and wild horse and burro herd management issues. The RACs support the Bureau's commitment to enhance the quality of life for all citizens through the balanced stewardship of America's public

lands and resources. Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on a RAC. Nominees, who must be residents of the state or states where the RAC has jurisdiction, will be reviewed based on their training, education, and knowledge of the RAC's geographic area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision-making. Letters of reference should accompany all nominations from any represented interests or organizations, a completed RAC application, and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications. The descriptions for RAC positions are as follows:

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As published in a notice in today's Federal Register, the BLM will consider nominations for 30 days. To access the nomination application, go to <http://ow.ly/iSks50EOMqr>. For more information about serving on the Southwest RAC, contact Shawn Reinhardt at 970-240-5339 or sreinhardt@blm.gov. For the Rocky Mountain RAC, contact Cathy Cook at 719-269-8554 or ccook@blm.gov. More information about the RACs is available at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/colorado>.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ZACH MERRITT WINS RIFLE; AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS AND POST 73 HELD RAFFLE TO SUPPORT VETERANS CAUSES



Members of the American Legion Riders, L to R, John Boughton, Brian Conway, Joe Kusar, Zach Merritt, Wendy Brittell, Les Willaims and Dave Vergamini. Courtesy photo.



Owner of Charlie Golf One Pawn and Gun, Wendy Brittell and Zach Merritt and his wife. Courtesy photo.

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MONTROSE-The American Legion Riders and Post 73 members held a raffle to raise money to support local Veterans' causes. The rifle was won by Zach Merritt of Montrose and presented with Wendy Brittell, owner of Charlie Golf One, who generously donated the rifle. American Legion Post 73 is dedicated to supporting Veterans, their families, and our Nation's youth. Pictured are Members of the American Legion Riders, L to R, John Boughton, Brian Conway, Joe Kusar, Zach Merritt, Wendy Brittell, Les Williams and Dave Vergamini. For additional information on the American Legion or to sponsor a raffle you can contact the Post Commander, Jeremy Rousseau, at 970-209-9336.

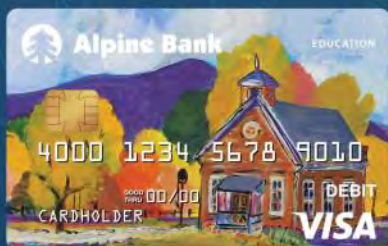


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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: ARE YOU VOTE READY?

Editor:

November 2, 2021 is Election Day. It's the day we will exercise that most American right, the right to Vote. Are you #VoteReady? The League of Women Voters of the Uncompahgre Valley serves Delta, Montrose, and Ouray counties, and is dedicated to educating and empowering voters. As September 28 is National Voter Registration Day, the League will distribute information on how to register to vote, or to change or update voters' information - important as ballots are mailed in Colorado to the address on file. The League will distribute their Ballot Issue pamphlets closer to Election Day, with information on the three statewide ballot issues. The League will present that information at the Montrose Forum on October 13th, at 8 am in CMU's Cascade room. Our website will post information on local races and ballot issues as well as other presentations in our three-county service area. The League supports [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org), with loads of information on races, voting locations, important dates and other information, as well as voter registration and information updates, nationwide. More than 6 million voters accessed voter information in 2020 through [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org).

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization, and while we provide education information for the voting public, and we study and take positions on issues vital to our nation, we do not endorse any political party or candidate for any office. More information is available on our social media posts, and our website at [lwvmontrose.org](https://www.lwvmontrose.org).

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HEALTH & WELLNESS WITH TRACIE BEARDEN

DID YOU KNOW THAT FALLS ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES?

By Tracie Bearden, MS, CCC-SLP, CBIS, CTP REGIONAL-Did you know that falls are the leading cause of traumatic brain injuries in people aged 65 and older, as well as children aged two to four? According to the latest research from the centers for disease control and the brain injury association of America, 47.9 percent of all traumatic brain injuries occur due to a fall. September is Falls Prevention Awareness Month. It's time to discuss this common, yet preventable, trauma.

Falls are incredibly preventable in most situations. However, without the right screening from the appropriate medical providers, detection of a concussion or a more severe traumatic brain injury can be difficult. First and foremost, if you or a loved one falls and sustains any injury, please either call 911 or go to your local emergency room and be very specific about what happened with the fall. There's always a potential that the individual who has fallen has hit their head, even if they don't remember it. Most likely if someone does not remember if they hit their head during a fall, they in fact have hit their head.

When you visit the emergency room, most emergency room physicians will ask the following questions: "Has the patient had multiple falls in the past six months to one year?" "Has the patient had any cognitive or language impairments?" "Does the patient notice any changes in their balance or vision?"

Not all emergency physicians ask these questions, but this is incredibly important information to share. Not only after a fall, but with your primary care provider at every checkup. This is important because even a mild hit to the head from a trip over a rug or losing your balance while carrying a laundry basket can cause multiple issues, and these changes can become more severe or limiting when not reported to a medical provider early on.

Traumatic brain injuries can cause more severe impairments as a result of a brain bleed, which can be common. If a patient is already on blood thinners and they hit their head, a brain bleed can become a

more serious situation.

The estimated amount of head trauma that is not reported to emergency rooms and physicians is 50 percent, according to the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. Individuals who have sustained head trauma as a result of violence, assault, and "mild" TBIs are more likely to not report head trauma, per the World Health Organization. The earlier someone accesses appropriate diagnostic and intervention services, such as therapies and more accurate and specific imaging, the lower the chances of permanent or long-term consequences from a severe brain injury. Proper referrals from physicians following a fall, multiple falls, or head trauma is what helps the patient become more functional and independent.

There are many factors that play into what happens to cause a fall, including, but not limited to poor balance, visual changes, poor lighting, and tripping hazards throughout the house (e.g. rugs, large chairs, and walkways). So who can help you prevent falls or recover from a prior fall?

Physical therapists, speech therapists, and occupational therapists are trained to help provide strategies and techniques in fall prevention and brain injury recovery. Therapy plans may include strategies for improved balance, improved safety awareness, enhanced cognitive functioning, and greater gait stability. Patients and caregivers are also educated on how to make their home fall free.

One common concern among older adults is being placed in a nursing home if they report a fall. Having multiple falls does not mean that your doctor is going to place you in a nursing home or think that you are necessarily unsafe with your loved one. Getting a detailed history to the provider and therapists helps us become more aware of what behaviors might be causing the falls and how we can help you prevent them and help prevent a lifelong disability. It's important to understand, however, there are more than 5.3 million children and adults in the United States who are living with a permanent brain

injury-related disability. According to the brain injury association of America, in Montrose County alone, as of the 2020 census, 24.1 percent of the Montrose County population are ages 65 and older. As a medical speech therapist and healthcare provider, I can strongly tell you that I do not believe that 65 years old is "old" in any realm whatsoever, and that there is much more life to live past the age of 65. By improving your reporting of falls to physicians, therapists, and emergency personnel, you're in effect improving your quality of life.

Neuro-based Speech Solutions recently partnered with Amber McIntyre, a geriatric certified specialist physical therapist at Cedar Point Health Wellness, the physical and occupational therapy teams and Danielle Musser, the Certified Adapted Physical Educator with Montrose/Olathe School District, and Dr. Bill Faragher at Rocky Mountain Restorative Medicine in Montrose, Colorado, to create a short video for our community. This video shows how individuals in the community can start preventing falls and the importance of preventing falls within your home today. You can access the video starting Monday, Sept. 27 online! Please feel free to visit www.neurobasedspeechsolutions.com or check out Neuro-based Speech Solutions's Facebook page:

@neurobasedspeechsolutions, or contract Tracie Bearden directly at info@neurobasedspeechsolutions.com to check out our Montrose Falls Awareness Campaign video, and please feel free to share on social media or with your neighbor.

You can help us spread awareness on how falls can be prevented so that our community can live a more fulfilling and independent lifestyle for ages to come.

Tracie Bearden is a medical speech pathologist with twelve years of clinical experience treating medically complex patients. Tracie owns Neuro-based Speech Solutions, a Trauma Informed, Speech Therapy private practice in Montrose, Colorado. Tracie is a board-certified Brain Injury Rehab Specialist and Trainer.

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AMERICAN LEGION POST #24 BINGO OPENS IN OLATHE

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BIDEN ADMINISTRATION STUMBLING FROM ONE DISASTER TO THE NEXT

Editor:

I used to smile when liberals called Trump a liar and used the Washington Post as "documentation" of his having told 20,000 lies during his presidency. They ignored the fact that the Post story was itself a fabrication, using the left's definition of a liar to be anyone with an opinion different from their own. (Similar to their defining a racist as anyone who challenges a liberal.) Fast forward to the present. Is there anything more evil than Biden promising to get every American out of Afghanistan before removing our military, and then totally abandoning hundreds, if not thousands, of our citizens to Taliban and ISIS terrorists?

Our Democrat friends would rather imagine Trump as a terrible person sending mean tweets to innocent people than acknowledge his accomplishments during his first term. Historically high employment, border stability, financial stability, our growing economy, our ability to supply our own energy needs, our allies

trusting us, our enemies respecting us, peace in the Middle East, etc. Now we have an administration stumbling from one disaster to the next, all self-inflicted by blundering Biden.

