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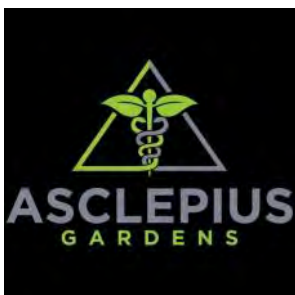


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RE-1J BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES NEW MASCOTS FOR MHS, CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL



At the Jan. 5 RE-1J Board of Education meeting, Centennial Middle School Principal Joe Simo and 6th Grader Annaliese Dunn presented the school's new chosen mascot, the Bears. In addition to other requirements, Centennial asked that the mascot be gender neutral so as to include everyone. Photo by Paul Arbogast.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-It's official—at the special meeting of Tuesday, Jan. 25, the Montrose County RE-1J Board of Education voted to approve the change of the Montrose High School (MHS) mascot from the Indians to the Red Hawks, and the Centennial Middle School mascot from the Braves to the Bears.

The school district has been moving toward the transition for months following the passage of Colorado's SB21-116, which prohibits the use of American Indian mascots in public schools.

Present at the Jan. 25 meeting were Board of Education President Sarah Fishering, District B Director Jacob Suppes, District C Director Alice Murphy, District D Director Tom West, District F Director Eric Kelley, and District G Director Stephen Bush. Not present

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TUXEDO CORN SPEARHEADS EFFORTS TO HELP FAMILIES OF THOSE KILLED, INJURED IN MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH

Story and photos by Gail Marvel

REGIONAL-Christmas 2021 for the Delta community was marred by a two-vehicle accident that resulted in three fatalities and a fourth seriously injured victim who still remains in the Intensive Care Unit.

The head-on collision occurred on the afternoon of Dec. 21, west of Delta at Brickyard Hill on Highway 348. The Colorado State Patrol has yet to complete the report of the investigation; however, it has been determined that the Suburban with the four victims veered into oncoming traffic and collided with a dump truck. The dump truck driver was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

All four victims traveling in the Suburban were H-2A workers, employees of the Tuxedo Corn Company in Olathe, who had a seasonal work history dating back five to 15 years.

Tuxedo Corn Public Information Officer (PIO) Eric

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During a press conference on Jan. 24, Tuxedo Corn Owner John Harold was interviewed by three media outlets from Montrose and Grand Junction. Harold, in conjunction with the Western Colorado Migrant Coalition (501c3) and local residents, seeks to raise funds for four families of migrant workers who were killed and injured in a Dec. 21, 2021 auto accident in Delta.

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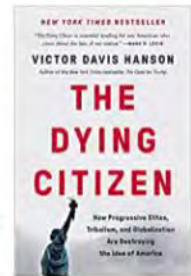
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LOCAL MAN VICTIM OF DROWNING

Montrose County Coroners' Office

MONTROSE-In the early morning hours of Wednesday Jan. 26, Draven Warren, a 24-year-old Montrose man drowned while swimming in Chipeta Lake south of Montrose.

The cause of death appears to be drowning and the manner of death is under investigation by the Montrose Police Department and the Montrose County Coroner's Office of Medical Investigation. An autopsy has been scheduled. *This concludes this news release in its entirety. No additional information is available at this time.*



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SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE RELEASES ANNUAL CHARITABLE SOLICITATION REPORT

Special to the Mirror

DENVER— A total of 8,313 Colorado charities with fiscal years ending in 2020 reported revenue of more than \$29.9 billion and assets totaling more than \$66.3 billion, according to an annual charitable solicitation report created by the Colorado Secretary of State's Office.

The annual report on charitable solicitations in Colorado is a compilation of registration documents filed by charities and paid solicitors in Colorado. The purpose of the report is to protect the public's interest in making informed choices when donating to charity.

The report shows that the 8,313 charities based in Colorado raised a total of \$29,916,086,513.55 in the last year. Although the total number of Colorado based charities was higher than last year by 2.59 percent, the number of charities registering for the first time decreased for the second straight year to 1,314, according to the report.