A PFC straight out of basic training knows enough to remove American citizens and at-risk local allies and billions of dollars of weapons before removing troops, and to hold military bases until they are no longer needed. But this administration is telling us with a straight face that stranded Americans, \$83 billion worth of US military weapons in enemy hands, and outnumbered US marines in a civilian airport surrounded by the Taliban, is just what all withdrawals look like. Oh, and those Americans aren't really "stranded." I'm not sure how the administration will spin the death of thirteen brave Marines and many more wounded due to Biden's reckless policies, but I am sure they will think of something.

Afghanistan is the most disturbing Biden administration debacle thus far, but the

train of incompetence left the station on day one of his presidency.

Why are Democrats hell-bent on spending \$4.7 trillion when runaway inflation is already stalling economic recovery and hurting American workers? Why are Democrats ignoring the crises of their own making at the southern border, also hurting American workers? Why are Democrats doing nothing to stop the crime wave in our cities resulting from their 'defund and demonize the police' movement?

Why are Democrats continuing to wage war on American energy, even as gas prices skyrocket? Why do Democrats continue to use identity politics to foment racial hatred when they know Americans of all races will suffer as a result? And most importantly, why do Democrats continue to make excuses for this administration when it is obvious they are grossly incompetent and/or care nothing about the American people?

Chanda Ouimet, Montrose

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SECRETARY OF STATE JENA GRISWOLD FILES OPENING BRIEF IN LAWSUIT TO REMOVE PETERS AS DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

Special to the Mirror

DENVER, Colo—Last week, Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold filed an opening brief in the lawsuit to remove Mesa County Clerk and Recorder Tina Peters as the Designated Election Official (DEO). In the brief, the Secretary of State outlined how Peters disregarded rules and compromised the security of Mesa County's voting system.

The brief further states that:

- Clerk Peters and Deputy Clerk Knisley breached their duties in connection with the May 25, 2021 trusted build.

- Clerk Peters is absent and is unable to perform her duties.

- Deputy Clerk Knisley is also absent and unable to perform her duties.

- Peters' claim of destruction of election records is false and without merit.

The brief states "there is nothing further from the truth," in regards to Peters' false

claims about the destruction of election records during the routine trusted build. Election records are required to be maintained by county clerks for up to 25 months.

According to the Colorado Election Code, election records include items such as: accounting forms, certificates of registration, pollbooks, certificates of election, signature cards, all affidavits, voter applications, other voter lists and records, mail ballot return envelopes, voted ballots, unused ballots, spoiled ballots, and replacement ballots. None of these items were named in the "report" produced by Peters. As the brief states, "there is not a single allegation in the counterclaims or anything in the 'report' attached to the counterclaims showing that any such record was destroyed during the trusted build, or that any record similar in kind to those listed in the statute was destroyed."

"The Secretary would have no objection to a county backing up its log files for its voting systems—in fact, Larimer County requested to backup their log files prior to a trusted build, and the Department of State helped Larimer County perform such a backup," the brief states. "Instead, Peters made copies of the entire hard drive, exposing the security of the entire election system when those copies were posted on the Internet."

"As a result of their own actions and choices, Respondents Peters and Knisley are absent and unable to perform their duties with respect to the 2021 coordinated election. The Court should therefore apply a substantial compliance standard to the Election Code and appoint Wayne Williams as the chief designated election official and acknowledge Sheila Reiner as the election supervisor," the brief concludes.

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GMUG ANNOUNCES FOREST WIDE PRESCRIBED FIRE PROJECTS

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against wildfire. Safety of firefighters and the public are the most important factors considered when planning a prescribed burn. Fire Management Officers and Fuels Specialists spend countless hours developing detailed prescribed fire plans that detail specific weather, fuel conditions and staffing and safety requirements. Ignitions will occur using ground and aerial techniques. Ignitions only occur if conditions are conducive to a safe, effective operation and within appropriate smoke dispersal parameters set by the State of Colorado.

The prescribed burns will be accomplished using joint-agency fire resources,

mitigation measures and protocols that are in place to reduce the risk and transmission of COVID-19.

Air quality will be closely monitored to mitigate smoke related impacts to communities. For information on prescribed burns, pile burns, wildfires and fire restrictions on National Forest System lands and other areas, call the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Fire Information line at (970) 874-6602, visit the GMUG Forest website:

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BOAT RAMPS AT RIFLE GAP AND HARVEY GAP STATE PARKS CLOSING FOR THE SEASON SEPT. 30

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REGIONAL-Declining water levels have forced Colorado Parks and Wildlife's man-

agers at Rifle Gap and Harvey Gap state parks to announce the closure of boat ramps a month early. The boat ramps at



Boat ramps will close a month early at Rifle Gap and Harvey Gap state parks, due to declining water levels. Courtesy photo.

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the state parks will close at the end of the day on Sept. 30 this year instead of the normal closure date of Oct. 31.

"We had hoped to keep the ramps running until the end of October this year, but the dry conditions have made that impossible," said Brian Palcer, Park Manager for the Rifle State Park Complex. "To put things in perspective, in 2020, Rifle Gap Reservoir was 14 feet higher than it is right now. Both Harvey Gap and Rifle Gap Reservoirs are used primarily for irrigation and it is typical for water levels to drop dramatically. However, we are still feeling the effects of last year's unusually dry weather and the reservoirs never filled this spring."

Despite the closing of the boat ramps, there are many activities to do this fall at both Rifle Gap State Park and Harvey Gap State Park.

Since trailered watercraft will not be allowed, it is a good time to go out on paddleboards, canoes or kayaks. Also, with the water as low as it is, shoreline fishing has been good.

"Our campgrounds at Rifle Gap remain open and it is a great time of year to see the leaves as they begin to change color," Palcer said.

"Also, big game hunting season is underway and Rifle Gap is a great place to camp and rest between hunts."

Visit CPW's website for more information on [Rifle Gap State Park](#) and [Harvey Gap State Park](#).

CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS MORATORIUM ON ADULT GAMING ARCADES, HEARS UPDATE ON AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SPENDING *From pg 1*

finally be here and be employed. Thank you.”

Black Canyon Golf Course full-time Line Cook, Server, and Bartender Adrianna Cole was unable to attend the work session and will be introduced in future.

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL APPLICANT

Council viewed a video that Youth Council Applicant Grace Hotsenpiller had prepared. Hotsenpiller said that honesty is of vital importance to public service, and one of the biggest challenges faced by today's youth is drug use. Grace earned straight A's last year despite suffering from serious medical issues.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Engineer Scott Murphy presented for consideration the proposed Hawk Parkway Sidewalk Extension Contract Award.

Background-A memo from Murphy to Council states, "... the City is looking to construct approximately 500 feet of sidewalk along the western side of Townsend Avenue between Hawk Parkway and Ogden Road. This project also supports a recent sidewalk extension performed by Golden Gate Petroleum on the southwestern corner of Townsend Avenue and Ogden Road..."

The project was put out for bid on Aug. 22 and bids were publicly received on Sept. 9. Bids, including 10 percent contingency, were received from four contractors; Agave Construction was low bidder, coming in at \$75,900.

City Senior Planner Amy Sharp presented some proposed changes to municipal code for consideration.

Background-A memo from Sharp to Council states that City staff have undertaken a review of the Municipal Code Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 3 (C), to update building code requirements for various daycare, childcare, adult day care, and residential group facilities. The Code amendment is in response to House Bill 21-1222, which was signed June 7 and which expands opportunities to access childcare in family childcare homes. According to this House Bill, family childcare homes shall be treated as residential property use. The Code Amendment changes the requirement from five

children to twelve children to reflect State law.

Sharp, Assistant City Attorney Matt Magliaro, and Montrose Police Sergeant Larry Witte introduced a discussion of proposed Emergency Ordinance 2560. Magliaro said that a number of serious criminal cases have arisen from certain establishments, several of which are located near Pomona Elementary School. Witte summarized recent incidents and showed slides of occurrences (involving shootings, stabbings, physical altercations, assaults, and drugs) at four local gaming businesses including Tap In, Spin-n-Win, The Game Room, and Gone Fishing.

Such businesses operate in a gray area of the law, noted Magliaro. "...You have no right to engage in an unlawful business."

"It's the Police Department's opinion that these games of skill businesses are a hotbed of crime," Witte said. "Such as drug use and violent crime." He listed impacts to public safety. Neighboring businesses have complained of crime and of drug paraphernalia in parking lots.

Police Chief Blaine Hall was also present for the discussion. "These businesses just attract this kind of activity," Hall said.

Council discussed the changes in detail. Councilor Barbara Bynum raised concerns about noticing requirements, and asked police officers to speak about the need for a moratorium.

After further discussion, Council agreed to consider the moratorium in a special meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 21 due to public noticing requirements.

Background-A memo from Sharp to Council states, "...There are currently four businesses within the city limits that are engaged in the business of providing access to and the use of various video gaming machines that accept money and/or tokens from customers and pay monetary prizes. These activities may fit (although uncertain at this time) the legal definition of slot machine, gambling device, and/or simulated gambling device which are prohibited under Colorado state law. These businesses, which the City is hereby referring to as Adult Gaming Arcades, have had

secondary, negative impacts on neighboring businesses. Increased crime has also been reported in the area surrounding these businesses, including illegal drug use, illegal drug distribution, public intoxication, violent crime, and increased calls for service at and around these businesses from the Montrose Police Department...This temporary moratorium and ordinance would provide City staff the time necessary to conduct further analysis of the impacts from Adult Gaming Arcades, whether such uses should be prohibited, or if they are legal, what zoning districts are most appropriate for this type of use."

Following a brief recess and lunch delivery, Council considered a proposed Addition Annexation for Grace Community Church.

Background-A memo from Sharp to Council states, "The Grace Community Church Addition II is a proposed annexation approximately 3.48 acres in size. The parcel is located east of S. Townsend Avenue, west of Woodgate Road, north of Otter Road, and south of Ogden Road. It is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, the City of Montrose Water Service Area, and the City of Montrose Sewer Service Area. Annexation of this property will allow for future development and expansion of church services offered to the community. An Annexation Agreement will be required."

Community Program Specialist Briceida Ortega presented a Resolution authorizing a grant application for funds to upgrade the pocket park on Main Street, through the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Revitalizing Main Streets: Small Multimodal & Economic Resilience Project Grant Program, in an amount up to \$150K with a ten-percent match.

Mayor Glaspell asked how the issue of people sleeping in the pocket park would be handled following the improvements.

There is no formal plan, but the department could look at using Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) and patrols, Chief Hall said. Cameras are a possible solution for all civic spaces and

CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS MORATORIUM ON ADULT GAMING ARCADES, HEARS UPDATE ON AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SPENDING From previous pg

and options are presently being explored, he said.

COUNCIL/STAFF DISCUSSION

Councilor Anthony Russo said that in addition to the win and spin businesses, "...I am also concerned with the vape shops...one in particular located right across the street from the high school is a concern...I don't know if there is something we could do, to possibly put some limitations on how close some of these sin businesses can locate to the schools."

Councilor J. David Reed gave a shout out to Montrose County for the 2021 Tribute to Aviation. "Great place for our families to attend, I thought they did a wonderful job."

Councilor Bynum spoke about the newly-released results of the Uncompahgre Valley Association (UVA)'s comprehensive

childcare needs assessment. "We have a desert of opportunity here in our area for early childhood education, and that is, I think, having an economic effect on our community and holding us back."

City Manager Bill Bell gave an update on the use of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. Bell said that \$375K coming from ARP will help with unsafe water and sewer systems; 400K will support the expansion of an early childhood project including infant care, "Which would be approximately 70 new daycare slots for the community," Bell said.

There is an option to help the Montrose Recreation District expand recreational satellite sites, perhaps at Colorado Outdoors, near the location of the new childcare facility. No exact cost is known yet. "We're working out some more of the

details," Bell said

More than 100 single-family-home units will be added to the Cimarron Creek development, with funding of \$750K, Bell said. "The sanitary sewer needed to be expanded in order to be able to add more sites," Bell said. "...That was very costly on the private side, so \$750K to go toward the sanitary sewer installation and expansion."

Bell said that approximately \$515K will go toward the water and sewer portion of the Basecamp Apartments. "So that's what's on the table so far, that comes to approximately \$2.19M, we had approximately \$2.3M available to us this year...if you have any other ideas...please reach out to me."

With no further discussion, the work session was adjourned.

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CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS SIX TO YOUTH CITY COUNCIL; APPROVES GRANT APPLICATION FOR POCKET PARK IMPROVEMENTS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council gathered for a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 20, rather than on Tuesday, Sept. 21, due to a scheduling conflict. All councilors were present. Mayor Doug Glaspell opened the meeting; Councilor Anthony Russo led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no changes to the meeting agenda.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve minutes from the Sept. 7, 2021 special City Council meeting and the Sept. 7, 2021 regular City Council meeting.

YOUTH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

"What a wonderful group of young men and women that we had," Council Barbara Bynum said, "presenting and talking to us and answering questions for us. It was fantastic and I love to see that they're interested in knowing how their local government works, they're interested in giving of their time and talents and energy to be part of Youth City Council." She commended the applicants and the organizers of the Youth City Council.

Council voted unanimously to appoint Youth City Councilors to the 2021-2022 term:

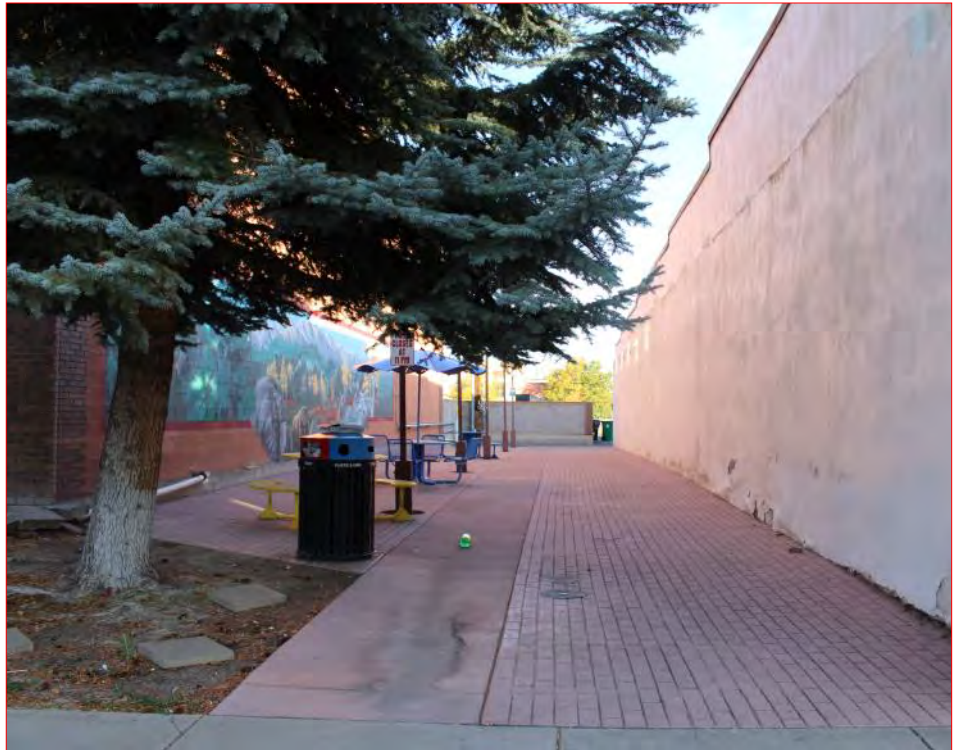
Gunnison Clamp
Harrison Hall
Jasmine Hemenway
Grace Hotsenpiller
Amy Scriffiny
Indica Taylor

"What a great group of young people we have," Mayor Glaspell said. "It's always great to have 'em come and speak with us."

PLANNING COMMISSION ALTERNATE APPLICANT APPOINTMENT

Of three candidates who were interviewed—Steven Ball, Catherine Buckley Hoffman, and Tina McFarlin—Council voted unanimously to appoint Ball.

Said Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank, "It's really exciting for us seeing citizens coming



The City of Montrose seeks a grant to make improvements to the Pocket Park, above.

forward and applying for these positions. It makes it difficult for us to choose, which is really a good problem to have."

He thanked the applicants for stepping forward.

RESOLUTION 2021-20

As discussed in work session earlier on Sept. 20, Council voted to adopt Resolution 2021-20, to authorize the filing of a Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Revitalizing Main Streets: Small and Multimodal Economic Resiliency Project grant program application, for funds to rehabilitate the Pocket Park Downtown, with a city matching contribution of up to \$15K.

ORDINANCE 2553-SECOND READING

As discussed previously in work session and on First Reading, Council voted to adopt Ordinance 2553 on second reading, repealing and replacing Title 5 Chapter 3 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose, concerning police alarm systems.

ORDINANCE 2554-SECOND READING

Also approved on Second reading was Ordinance 2554, vacating portions of a

right of way within the City of Montrose (Riverbend RV Park).

ORDINANCE 2555-SECOND READING

Council adopted Ordinance 2555 on second reading, for annexation of the Riverbend RV Park Addition II.

ORDINANCE 2556-SECOND READING

Council voted to adopt Ordinance 2556 on second reading, zoning the Riverbend RV Park Addition II as a B-2 Highway Commercial District.

ORDINANCE 2558-SECOND READING

Also adopted was Ordinance 2558 on second reading, vacating a portion of Pinon Way within the City of Montrose.

ORDINANCE 2559-SECOND READING

Finally, Council adopted Ordinance 2559 on second reading, repealing and replacing Title 2 Chapter 2 Section 1 (2-1-1) of the Official Code of the City of Montrose, concerning compensation of Planning Commissioners.

BROWN RANCH SUBDIVISION AMENDMENT #3 PRELIMINARY PLAT

Council approved the Brown Ranch Subdivision Amendment #3 Preliminary Plat,

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expressly conditioned upon City staff ensuring that all policies, regulations, ordinance and Municipal Code provisions are met and that the applicant adequately addresses all of staff's concerns prior to execution of the Final Plat.