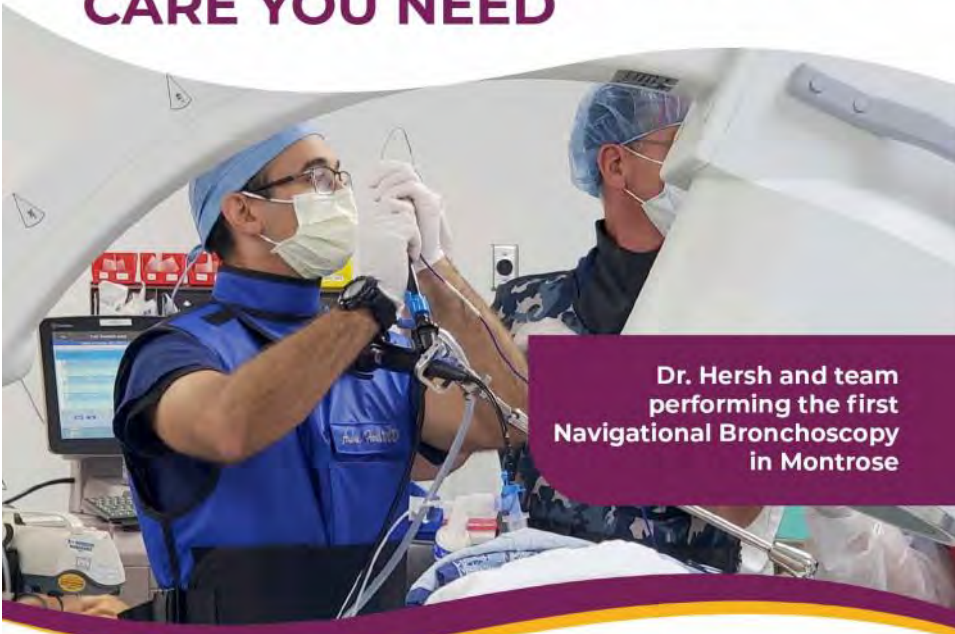
The Colorado Charitable Solicitations Act requires charities and paid solicitors that ask for contributions in Colorado to file registration documents with the Secretary of State, and for the office to compile and publish an annual report. The registry and annual report help inform potential donors and helps charitable organizations make informed decisions when contracting with paid solicitors.

This year's annual charitable solicitation report as well as past years are available on the Secretary of State's [website](http://www.checkthecharity.com). The entire registry of charities and fundraiser

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MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH AND DELTA HEALTH COLLABORATE FOR GYNECOLOGY SERVICES

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DELTA – Montrose Regional Health and Delta Health have announced their collaboration to continue providing gynecology services to Delta and the surrounding communities. The Montrose Regional Health Alpine Women's Centre will serve gynecology patients beginning Feb. 7 at the Delta Health Pain Center Clinic, located at 236 Cottonwood Street in Delta.

"We're excited and proud to partner with Delta Health," said CEO of Montrose Regional Health Jeff Mengenhausen.

"Collaboration is vital for the health of our rural communities. We're looking forward to serving women in the Delta region with conveniently located gynecology services."

"This partnership will allow us to provide increased gynecological care for our patients, not only at our primary care clinics

but now through the Alpine Women's Centre," said CEO of Delta Health Matt Heyn. "We are thrilled to offer another accessible option for our patients."

Gynecological services at this location will include annual exams, birth control services, and more. The clinic will be open to patients 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday beginning Monday, February 7. For appointments, call (970) 249-6737.

Obstetric patients in Delta can continue to utilize Delta Health's primary care clinics. Delta Health Family Medicine, located at 555 Meeker St. in Delta is open five days a week. The Delta Health West Elk Hotchkiss Clinic is open six days a week and is located at 230 E Hotchkiss Ave. in Hotchkiss.

The announcement comes weeks after the Alpine Women's Centre opened their new Clinic & Med Spa location at 900 S. 4th St. in Montrose, offering clinical and aesthetic services.

The Delta Health Pain Clinic will continue to serve patients during their regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Patients looking to schedule Delta Health Pain Center appointments can call (970) 546-4010.

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CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY WILL MEET MONDAY, FEB. 7

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MONTROSE-On Monday, Feb. 7, at 5:30pm the Citizensclimatelobby.org meets in person with masks at Montrose library meeting room--environmental , nonpartisan, national, all welcome, info 970-765-9095



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RE-1J BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES NEW MASCOTS

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was Board of Education Vice President Jeff Bachman.

Fishing opened the meeting and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

MASCOT REPLACEMENT UPDATE & VOTE OF APPROVAL

MHS Principal James Barnhill and Centennial Middle School Principal Joe Simo were present to discuss the selection processes and to present the recommended options.

Barnhill introduced MHS student participants Naomi and Rachel, and acknowledged the members of the Mascot Committee, "Thank you for your work."

Barnhill discussed how options were narrowed down with the help of a Powerpoint presentation.

"There's no roadmap to this stuff," Barnhill said, noting that MHS has had the Indians mascot for 91 or 92 years.

The new mascot had to be non-human, had to represent Montrose County and Western Colorado, it had to have the qualities of a role model, and it had to be cool.

The adult committee had chosen four options, and students came up with three more. Based on the data from student groups and from the committee, the options were narrowed down to Mavericks and Red Hawks, and in the end Red Hawks emerged as the recommended mascot.