BROWN RANCH SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 7 FINAL PLAT

Also approved was the Brown Ranch Subdivision Filing No. 7 Final Plat to create 22 new residential lots, expressly conditioned upon City staff ensuring that all policies, regulations, ordinance and Municipal Code provisions are met and that the applicant adequately addresses all of staff's concerns prior to the execution of the Final Plat.

TOWNSEND UTILITY REPLACEMENTS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

As previously discussed in work session, Council approved a contract award to Mountain Valley Contracting in the amount of \$1,345,278.88 for construction

of the Townsend Avenue Utility Replacements Project.

The utility replacement project is scheduled to begin in November and extend into April 2022.

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY DESIGN CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1.

Council approved 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.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR LIQUOR LICENSING SERVICES

As discussed previously in work session, Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between Montrose County and the City of Montrose for Liquor Licensing Shared Services. The IGA was previously approved by the Montrose County Board of Commissioners (BOCC).

STAFF REPORTS

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the Sales, Use & Excise tax report.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank said, "We have...so many events going on with so many of the non-profits and wonderful organizations, the San Juan Healthcare Foundation concert was this weekend, the Peer Kindness Kind & Dine dinner was this weekend. They're all really wonderful events...I'm so excited to see that our city and our community supporting those really, really, wonderful and beneficial organizations."

City Attorney Steven Alcorn said there would be a special Council Zoom meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 21 to talk about adopting Emergency Ordinance 2560, which would place a temporary moratorium on specific gaming businesses.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

'BUILD BACK BETTER' IS THE NEW FACE OF GLOBAL TERROR

Editor;

Hmmm, lets see, the Democrat party slogan used to be "change we need" and the gullible ate it up. This time it's "build back better" and the gullible ate it up. So let's see what is being built back better. Is it jobs? Nope, as of Sept. 2019 more people were employed than ever before under President Trump's policies. Is it American incomes? Nope, incomes rose to a post-recession high in 2019 under President Trump. Is it optimism of small businesses and manufacturers? Nope, small business broke a 35 year old optimism record in Aug. 2019 and 95% of manufacturers were optimistic, the highest ever under President Trump. Is it investments coming back into the United States? Nope, as of 2019 over \$450 billion dollars had already poured back into the U.S. under President Trump. Is it tax cuts? Nope, President Trump signed into law \$5.5 trillion in tax cuts of which 60 percent went to working families. Now Democrats want to take these tax cuts away along with reinstating the "death tax" which was saving family farms and ranches. Is it providing training for development of workers? Nope, President Trump provided training for over 4.2 million workers and \$ billions for states to fund vocational and career education programs. Is it repealing the Obamacare penalty for not buying Obamacare? Nope, in fact Biden was heard on a hot mic saying, (This[Obamacare] is a big F..... deal!) President Trump repealed that penalty. Is it for conducting Operation Cross Country X1 to combat human trafficking, rescuing 84 children and arresting 120 human traffickers? Nope, President Trump conducted that. Is it securing the border? Nope, this feckless president and his Democrat unpatriotic comrades stopped President Trump's border wall construction the first day in office. President Trump had the border invasion under control, but the Democrats are inviting invaders in disregarding the impact on Americans. President Trump was waging war on the MS-13 gangs. In 2017 796 gang members were arrested. In 2017 ICE seized more than 980,000 pounds of illegal drugs at our border including 2,370 pounds of fentanyl and 6,967 pounds of heroin. Now the Democrats have their "come on in" wel-

come signs out to these criminals via all the free stuff to exchange for their votes. Is it negotiating better trade deals? Nope, President Trump already took care of that. Is it acquiring energy independence? Nope, President Trump had America energy independent. Biden and his Leftist Democrat environmentalists stuck it to Americans again on his first day in office when he cancelled the Keystone pipeline supposedly for environmental reasons. But experts have said it is much safer environmentally to transport that oil in a pipeline instead of by truck or train. But Biden, who is being enriched by China, never scolds them for their horrendous pollution which encircles the world. If it wasn't so serious, a good comedian could fill a stadium laughing at this America-hating bozo. Continuing on, is it foreign policy? Nope, President Trump has done more for Israel than any other president. And Biden just sat back and watched while Israel was being bombarded by Iranian missiles. Or is it Biden nourishing America's relationship with our allies? Nope, he now has France mad at us over the submarine deal and all our allies in Afghanistan for abandoning them to the terrorists. President Trump developed a solid positive relation with our allies. They respected him because he forced them to do their part in their agreement. Or is it building a strong defense? Nope, it was the Obama/Biden regime who denigrated our military strength. Of course that's not unusual for Democrats. President Trump performed miracles building the military back up from the disgusting Clinton/Obama/Biden treasonous years. Oh, it's becoming more clear now. Democrats' "build back better" means building taxes back up through the roof to pay for their amnesty bill, which will be the largest anti-American socialistic giveaway in American history! This \$3.5 trillion package (Some say more like \$6-7 trillion) will go to reward the border invaders at the expense of every hard-working American family and every person reading this article. With all that money the invaders will be given everything free. You and your friends and families will have to work to pay for it. On top of that all those invader families will qualify for the "Earned income tax credit". That's

where they can get a tax refund without ever working and paying taxes! And the more kids they have the more money they get! And that's on top of all the rest of the regular welfare free stuff. Plus, these \$ trillions will go to the already 8 million or more illegals already here plus the thousands coming in daily across the borders. And those eligible for all the free stuff include an even larger "dreamer" population! So do you know that illegal invaders crossing our borders are exempt from getting the Covid jab, but our military personnel are required to do so? And do you know border invaders aren't even tested for Covid? And do you know they are transporting infected individuals to unknown secret destinations across America? (Of course that's just the beginning of their "free" medical care!) And do you know they are dumping those people in states where they traditionally vote republican so that Republicans can never win another election? And do you know Biden has exempted Congress, his staff, and the federal court system from the "jab"? Interesting hypocrisy! If the vaccine works and is safe, then why the exemptions? This is a dirty sellout of America by Democrats. Is "building back better" surrendering in Afghanistan and abandoning our citizens and allies? Nope, President Trump had plans for rescuing Americans and all military equipment before he planned to pull out. Oh, it's becoming more and more clear now. What Democrats meant for their campaign to "Build back better" was to "build" up the Afghanistan terrorists' military arsenal! That's it! American voters were duped even after Biden's televised admission that they(Democrats) have the most sophisticated voter fraud system there is. The terrorists now have the best massive American military equipment in the world for a terrorist organization. And they left Americans and allies behind in captivity to have their heads chopped off! But of course Democrats reject all responsibility and never admit their mistakes for their despicable bungling of everything they touch. The new face of global terror is now "build back better"! Do you miss President Trump yet?

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PAVING SCHEDULED FOR NORTH END OF WOODGATE REALIGNMENT PROJECT

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — Paving operations to lay asphalt on the northern end of the Woodgate Road Realignment project are set to begin by mid-October, with the second phase scheduled for spring 2022.

Contractors working for the City of Montrose have been constructing the Woodgate Road Realignment project to alleviate safety and capacity issues at the Woodgate Road and Townsend Avenue intersection and to accommodate continued traffic growth in the area.

Paving of the northern end of the project is scheduled for mid-October of this

year. Once complete, this road segment will be opened to the public and will restore paved access to nearby Arland Road.

Unfortunately, completion of the southern end of the project has been delayed due to a conflict with some third-party fiber optic communications equipment. The communication utility owner, which the city has been working with for over a year, has not been able to get the relocations completed in time for paving of the southern end.

To avoid a lengthy and impactful detour for motorists and nearby businesses through the winter, the city has elected to

keep the existing Woodgate Road open until these relocations are complete. Once the utility company finishes its relocation efforts, the city will complete the roadway project, most likely in the early spring of 2022.

The city would like to thank residents for their patience throughout this project. Any questions regarding the project may be directed to City Engineer Scott Murphy at 970.901.1792.

Background information on the project drivers and design can be found on the city's capital projects webpage at www.movemo.co.



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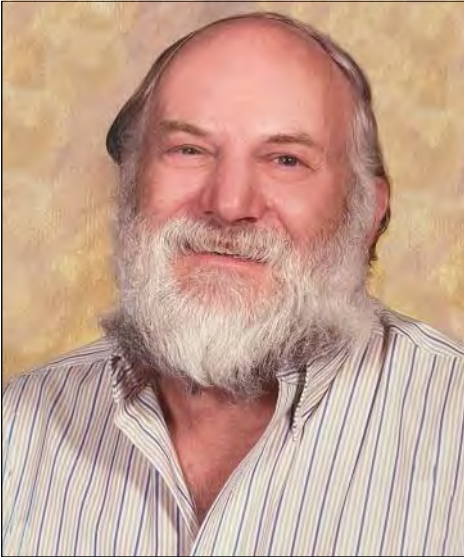
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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

JOHN MARK STROLE



JOHN MARK STROLE was born March 31, 1952 in Newton IL. to John and Lela Strole. Mark, which is what we called him by, grew up in Newton, IL. and graduated from Newton High School in 1970.

In 1971, while Mark was visiting Colorado, he met his future wife, Ginny Hosley. Mark and Ginny were married and returned to Newton, where Mark went to work with his brother-in-law at his car-

pet business. Mark and Ginny raised their two children, Jamie and Rogell in Newton until 1978, when they moved to Montrose Colorado and built their family home on Spring Creek Mesa. Mark and his family had a small farm, with his alfalfa field, cattle, sheep, chickens, potbelly pigs, dogs and cats.

In the 80's Mark opened his own Carpet business, where he earned a stellar reputation for his quality workmanship. After eleven years, Mark closed the business to slow down on work. Mark continued to do occasional carpet jobs, but also started investing in rental properties. After 31 years of marriage Mark and Ginny divorced, Ginny moved to Florida and Mark remained in Colorado at the family home.

In 2003 Mark reunited with a lifelong friend Jane Schackmann Wehlitz, and spent the remainder of his life with her, as husband and wife.

Mark was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. Mark loved nothing more than spending time at hunting camp and later at the family cabin. During these hunting trips, Mark usually got his ani-

mal, (despite the occasional nap's, on a rock or log.) Mark was very proud of his elk and bear mounts and displayed them proudly in his house. Mark enjoyed four wheeling and snowmobiling, playing cards, and making his famous home-made ice cream. Most of all Mark loved spending time with his family and friends.

Mark was always a hardworking, honest, caring man, that was always there for anyone in need.

Mark was not always a man of many words, but he earned the respect and love from all that knew him.

Mark became ill last month, and fought a courageous battle, but was not able to overcome it.

Mark is preceded in death by his father John Martin Strole. Survivors include Mark's mother, Lela Strole, wife Jane Schackmann Wehlitz Strole, children, Jamie Strole and Rogell Strole, brother's, Martin (Diana)Strole, Paul (Linda)Strole, Robert (Gina)Strole, David (Sheri)Strole, and Sister Mitzi (Larry) Dion. Grandchildren Cooper Monter, Kody Strole, Cordell Strole, and Pepper Strole.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

H. ALLEN MILLER



H. ALLEN MILLER was a wonderful husband, father of 13, grandfather of 27, and

great grandfather of 10.

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Allen was a minister, counselor, and teacher. Inspiring learning, curiosity, and growth in everyone he had the opportunity to meet.

This wonderful man took things others thought were not useful and gave them a purpose.

He did this not only with objects, but more importantly with people.

There was nothing he could not fix with a little JBweld, ductape, hard work, and dedication.

Our family has always been what others say is a circus.

Including the monkeys and the elephant. We are celebrating the life of our amazing ringleader and we will miss his guidance.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Allen Miller Memorial Camp Christian Scholarship fund. Camp Christian, PO Box 932, Clifton, Colorado 81520

DARLA JOANN GARDNER

August 29, 1942 -September 14, 2021

DARLA JOANN GARDNER of Montrose, Colorado went to be with the Lord on September 14, 2021. She was born on August 29, 1942 in Montrose. She and her husband James F. Gardner Jr recently celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary. JoAnn enjoyed spending time with family and friends, gardening, redecorating and reading. She volunteered her time to many organizations locally and was a member of the Montrose Cattle-womens, Darn and Patch Club and Uncompahgre Trail Riders.

JoAnn will be remembered as a kind, genuine soul with a heart of gold with a ready supply of love and strength to share.

She was preceded in death by her granddaughter Alisha Bishop of Montrose, parents Wayne and Nellie Flowers of Montrose and brother James Flowers of Montrose. She is survived by her husband

James F. Gardner Jr. of Montrose. Children, Connie (Hank) Taylor of Montrose, Lesa (Jim) Childers of Edwards, Alan (Penny) Bishop of Montrose, Mike (Kelly) Gardner of Johnstown and Tiffany (Shawn) Jameson of Durango. Grandchildren, Kelly (Danielle) Gardner of Greeley, Colby (Chrissy) Childers of Windsor, Jess (Coty) Kelshaw of Dolores, Scott Gardner of Windsor, Molly (Chris) Pote of Fort Collins, Jacob (Brie) Jameson of Pagosa Springs, Cole (Alexis) Bishop of Montrose, Lilly Jameson of Durango, Jacey Taylor of Montrose, Danielle Bishop of Montrose, Shianne Taylor of Montrose, Violet Jameson of Durango and Markus Gardner of Johnstown. 9 great-grandchildren. Brothers Bill (Deb) Flowers of Pueblo, Jerry (Vicky) Flowers of Montrose and Jack (Sandy) Flowers of Log Hill.

Services have been postponed for the



time being and will be publicly announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers please donate to Montrose Hospice Care.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

CORALEEN L. BURRIS NÉE CUMMINGS

January 12, 1937- September 15, 2021

CORALEEN L. BURRIS NÉE CUMMINGS, 84 of Montrose, CO passed away peacefully in her home, Wednesday, September 15, 2021. Coraleen was born January 12, 1937, in Cortez, CO. She moved to California with her parents as a young girl and later met and married her husband of 61 years, Oscar (Buster) Burris. Coraleen and Buster moved to Montrose in 2006 where she fell in love with the community and all the friends that she made. She was a loving mother to three beautiful children: Robin, Buster, and Tamara. Later in life, Coraleen and Buster adopted their two granddaughters, Jessica, and Jennifer, who she also loved and enjoyed raising. She loved her family and being together brought her great joy. Coraleen was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served faithfully in many callings within the church. She always loved teaching and serving the lit-

tle children. Coraleen was a proud member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and truly enjoyed being with the women of her local chapter. Her many talents included sewing, quilting, and gardening. She loved church hymns, reading, and bird watching. She also loved her dogs Pepper and Penny and they were always by her side.

Coraleen is survived by her daughters Robin Romero (Dennis), Jessica Barrientos (Vince), and Jennifer Burris; her son Buster Burris (Cindy); seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Connie Eardley (Don) and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends who have been deeply touched by Coraleen and will miss her greatly.

She is preceded in death by her husband Buster Burris, daughter Tamara Burris, parents, Nelda and Lloyd Cummings, and siblings Sonny Cummings, George



(Pudge) Cummings, Colleen Hubert, and DeWayne Cummings.

Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted"

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ART & SOL

RIDGWAY RECEIVES STATE'S FIRST COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION GRANT

Special to Art & Sol

DENVER -- The Colorado Creative Industries, a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, announced last week that the first Colorado Community Revitalization Grant award has been designated for Ridgway's Space to Create project.

The grant was established in Senate Bill 21-252, sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Steve Fenberg and Minority Leader Chris Holbert and signed into law by Governor Jared Polis.

"We're delighted to provide a Community Revitalization Grant for the Ridgway Space to Create project. This is an outstanding example of leveraging multiple sources of funding to bring a project across the finish line -- a project that experienced delays and cost increases due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Tim Schultz, Chair of the Council on Creative Industries. "Our sincere thanks to the Colorado legislature and Governor Polis for their support."

The announcement was made at an event on Thursday, Sept. 23 at the Ridgway



The first Colorado Community Revitalization Grant award has been designated for Ridgway's Space to Create project. Courtesy photo.

Space to Create, 675 Clinton St.

Ridgway Space to Create is a new construction, mixed-use, workforce housing project in historic downtown Ridgway. It is the first project of its kind in Ouray County and will include a community amenity

area on the ground floor, serving as a performance space and commercial hub.

The Community Revitalization Grant is still open, and shovel-ready, mixed-use projects that advance the creative industries are encouraged to apply.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

JUSTINE WILLIS TOMS IS KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND PRESENTER AT RIDGWAY SPIRIT FEST



Justine Willis Toms. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Justine Willis Toms, host of New Dimensions Radio, will be the featured speaker and presenter at Ridgway Spirit Fest, which will take place at the 4H Center in Ridgway, Colorado on October 15-17, 2021.

Justine will present the Keynote address on Friday evening at 7pm on the topic of "Nurturing Our Roots in Community and Self" and will host an interactive workshop on Saturday. There will be a film screening by documentary filmmaker and Ridgway resident, Taylor Rees, on Saturday evening. On Sunday there will be several experiential activities and inspiring presentations by community members in locations around Ridgway.

Since 1973 Justine has been exploring personal, social, and spiritual transformation through her work as a broadcast journalist, editor, writer, and workshop leader. She is the creative producer and host of the New Dimension Radio Series, which has harvested the experience and wisdom of some of the world's most innovative, enlightened, and trustworthy thinkers and teachers.

She's the author of *Small Pleasures: Finding Grace in a Chaotic World* and the co-

author of *True Work: Doing What You Love and Loving What You Do*.

The *New Dimensions* radio show airs locally on KVNF public radio on Sunday mornings.

There are two ways to connect to this event: in-person and as a Zoom webinar for those who prefer a virtual option. Visit www.RidgwaySpiritFest.com for tickets and more information. In-person tickets

are limited.