Simo was joined by Centennial Sixth Grade Annaliese Dunn. In addition to the mascot requirements already listed, Centennial added another—the mascot must be gender neutral to include everyone.

The top three choices of the Centennial Mascot Committee were the Bears, the Badgers, and the Bobcats. The committee

recommended the number one option, the Bears.

The Board of Education voted to replace the mascots as presented.

REVIEW OF DIRECTOR DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Directors reviewed the map of updated director district boundaries. No vote was taken; the map will come before the board for approval in February.

With no further business the Board of Education voted to adjourn.



MHS Principal James Barnhill presented the final choice to replace the high school's Indians mascot after more than 91 years. Photo by Paul Arbogast.



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TUXEDO CORN SPEARHEADS EFFORTS TO HELP FAMILIES

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Westesen said, "The company has 160 seasonal workers. They are a tight-knit group from Mexico who live here six to eight months out of the year and are members of local communities."

On Jan. 24, John Harold, owner of Tuxedo Corn, and Delta resident Jose Gonzales, cousin to one of the victims and originator of a GoFundMe page, held a press conference at the Olathe Town Hall in order to update the community on the plight of the four families affected by the accident.

Insurance plans are in place to assist the four families; however, the process for determining need and releasing financial support is slow. With the loss of their primary source of income, the families are experiencing substantial financial difficulties.

Harold made arrangements for returning the deceased back to Mexico. He said, "The families would not hear of cremation. We worked with the Mexican Consulate. It took three-and-a-half weeks, but we were able to send the bodies back. It cost \$22,000 for funeral expenses here and to transport the caskets; Eric [Westesen] accompanied them."

The fund-raising goal is to send each family \$450 a week until the insurance kicks in. Westesen said, "Our best guess is that it could take two to three months."

Harold said, "Some people may think

that's a lot of money, but my justification is that it is only half of what they would have made." More than once he paused, to compose his emotions before continuing, "The only thing I know to do right now is sustain the families."

Harold and Gonzales have joined forces in their fundraising efforts. Immediately after the accident Gonzales started the GoFundMe page, which takes a portion of the contributions for administration. Those contributions now stand at \$2,600. However, Harold and the Western Colorado Migrant Coalition have also established Western Colorado Migrant Coalition Four Family Fund at Alpine Bank, where there is no administration fee and all donations will go to the families.

Harold said, "By using funds from the GoFundMe page we will be able to send out the first checks of \$450 today [January

24]."

Individuals or organizations who wish to donate to the families of the deceased--Noe Lopez Moroyoqui, Francisco Javier Quiroz Morales, Juan Cano Leon--and the hospitalized--Victor Manuel Rodriguez Cano--are encouraged to take their contributions to Alpine Bank.



On Dec. 21, 2021, a head-on collision resulted in three fatalities and one serious injury. The victims, all from Mexico, were seasonal H-2A employees of Tuxedo Corn. (L to R) Tuxedo Corn Owner John Harold and Delta resident Jose Gonzales are spearheading fund raising efforts to help sustain the families of the victims. According to Harold, insurance compensation takes time to process. He said, "We are now focusing on how we can best support their families. At this time financial help seems to be the most important need we can fill."

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By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Regular Meeting: The Jan. 25, 2022 Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. Virtual attendance was the only option given to co-op members; however, board members and staff were given the opportunity to attend in-person or virtually. All board members were present; five participated in-person from the Black Canyon Board room, four board members joined on Zoom.

For those attending virtually, the technical quality of the meeting suffered. Often board members and staff assembled in the board room did not appear on screen when they were speaking and giving reports, it was unclear who was speaking, and comments were not always picked up by in-house microphones.

DMEA co-op members are afforded an opportunity to speak during Member Comments, which is scheduled for 5 p.m. There were no member comments.

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

The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening meeting prayer, determination of a quorum, and approval of the consent agenda (Minutes from the October 2021 Special Meeting, the October Regular Board Meeting, and the December Regular Meeting).

Board Committee Reports

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

Watson said, “We had a committee meeting on Jan. 2. All the committee member were there, as well as staff and others.”

Watson reported on the Cost-of-Service Study, allocation of capital credits, and deferred revenue. He said, “Staff will start actively analyzing and come up with recommendations in February.”

Enno Heuscher said, “Is there evidence that substantial changes are needed in

[capital credit] allocations?”

Watson said, “I don’t think we’ll see a substantial change; we’ll wait for recommendations back from staff.” The next FAR meeting is scheduled for Feb. 7 at 3 p.m.

Engineering – Construction – Energy Services Committee – Stacia Cannon, Chair.

Cannon said, “We did not meet so there is nothing to report.”

Member Relations Committee – Bill Patterson, Chair.