ABOUT Ridgway Spirit Fest: The purpose of Ridgway Spirit Fest, Inc. is to advance awareness by offering presentations, speakers, discussion groups, movement, art and music, thereby increasing understanding of the many paths, faiths, cultures, philosophies, and wisdom traditions. Ridgway Spirit Fest is not affiliated with a church or religion.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

BLM SOUTHWEST DISTRICT RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS IN OCTOBER

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— The Bureau of Land Management Southwest Resource Advisory Council will meet virtually via Zoom on Thursday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3:30

p.m. with a public comment period scheduled at 1:30 p.m. There will be a field trip on Wednesday, Oct. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to the Alpine Loop, near Silverton, meeting at the San Juan Public Lands Cen-

ter, 15 Burnett Ct, Durango, Colorado 81301.

"The Southwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council provides the BLM with vital feedback on current issues, concerns, and proposals, and enables us to engage with local communities and stakeholders to improve how we manage public lands," said acting District Manager Elizabeth Dawson. "Their diverse backgrounds in southwest Colorado are essential in our decision making, and we look forward to hearing their perspectives on the projects we are currently working on.

Planned agenda items include discussing recreation management on the Alpine Loop, an introduction to the Jumbo Mountain Travel Management Plan, fire management on Animas City Mountain, and updates from each field office. Individuals who want to make a statement during the public comment period are encouraged to submit a written copy of their statement for the administrative record. The meeting agenda as well as a link to the Zoom meeting is available online at: <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/colorado/southwest-rac>.

This Resource Advisory Council meeting will include a field trip on Oct 20. to the Alpine Loop to discuss resource management complexities. The field trip is open to the public, but observers must organize their own transportation. Please RSVP two weeks prior to the meeting so COVID-19 precautions can be implemented as necessary. If Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 guidelines preclude on-site meetings, the field trip will be cancelled.

All 15-member Resource Advisory Councils in Colorado are forums for providing advice and recommendations to the BLM on various resource and land management issues. The Southwest Resource Advisory Council advises the BLM Colorado Southwest District including the Gunnison, Uncompahgre, and Tres Rios field offices.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Collin Ewing at 970-244-3049 or cewing@blm.gov.

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MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

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

inform@fpcmontrose.com,
www.fpcmontrose.com
In Transition-Currently:
 Howard Davidson
 Paul Parsons
 Merle Bierma
 Worship Service times:
 9:30AM,

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

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Denomination Affiliation: United Methodist
Address: 19 S. Park Avenue Montrose CO. 81401
Office Hours: M-Thu, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact Information: 970-249-3716,

office@montroseumc.org, montroseumc.org
Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Lisa Petty
Worship service times: 9:30 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship & 11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
 10:30 - Social/Devotional Time
Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully

inclusive, loving and just servants of Christ. Our church family welcomes people from various cultural and faith backgrounds: single, married, remarried, with and without children, from diapers to dentures. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come and discover hope, joy, peace and purpose.

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

matter what stage of life they are in.
Children's services: We have a fun Sunday School for children from four years old through youth. We provide Children's Church during the Sunday Worship Services where children four years old through 9 years can learn to be worshipers of Jesus.
We provide a nursery for children under four years old with paid staff providing excellent care during Sunday Morning Bible Study and Worship Service.

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

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

arlyn@spiritaware.org,
www.spiritaware.org
Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, Senior Minister; Rev. Catharine Gates, Associate Minister. Spiritual counseling available.
Worship service times: Unity Service at 11 a.m., Adult Discussion at 9:30 a.m., Quiet Meditation at 10:30 a.m.

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

SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation: Southern Baptist
Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403
Office hours: Varies
Contact information:
 phone number: 970-275-7026
 email address: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com
 website:

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

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

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

Denomination Affiliation: Independent Baptist

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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-12pm

Contact Information: Phone (970) 249-

6874; email at info@vbcmontrose.org;

website: vbcmontrose.org

Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

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

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

Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

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

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

Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address

Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

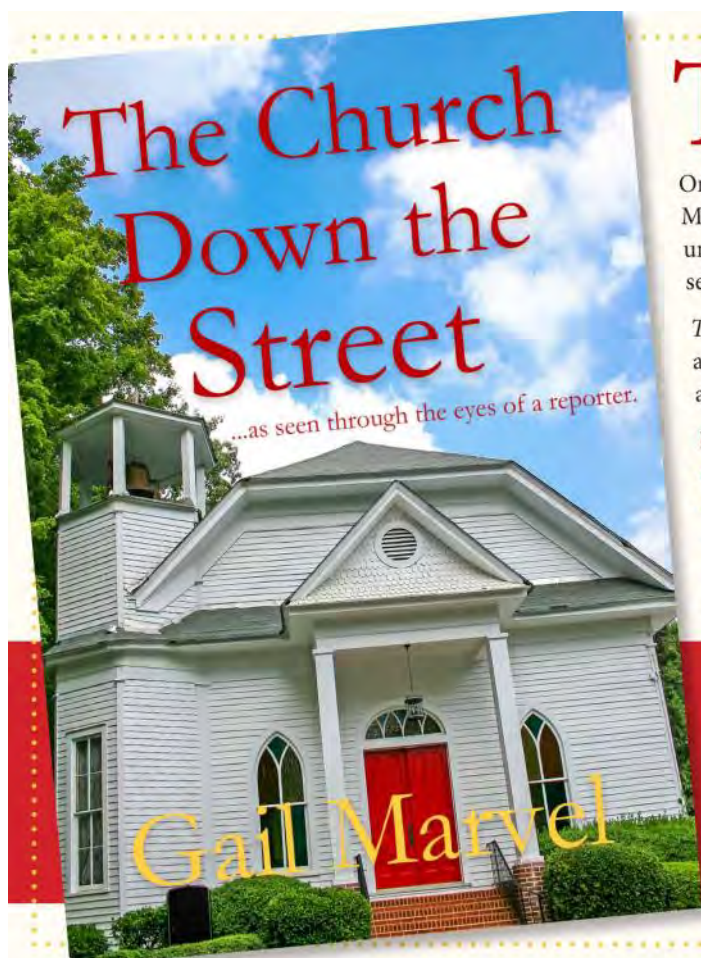
Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?



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

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

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

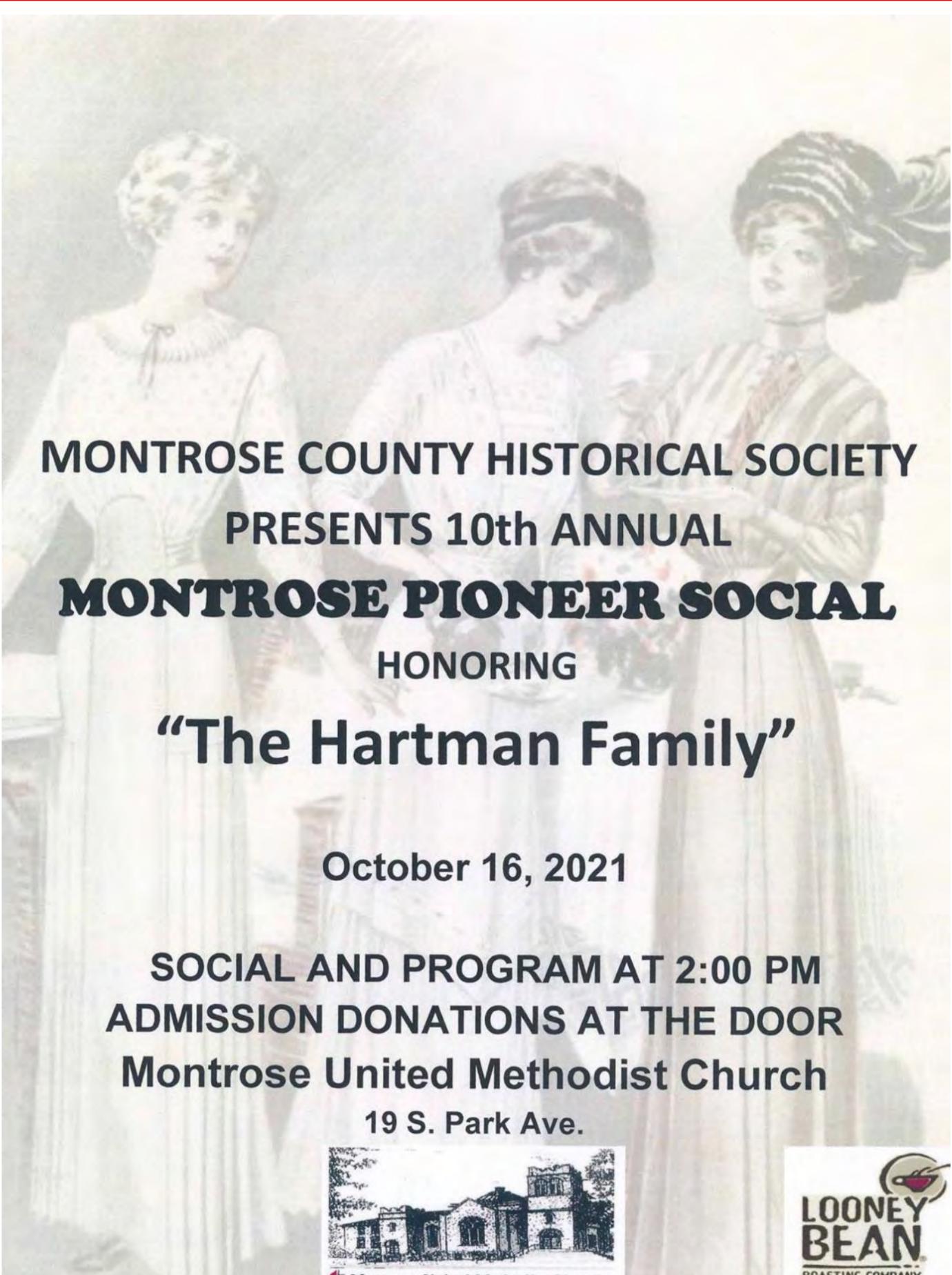
Readers will:

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

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

GAIL MARVEL
Montrose Author & Reporter



A faded, sepia-toned illustration of three women in early 20th-century attire. The woman on the left wears a light-colored dress with a high collar and a small bow. The woman in the center is looking down at something in her hands. The woman on the right wears a dark, patterned dress and a large, ornate hat.

**MONTROSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS 10th ANNUAL
MONTROSE PIONEER SOCIAL
HONORING
“The Hartman Family”**

October 16, 2021

**SOCIAL AND PROGRAM AT 2:00 PM
ADMISSION DONATIONS AT THE DOOR
Montrose United Methodist Church
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

NEW EXHIBITS AT GRAND MESA VISITOR CENTER

Special to Art & Sol

DELTA-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests announce new exhibits on display at the Grand Mesa Visitor Center just in time for Color Sunday this weekend.

Working in partnership with Rocky Mountain Conservancy, the Collbran Job Corps Center and local experts, the GMUG has been able to acquire the new exhibits.

The exhibits offer educational opportunities enabling visitors to learn about geology, wildlife, pollinators, wildflowers, 3D map exploration and moose ecology. Displays will engage visitors with photos and a surprise interactive activity.

Local exhibit topic expertise was provided by Dr. Rex Cole with Colorado Mesa University (geology) and John Andrews (wildflowers).

The new exhibits and other education-related improvements have been funded by the profits made at the Grand Mesa Visitor's Center from the sale of locally themed Rocky Mountain Conservancy products.

"The Grand Mesa Visitor Center is a top-notch outdoor education center," said Bill Edwards, Grand Valley District Ranger. "Our staff will assist you with any questions you may have at the information desk. Check out Science Saturdays and attend a hosted educational program during the summer. During the programs, experts will visit with you about interesting subjects from bats to the night sky. Slip out back and take the self-guided Discovery Trail to learn about the beautiful,



The exhibits offer educational opportunities enabling visitors to learn about geology, wildlife, pollinators, wildflowers, 3D map exploration and moose ecology. Courtesy photo.

high elevation spruce-fir forest.

Groups may also check out our Explorer Backpacks that include activities and props to learn about your National Forest," he added.

"We are happy that the Grand Mesa Visitor Center is a favorite place that people return to again and again," said Carrie Surber, U.S. Forest Service, exhibit project manager.

The Grand Mesa Visitor Center is located at the junction of State Highway 65 and

National Forest System Road #121 on the Grand Mesa National Forest. For more information on the Grand Mesa Visitor Center contact Ruben Estrada, Visitor Center Manager at (970) 242-8211 or Ruben.estrada@usda.gov.

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



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

STONEHOUSE PARTNERS WITH HAVEN FOSTER SHOPPE



Beth McCorkle, Kevin Meiners, Jessica Meiners, Chris Dick, and Andrea Wood, representing Haven Foster Shoppe, are enjoying both fellowship and dinner. Courtesy photo.



Donald Vincent, owner of the StoneHouse, toasts a champagne greeting to each of the arriving diners, all here to support Haven Foster Shoppe. Courtesy photo.



Donald Vincent welcomes all and kicks off the first benefit dinner since early 2020, thanking each attendee for their support of Haven Foster Shoppe. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-As we all take one more step forward towards "normal life," StoneHouse held their first benefit dinner since early 2020! On Wednesday night, Sept. 22, StoneHouse partnered with Haven Foster Shoppe, a 501 c3 nonprofit that provides care backpacks, filled with new items of both comfort and necessity, to kids (birth through age 18) transitioning into foster homes. We can all imagine how challenging and difficult this is for each child - the goal of Haven Foster Shoppe is to support a successful and healthy transition. Haven Foster Shoppe also coordinates an annual Toy Drive for the foster children, kicked off as part of this benefit, with many attendees bringing a toy or gift card as Christmas planning begins. It is special to be a part of a community that cares and gives back.

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Grand Valley History Players
present
**The Darling, the Daring,
and the Decadent**

Saturday, October 2nd, 6-8 pm
Doors, bar, concessions open 5:30 pm



May West



Anette Kellerman,
The Mermaid Queen



Harry Houdini

Tickets, \$20. mc4arts.com/melodrama
Free if over 60, but donations appreciated

Interactive performance. Ask questions, learn
about the characters and why they were chosen.

Montrose Center for the Arts

11 S. Park Ave, Montrose. mc4arts.com



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

RENEE PODUNOVICH SET TO READ AT OCT 5 BARDIC TRAILS ZOOM POETRY SERIES



Colorado writer Renee Podunovich will be the featured reader at the Bardic Trails webinar. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE- Colorado writer Renee Podu-

novich will be the featured reader at the Bardic Trails Zoom poetry webinar Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 7 pm (Mountain Time).

A production of the Talking Gourds Poetry Program, Bardic Trails is a free event open to any who pre-register. Register online by Oct 4 at the Wilkinson Public Library to get Zoom Link. Go to telluridelibrary.org/events.

Renee Podunovich is a poet and freelance writer living in southwest Colorado. She has three chapbooks of poems: "Illustrious for Brief Moments" (Finishing Line Press, 2021), "Let the Scaffolding Collapse" (Finalist of the New Women's Voices Chapbook Competition by Finishing Line Press, 2012) and "If There Is a Center No One Knows Where It Begins" (Art Juice Press, 2008).

She is the 2019 Cantor Award winner for the best poem by a Coloradan in the Fischer Prize awarded by the Telluride Literary Festival.

Renee believes that poetry is a language that encourages us to transcend our constricted sense of self and connect to our essential nature within and the living intelligence of the world around us.

"Podunovich's visions are transparent panes allowing the reader the warmth and light of a larger view. She returns from journeys beyond the daily world with medicine which explodes in us 'with no limits, other than the filter of our hearts'. Her passionate words form conduits through which we can meet our higher selves," states writer Cynthia West.

Visit her website for more info on her books and poetry blog:

www.ReneePodunovichPoet.com.

Find out more about her letterpress prints and manuscripts from a collaboration at Mancos Common Press: <https://paperwingsletterpress.blogspot.com>.

Follow her writing at Medium & IG

@rpodswords

Following her reading, there will be a

short Question and Answer session

with Renee.

Poetry Club

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

Future Bardic Trails

Nov. 2 with Debbi Brody of New Mexico

("The New"), and Dec. 7 with Al Zolynas of California ("Flesh").

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THE DARLING, THE DARING, AND THE DECADENT, A 1920S MELODRAMA

Montrose Center for the Arts
MCA Sat, Oct 2nd. 6 pm at Montrose Center for the Arts
 Grand Valley History Players Present a Melodrama
The Darling, the Daring, and the Decadent



Doors, Speakeasy
 open at 5:30 pm
 Show, 6-8 pm
 includes Q&A time
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as the greatest escape artist in the World. Performing all over the globe, Houdini left his audiences speechless, wondering if their eyes had deceived them! His most famous act was the Chinese Water torture. But, he was a lot more than a skilled magician. Did you know Houdini owned and flew a Bi-plane before Lindbergh crossed the Atlantic? He was an actor and a director with a movie career, an adventurer, a writer, and publisher. He survived all of his harrowing feats...to die of a ruptured appendix when he was just 52.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Saturday, Oct. 2, Hosted at the Montrose Center for the Arts, this presentation by the Grand Valley History Players explores the 1920s in America. It was a decade of unprecedented growth: buildings in major cities climbed toward the sky, interest in airplanes and air travel exploded with a \$25,000 race to fly across the Atlantic. Staged performances became epic productions employing hundreds of performers.

The movies created exotic escapes from reality and larger-than-life Stars. Tabloids hit the newsstands and our fascination with public figures ignited. The 18th Amendment prohibited the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages—a debacle of unprecedented proportions—and the 19th granted women the right to vote—finally!

The Chautauqua Movement continued to enthrall viewers with great characters from history, new ideas, and issues of public concern.

Join the Grand Valley History Players for an evening of Chautauqua with visits from Annette Kellerman, The Mermaid Queen, Harry Houdini, master of escape, and Mae West, entertaining sex symbol whose flamboyant career spanned over seven decades. Listen as they regale you with their stories, then enjoy the opportunity to ask questions of these icons. There will

also be time to ask the performers about their research, observations, and what compelled them to choose their characters.

Angeline Roles portrays May West. Queen of the double entendre, May West was more than an actress, she was a pioneer. Writing her own material meant she could create the characters she wanted to portray: loud, bold, self-assured, culturally defiant women. She had a mind for self-promotion and sensation, naming the first stage production which she wrote, produced, starred in, and directed, "Sex." She stayed relevant and employed well past middle-age, defying Hollywood's fascination with youthful ingenues.