Patterson said, “We did not meet. We have a meeting coming up February 10 at 10 a.m.”

Executive Committee – Kyle Martinez, Chair.

Martinez said, “We have not met and we don’t have a meeting scheduled. There is a Strategic Planning Meeting towards the end of April.”

Non-Privileged CEO Report – Alyssa Roberts, CEO.

Roberts welcomed Tim Vigil, Chief Operations Officer (COO), as the latest member of the leadership team. Vigil began work on Jan. 17.

With no breaks in her verbal report Roberts said, “There was an accident. Someone made an illegal U-Turn in front of a DMEA vehicle. The other driver was cited. An employee fell in the hallway; she was a little rattled and tender, but did not seek medical treatment. Scholarships are still open, but March 1st they close. Operation Round-up is currently going. The system that monitors our phone calls [shows] extreme delays. [Customer Service] wait times can be 30 to 40 minutes.” Due to the cyber-attack last fall the DMEA’s billing cycle was interrupted. Roberts indicated the co-op would be back to normal billing cycles within a couple of weeks. She said, “We ask for patience from our cus-



Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Kevin Williams (center left), one of the newest members of the board of directors, was a virtual attendee to the Jan. 25, 2022 regular board meeting. Photo Gail Marvel.

tomers and we hope to resume our good service soon.”

Roberts reported on the number of members who are behind in their payments with both DMEA and Elevate. She said, “[With DMEA] we now have about 2,800; typically, it’s about 2,000 every month. We will resume disconnects in February; February 23rd. [Late payments] for Elevate is 749; typically, we have 500 a month.”

As per prior commitments and settlements, buildings are being built at the South Cannel and the Bullock Power Plant. An agreement with Holy Cross Energy was reached for them to do a six-mile build out on McClure Pass to get power to one member in DMEA’s service area.

System Average Interruption Index (SAIDI) Report – Alyssa Roberts, CEO.

Roberts said, “We’ve had some pretty interesting outages. A drunk driver hit a pole and the driver was still in the car. Weather and alcohol [drunk driving] are impacting the poles.” Compared to previous years, there is an increase in incidents of cars hitting power poles.

Financial Report with Variance Report – Gayle Gouker, CFO.

As the new Chief Financial Officer (CFOO), Gouker indicated her department is rebuilding and recreating reports that

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will be of most interest to the board. Her report included a budget update, operating expenses, compliance with debt service coverage, debt ratio, and \$750,000 in deferred revenue that has to be brought back.

Non-Privileged Legal Report – Jeff Hurd, Attorney.

Hurd updated the board on the legislative front, pending settlement agreements, and possible timetables to hear outcome on settlements (FERC) of interest. Hurd said, “We have been working on easements and right-of-way issues. I’ll reserve the rest of my report for executive session.”

Representative Reports

Western United Electrical Supply (WUES) Report – Jock Fleming.

Fleming said, “We meet the day after tomorrow, so no report.”

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

Lockhart said, “We met Thursday and Friday. I sent out some info. There is a Strategic Planning meeting for CREA. We discussed the Manager’s Meeting the day prior. Alyssa spoke to them about cyber security and shared what she could share [about the cyber-attack on DMEA].”

Note: To date DMEA has elected to discuss specifics about the November cyber-attack in Executive Sessions, which are not open to the public. Very little information on the investigation has been released to co-op members in press releases, or during Regular Board Meetings. However, CEO Roberts has shared information with CREA co-op managers, as well as with Montrose County Commissioners (BOCC) during their Jan. 24 Work Session. *See bullet points of the BOCC presentation at the end of this article.*

Lockhart stated CREA recently hired a new independent General Counsel. He said, “It is a good step forward. This legislative session there are a lot of bills, but we are watching nine of them that have potential impact [to DMEA]. The 13-15 [February] is the CREA Annual Meeting.”

Other Business

The board spent considerable time discussing voting delegates for annual

meetings of CREA, WUES, Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association (UVWUA) and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Approved voting delegates:

CREA – Lockhart

WUES – Fleming

UVWUA – Martinez

NRECA – Cannon

ReConnect Round 3 Resolution – Kent Blackwell, CTO.

The discussion revolved around Resolution 2022-1, 2, 3; however, inadequate microphone volume made comments unclear.

Operation Round Up Audit

The Operation Round Up board requested funds, not to exceed \$6,750, for their yearly audit.

Lockhart said, “I’m struggling with 10 percent of their funds going to an audit.” Following a lengthy discussion, the board tabled the item until next month and agreed to ask the Operation Round Up board to postpone the audit until they can get three informal audit bids. However, if the audit cannot be postponed, DMEA will approve the request.