Kathy Applebee, portrays Annette Kellerman. As a child, Kellerman wore leg braces. Undaunted, she overcame the debilitating condition to become Australia's "mermaid" and America's "Diving Venus." She was the beauty who—long before Elle Macpherson—was known as "The Perfect Woman." A self-promoter, long before Madonna she got herself arrested, knowing the commercial value of sensation. An actress, long before Nicole Kidman, she was a Queen of the Screen. And, a fitness guru, long before Jane Fonda, she showed middle-aged women how to stay fit and sexy.

Michael Hardesty, portrays Harry Houdini. The Hungarian born magician is known

Jessica Downing-Ford, Grand Valley History Players. Emcee for 1920s Melodrama. The Emcee's role is to weave together three distinct characters into one cohesive performance, which she has done, but it required her to dive into her research to better understand the era.

Then, she spent days whittling down her words. Along the way she made some interesting discoveries. Did you know broccoli was introduced to American kitchens in 1928 from Italy? Neither did she, and given time, she could consume the better part of two hours regaling you with more anecdotal info about that decade. If you're interested, here are some of the books she found especially helpful:

One Summer, America 1927, by Bill Bryson (great narrative & fun read); *From Harding to Hiroshima*, by Barrington Boardman; *Our Times, The Illustrated History of The 20th Century*, published by Turner Publishing.

The Darling, the Daring and the Decadent show is Saturday, October 2nd at the Montrose Center for the Arts, 11 S. Park Ave., Montrose CO. For details, tickets, and reservations please visit mc4arts.com/melodrama.

This performance is possible due to a grant shared with MCA by the Blue Sage Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$20. Free if over 60 (condition of the grant). Donations are gratefully appreciated.

FINE QUILTS, FRY BREAD, AND THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



Anglican Deacon Dwight Harp. Courtesy photo.

By Dwight Harp

Let us celebrate- fair and rodeo time!

Memories of those times past generate HUGE smiles for many of us.

Fairs and rodeos signaled many things to me as I grew up in the burgeoning town of Farmington, NM. We were changing from an agricultural to an energy based community, but the county fair still held much importance in our town.

I wasn't the biggest eater of cotton candy on the midway. Oh, don't forget---there was always a carnival associated with these events. I did down many roasted corns on a stick and fry bread with all sorts of sweet things. We were only a couple of miles from the Navajo Reservation and they participated in our fairs just as we did in theirs.

Fine quilts with ranking ribbons adorned the exhibit hall as did numerous culinary masterpieces. Mom's dahlia's usually won a prize. Many of my friends raised livestock to be judged and then auctioned. I did the math once and thought those had to be the most expensive hamburgers. Then I was told it was like a donation for all the hard work. OH!

As the sun started to set, we all went home and put on our polished boots and clean shirt and went back for the rodeo. Great fun! How'd they get those three clowns in that little car? And their dog too?

I always liked the timed events best. My

absolute favorite was tie-down roping. I'd always known it as 'calf-roping.' It was obvious that much practice went into a winning run; I later learned how true that was. While in college I roomed with a roper. He was singularly focused on his sport. He was really good and I got to see his equestrian and athletic skills meld from the calf chute. The calf had to be situated correctly before he nodded.

I was to facilitate the calf being in the right place and 'pointed' correctly.

The girls showed their horsemanship expertise in barrel racing as they carved a cloverleaf pattern around three 55 gal barrels. Most of them had been riding all their lives. The winners were good.

Great fun, joy and happiness surrounded those festivities. It was the last hurrah before school started. I smile broadly yet remembering it all. I wonder if my granddaughter experiences emotionally lifting fun times like we did? Her world is so much different than ours was. My wonderings urge me to open my owner's manual, Holy Scriptures, to see what it says under the topic of happiness. The heading on this most significant topic's chapter could read like this:

"All of the things you receive in your life that give you happiness are because you believe in God."

Then you may read:

"Those who sow tears shall reap in joy." (Psalms 126: 5) "The Good News: The people who make a few sacrifices will receive life-long happiness and good health. "...The joy of the Lord is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10)

Scriptures emphasize joy over happiness. Nehemiah commands the Hebrews just out of exile to rejoice in the Lord.

My research suggests joy is lasting and happiness is more fleeting. God is joyful over our repentance and returning to Him.

Joy is rooted in the character and promises of God, especially as they are related and revealed to us in His Son.

Happiness it is suggested is when our sense of joy comes from anything other than the beauty and wonder of Christ. Happiness possesses the positive emotional feeling or sense of well-being coming from external (favorable) circumstances. Happiness comes from the news you won the lottery or your car starts after the third attempt, or your test score improved. Rooted in positive external factors, it is temporary and more fleeting.

Joy they say resides at the soul level. Joy results from beholding by faith the beauty and wonders of Christ. It is rooted in Jesus and doing His work. Joy's root (Jesus) makes it difficult to alter by external changes. Indeed, a Christian's faith causes joy to last, even in the midst of life's most difficult situations

It should be no surprise then that joy is the second fruit of the spirit, preceded only by love. These two qualities are called fruit, because it is how we are to live as redeemed children of God. My heart smiles when I hear the hymn's line-- "they will know we are Christian's by our love...." We are known by our actions.

So whether you are at the County Fair or at church know that God loves you and that is the ultimate cause for your re-JOY-essing. Know that you by following His commands (they aren't the Ten Suggestions) brings Him joy.

As I close, I publicly reaffirm that I take my Christian faith VERY seriously. I have no joy when I realize some Christian's study bypasses the joy/happiness of their repentance and returning to our Heavenly Father. My worship of our God is far from somber. I love the Lord deeply. I rejoice in His love for me. I rejoice in being joy-FULL. Smiles are gifts from God.

In John 15, Jesus told the disciples that everything He taught them was so that His joy would be in them, and their joy would be abundantly full.

Be happy! Live Joyously! Jesus was a joyful person.



Golden Circle Senior's "Pay It Forward" Fund sprang from the realization that some seniors don't have the income to "go out to lunch." As a meal-site provider for seniors in our community, one of our goals as a non-profit service organization is to provide meals that are nourishing and affordable. This fund was established to help offset meal costs for seniors so they could afford to go out to lunch, have an opportunity to meet and make new friends, and not have to eat alone.

The Golden Circle Seniors are volunteers ranging in ages from 50 to 90 with a collective array of talents, skills, and experiences. Many seniors have experienced isolation, hunger, and understand the pressures of life. We have all eaten our share of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and know that in some countries that would be a feast. "Food is the ingredient that binds us TOGETHER" as we weren't meant to feast alone. ***Our doors are open to welcome you in!***

The "Pay It Forward" concept of kindness has a rippling effect because most of us share a sense of commitment to be of service. Don Vincent and Evan Dodge are the owners of The Stone House Restaurant who understand the meaning of paying it forward. This past year was a tough year for many business owners in our community and they are keenly aware that without the support of their loyal customers, staying in business and keeping their staff employed would have been even tougher.

On the 7th of September, **the Stone House Restaurant** started catering meals at the Senior Center located in the Montrose Pavilion. Don and Evan have thoughtfully planned out meals for seniors that are tasteful and nourishing. They're aware that many seniors are unable to go out to dinner at fine food restaurants as often as others because most are on a fixed income. This is an opportunity for many to try their delicious food, some perhaps for the first time. They believe that "Food is the ingredient that binds us TOGETHER".



We cordially invite ALL seniors to come and "Break Bread with Us" Monday through Friday. ***"Come On In and See For Yourself"*** at **1800 Pavilion Dr in Montrose.**



MONTROSE SENIOR CENTER LUNCH and FRIENDSHIP Lunch for Two \$14.00

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970-252-4888

1800 Pavilion Dr, Montrose, CO

Offer expires 10/30/2021



SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

ONGOING-

FREETHINKERS meet 1st Sunday of the month at 1pm. more info at 970-708-8333.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONTHLY

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

Oct. 1-First Friday with Dave Kaufmann and Montrose Visual Arts Guild. Jazz piano with Keaton Greenfield. 5-7 pm. [Montrose Center for the Arts](#).

Oct. 1-American Legion Post #24 Bingo, GRAND Opening, Oct 1st, 7 pm on 5th Street Olathe for more info call Tom at 9702608298.

Oct. 2-Demoret Park, Main and Townsend, March for Women's rights, choice, voice, votes, and justice. 11 am start time. Speeches, music, art, fun-Bring signs or make one there. T-shirts available for purchase.

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

Oct 11-6:30 Citizens' Climate Lobby meets in person at Montrose Library meeting rm, Nonpartisan, national nonprofit-info at 970-765-9095.

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

Oct. 15-Justine Willis Toms, host of New Dimensions Radio, will be the featured speaker and presenter at Ridgway Spirit Fest, which will take place at the 4H Center in Ridgway, Colorado on Oct. 15-17, 2021. Visit www.RidgwaySpiritFest.com for tickets and more information. In-person tickets are limited.

Oct. 20-Dave Kauffman, Wood turning. **FREE**. Montrose Center for the Arts.



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