Banking Signatory

The board approved removing the interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO) as a bank signatory and replacing him with the newly hired and permanent CFO, Gayle Gouker.

Next Regular Board Meeting – Scheduled for 2 p.m. on Feb. 22.

Executive Session:

-Privileged Legal Reports: Corporate, Litigation, and Regulatory Matters

-Privileged CEO Report

-Patronage Capital

-Power Supply Update

-Network Incident Update

-CEO Compensation

Summary –Amy Taylor, Executive Assistant.

After exiting the Executive Session, the board took action on the CEO’s Compensation. Taylor’s written summary said, “Upon motion from Director Lockhart, seconded by Director Fleming, the board voted unanimously to award Alyssa Clemensen Roberts a \$20,000 merit bonus for

services to DMEA as CEO in 2021.

Having no further business to conduct, the board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.”

DMEA CEO @ BOCC Work Session

During the Jan. 24, 2022 Montrose Board of

County Commissioners (BOCC) Work Session, DMEA CEO Alyssa Roberts introduced herself to the BOCC and updated them on the DMEA November cyber-attack.

Highlights of the session:

-DMEA has identified how their system was infiltrated, but they are not sharing the details publicly because of security risks.

-The co-op lost almost all of their information.

-They now have a robust security system, which they did not have prior to the attack.

-Externally it will be about two-weeks before things return to normal; internally they are still recovering.

-Slow call times for customer service remains an issue.

-An outside firm was hired to scan systems every day.

-Implemented a 3-2-1 protocol (three copies of data, two physical locations, one off-network site), such protocols had not been followed previously.

-Although an attempt was made, there was no breach to employee security or membership data.

-DMEA knows the name of the group who perpetrated the attack; however, these groups become more powerful with notoriety. In conjunction with advice from the insurance company and FBI, the DMEA board and staff decided not to pursue or



Tim Vigil, Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Chief Operations Officer (COO), is the newest member of the co-op’s leadership team. Vigil attended his first board of director’s meeting on Jan. 25. Courtesy photo.

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to pursue or expose the name of the group. Prosecution is doubtful.

Background:

In prior years during the budgeting process, the issue of investing more in cyber security has been brought forward by one board member at regular meetings. However, additional funding for increased cyber security was postponed for future budgets.

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CPW RELEASES BACKCOUNTRY SEARCH AND RESCUE STUDY

Special to the Mirror

DENVER—Through the passage of [Senate Bill 21-245](#), Colorado Parks and Wildlife was directed to conduct a study with stakeholders to identify challenges within the existing volunteer-based Backcountry Search and Rescue (BSAR) program in Colorado. For more information, read the recently released [Backcountry Search and Rescue Study](#) and [Senate Bill 21-245 Fact Sheet](#).

The study evaluated a number of issues faced by the state's BSAR system such as coordination structure, workers' compensation, retirement, compensation and reimbursement, equipment, funding, governmental immunity, training and public outdoor safety education. The effort also included a detailed statewide survey of BSAR volunteers' mental and physical health needs, documenting an increased risk of burnout and serious physical and mental health concerns faced by BSAR team members, and a pilot project to address these challenges.

"Our staff was grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with our state partners and reflect on the successes and challenges of BSAR," said Colorado Parks and Wild-

life Director Dan Prenzl. "This foundational understanding of the current system helped our study team think about innovative ways to modernize our processes and recommend solutions that will advance BSAR moving forward."

"Coloradans love our mountains and open spaces, but increasing backcountry visitation is, unfortunately, pushing the volunteer responders to their limits and outpacing available funding," said the Director of Colorado Search and Rescue Association Jeff Sparhawk. "This study is incredibly valuable because it allows us to be proactive and look to the future to create a more sustainable system for all of Colorado."

On average, Colorado BSAR organizations respond to more than 3,600 search and rescue incidents—more than any other state. At this point, roughly 2,800 unpaid BSAR responders, who serve on almost 50 nonprofit BSAR teams, give over 500,000 person-hours annually without compensation for training and responding to BSAR incidents. The study also determined that BSAR volunteers spend an average of \$1,587 annually out-of-pocket on equipment, fuel, and other expenses to respond



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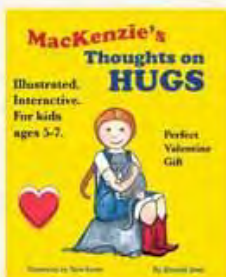
This newly completed study will fundamentally change how backcountry search and rescue operations are supported by the state and Colorado Parks and Wildlife in future years.

To learn more about legislation passed in 2021 to advance outdoor programs in Colorado, read about the [Keep Colorado Wild Annual Pass](#) and the [Colorado Outdoor Equity Grant Program](#).

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GUNNISON RANGER DISTRICT'S NORTH VALLEY TRAILS PROJECT

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GUNNISON— The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Gunnison Ranger District in partnership with Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association and Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee is seeking public comment on the Environmental Assessment for the North Valley Trails project. The purpose of the project is to provide an enhanced and more diverse user experience in the greater Crested Butte area by facilitating safe, responsible and sustainable recreation infrastructure improvements within the current trail system. The proposed action consists of eight new trails or trail segments, one trail re-route and three trailhead parking or day use area expansions and enhancements across the northern half of the Gunnison Valley. This action would result in approximately 9 miles of trail construction and 1 mile of decommissioned trail.

Additionally, 18.7 acres of disturbance are proposed for expansion of existing parking areas and enhancement of the infrastructure at the Brush Creek Trailhead, Tent City Day Use and Designated Camping Area and Walrod Trailhead. Day use area and parking disturbance acreage includes both the existing hardened parking areas and expansion areas. To learn more about the North Valley Trails Project visit:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/f8db14b11ecd41cf88bf628fbfac49ed>. For project specific information and how to

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North Valley Trails Project comments will be accepted through March 31, 2022.

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GO CODE COLORADO KICKS OFF NINTH YEAR OF COMPETITION

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DENVER—The Colorado Secretary of State's office is proud to announce the ninth annual Go Code Colorado competition launch, which will award over \$80,000 in money and in-kind tools to six teams. Go Code Colorado, a Business Intelligence Center (BIC) initiative, challenges competitors to use public data to solve real-world issues affecting Colorado's business and non-profit communities.

This event is open to competitors regardless of location in the U.S. and invites business owners, entrepreneurs, technology professionals, students, educators, those involved in local, state, or regional economic development, or those who love solving problems with public data to get involved. The competition has two tracks

to choose from – the Business Application Track and the Business Analytics Track. Teams must take deep dives into data and develop market-relevant applications and tools in either track.

"My students and I love participating in Go Code Colorado because it gives us a chance to view the data cycle from mining and cleaning to analysis, visualizations, and presentation of results!" said Dr. Johnny Snyder, Professor of Computer Information Systems, Colorado Mesa University.

Registration is now open for the Kick-Off event Wednesday, Feb. 23, and will be held live online. This event is a critical gathering to network, meet potential teammates, and, most importantly, join a community of folks with big ideas and

bigger ambitions.

Whether attending for the first time or your ninth, you do not want to miss this event. To register, or for more information, please visit <https://gocode.colorado.gov/compete/>.

If you are not able to compete but have a business problem that may be solved with public data, have public data to share, want to serve as a regional satellite, or join us as a mentor or judge, contact us at info@gocode.colorado.gov.

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NO RELIEF IN SIGHT FOR RESTAURANTS AS COSTS AND OMICRON SOAR

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Between higher food costs and surging Omicron, the deck can seem stacked against the food service industry. In a business long known for tight profit margins, even top performers are finding it tough to keep up with cost increases, while staffing continues to pose a challenge.

According to United States Department of Agriculture statistics, the cost of food alone rose by 6.3 percent between December of 2020 and December 2021, and by 3.9 percent in 2021.

A recent survey by the Colorado Restaurant Association (CRA) highlights the devastation caused by the recent Omicron variant, which has had a significant negative impact on business conditions throughout Colorado.

The survey found that 85 percent of Colorado restaurants have experienced a decline in customer demand for indoor, on-premises dining in recent weeks, as a result of the increase in coronavirus cases due to the omicron variant. Also, 78 percent of Colorado operators say business conditions are worse now than they were three months ago. Only one percent say business conditions have improved during the last three months. The CRA survey also found that 68 percent of operators saw lower sales volume in 2021 than in 2019.

With 27 successful years in Montrose and a regional reputation, the owners of the popular Camp Robber restaurant should

be basking in the glow of success. Instead, they are being pummeled by circumstances beyond their control.

For one thing, the cost of food has tripled, Camp Robber Owner Bill Volk said. And it's not just food. Paper products are pricier, and a case of cleaning supplies that once cost \$40 now runs \$110.

For Volk, the seemingly endless pandemic has not helped. "We need people to get back to work," he said, "I'm not sure where they've all gone."

The Daily Bread Bakery is approaching 30 years on Main Street and is still owned by Founders David and Margaret Johnson. Two of the Johnsons adult children now work in the business. "We've been here longer than half the population in Montrose is old," David Johnson said. "We've catered weddings, and we've ended up catering weddings for their children, and we've ended up catering weddings for their grandchildren."

Owning the bakery has been very rewarding, he said.

Still, "These are different times, no question," Johnson said, noting that the COVID-19 pandemic was rough on the bakery. Despite the setbacks, David and Margaret decided to keep going. "We're still in there," he said. He is thankful to have children to help with the business, and thankful for the Daily Bread's many loyal customers.

"Overall, we're still doing well," Johnson said. "It's a great thing to see and be



David and Margaret Johnsons' Daily Bread Bakery is nearing 30 years on Main Street.

friends for so many generations. It's very rewarding and we still feel it's a blessing." South of town at the Looney Bean, a high-volume coffee shop with spacious indoor seating and a busy drive through, the menu and hours are more limited, there is no table service, and the place is nearly always packed. Still, challenges remain. "We're really busy," Looney Bean Owner Maurey Kennedy said. "The only downfall is that the clowns who are now in government keep people from working."



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

DON'T TRY TO CHALLENGE A WRITER'S FACTS, JUST DEFLECT

Editor:

Here are some things I have recently read that I had to chuckle about:

From Facebook: The Far Left Guide To Debate: 1) State your opinion and insist it is a fact. 2) When someone disagrees, call them a racist 3) If they still disagree, call them a bigot 4) If they still disagree, classify it as hate speech, and now you've won the debate!

In a similar vein, a recent writer tried to take issue with two conservative writers. Knowing he couldn't refute or challenge any of the opinions expressed, he took the above approach, and only attacked the other writers (rants without social value, serving only to stir up division, unethical, etc.) No need to actually refute anything said by the conservative writers because they are divisive, right? (MDP January 5th) A similar approach is deflection --- the "but Trump" approach. Don't try to challenge a writer's facts, just deflect and talk about that "evil Trump." Don't argue

that the Russian hoax didn't happen, that crime is not out of control in Dem run cities, that inflation isn't soaring, that Biden isn't lying about Build Back Better, or that Dems are not focused on being woke rather than actually caring about working-class Americans. (January 26th DCI writer)

Just before every election, tax-and-spend Democrats like to pretend they favor us taxpayers keeping more of our hard-earned incomes. A few months ago, Governor Polis and Colorado Dems passed a gasoline tax increase of two cents per gallon effective this summer and another one cent per gallon annually through 2028. (Democrats said the increases would barely be noticed by motorists). With the election coming up Dems now need to change their messaging to "cost savings," so Polis now wants to delay the increases, at least for the moment (until the election is over?). These guys crack me up.

Speaking of divisiveness, Biden used the

above tactics in his Atlanta speech promoting the Democrats' "Voting Rights Act." They don't want to actually discuss the facts that the bill would unconstitutionally impose federal control of elections in all fifty states, that the legislation has nothing to do with "voting rights," that it is based on the lie that making elections less prone to cheating somehow limits anyone's ability to easily vote, or that the legislation is highly unpopular with voters.

So, the "Divider In Chief" slanders anyone in favor of election integrity, saying anyone who opposes the bill is on the side of George Wallace or Bull Connor. --- No need to actually debate the merits of the bill with anyone because they are all racist bigots, right? (The only part of this that I chuckled about was the fact that Wallace, Connor, and everyone else who proclaimed "segregation forever" were mainstream Democrats.)

Chanda Ouimet, Montrose

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I for ONE LOVE that you allow letters to the editors from all opinions as it allows others who do not have knowledge of America and HOW we are to be a free country and have freedom of speech and freedom of religious beliefs. I tried to post to the people in town about going to the westernjournal.com and see the information of Los Angeles CA banning RODEO and anything that has animals in it. Such as Parades the Equestrian Center for riders and do away with 4H and teaching

children how to care for animals and where our food comes from and how to take care of our land and want to take away the WESTERN HERITAGE and the WESTERN way of life.

I for one just would like someone in your area to tell the residents to go online and vote to let the them know YOU DO NOT want to do away with Rodeos out in LA... You know if it passes they will then be headed to the Salinas Stock Show and Pendleton Rodeo and continue right on to other states to do away with our HERIT-

AGE. I think it is an important issue if anyone wants to keep the Montrose area with a 4 H and rodeo and help stop the misinformation about how we take care of the stock and animals at all the rodeos around the USA.

Thank you so much for what you do. Do not allow anyone to tell you NOT to print anything that is different than what they believe. All views need to be mentioned no matter where we are.

Jan Harvey, Montrose

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

PICTURES SHOW ORDERLY LONG LINES OF MILITARY-AGE MALE IMMIGRANTS LINING UP TO ENTER BUSES AND AIRPLANES

Editor;

It's an immense battle to try to stay afloat of the depressing daily news coming from this Biden/Harris/Alejandro Mayorkas White House. We've known the mass releases of illegal immigrants into America have been secretly happening since last February. And that they are dumping illegal immigrants to cities all over the U.S. But now recent audio and video contact was made with the contractors hired by our government with our tax money from hard working American families to transport those people all over the U.S. by planes and buses. Pictures show orderly long lines of military-age male immigrants lining up to enter buses and airplanes. They show to be highly disciplined and organized and know exactly where to go once off the plane or bus. The Biden regime is actually importing criminals and they aren't just shoplifters and petty thieves. They are people who are robbing, raping, and murdering Americans. Now, ICE reports fugitive operations teams are nonexistent and that they have become just an "unofficial travel coordination agency". ICE is forced to release migrants

with misdemeanor crimes such as assault, DUI, drug possession, illegal re-entry, and many others. One federal contractor stated, "the government is betraying the American people" and they are not to show ID to police. When asked, Homeland (in)Security Secretary Mayorkas said the Biden regime would continue permitting illegals to enter our country! Mayorkas has admitted twenty percent of the illegal aliens crossing the border are sick. So out of some 1.5 million immigrants detained since the beginning of fiscal 2021, 300,000 sick illegals have exposed Americans to their diseases. Some of those diseases are Covid, mumps, measles, chicken pox, leishmaniasis, typhus, tuberculosis, and many other serious diseases. These sick people are flooding our hospitals, schools, and all public places. But that's not all. Americans will pay the price supplying taxpayer subsidies to feed, educate, and pay all their medical bills and living expenses. Americans will die because of Biden's Democrat insanity of giving the overbearing demands of the illegals first considerations. But it's not something to worry about. A replacement population is

ready and waiting in the Third World countries. Some say Joe Biden is waging germ warfare against our country he swore an oath to defend. Mayorkas admitted exposing the nation to illegal-alien-carried diseases during a recent speech to a Leftist conference.

But why is Biden allowing military-age men to stay when courts have ordered single men to be shipped back? Why the secrecy about what has happened to the billions of dollars of American military hardware that Biden/Harris/Schumer/Pelosi left behind in Afghanistan? It is known China has control of those weapons. And we know Joe Biden and numerous family members have obscenely numerous business connections in China worth tens of millions of dollars. So it can be presumed the Biden regime actually indirectly controls those weapons through the Chinese. Then could it be presumed Biden and his ilk have the power to ship those weapons back to the U.S. to supply those illegal military-age men for confrontation with Americans? Sure they do! We shall see!

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

TONY MASON

August 19, 1952 - January 26, 2022



TONY MASON, 69, of Montrose, CO passed away on January 26, 2022 after a short illness of cancer.

Tony was born on August 19, 1952 to Hal Mason and Phyllis Van Riper in Gunnison, CO. After graduating from Olathe High School in 1970, he went on to serve our nation in the United States Navy.

In 1977, he met the love of his life – Terry Webster, and they wed in 1980, going on to have one child of their own, Michael Mason and he welcomed two step-children, Stephanie Mayse & Tom Saxton into his life as his own.

Tony was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife, his sister Nancy Shorter, a brother, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Tony was also a passionate lover of music, gardening, and dogs.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requests donations be made to Hope West. There will be a graveside service on February 3rd at 2pm at Grand View Cemetery in Montrose, CO.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. 970-249-2121

PASTOR TERRY DAVID HEDRICK

May 17, 1953 - January 24, 2022

PASTOR TERRY DAVID HEDRICK, age 68, walked through the gates of glory on January 24, 2022 following a brief illness. His wife of 50 years Karen (George) Hedrick and his children were by his side. Terry was born May 17, 1953 in Elkins, West Virginia, the son of David L. Hedrick (Virginia) and Dorothy Jean (Homer) Hedrick.

Terry attended Elkins High School (1969-71), graduated from Nazarene Bible College with a B.A. in Christian Counseling and a B.A. Pastoral Ministries (1999). Prior to his ministry career, Terry worked in construction as a heavy equipment mechanic. Terry pastored the First Church of the Nazarene in Bossier City, Louisiana, was a chaplain at Angola Prison, and served Gunnison Valley Church of the Nazarene in Delta, Colorado. He was instrumental in planting several cowboy churches along the Western Slope of Colorado.

In addition to his parents, he was pre-

ceded in death by his sister Crystal Arbogast. Surviving are his siblings, Sharron and husband Grover Jackson of Elkins, WV, Barbara and husband Gary Smith of Elkins, WV, Beverly Hinchman and companion Rob Sturdivant of Belington, WV, Greg Hedrick and companion Sonya Pension of Montrose, WV, Marilyn and husband Kenneth Powers of Elkton, VA, Don Gibson and companion Tracy Walker of Elkins, WV, Becky Coberly and companion Joe Andrews of Lake Wales, FL, Mike Gibson and wife Linda of Baltimore, MD, and Nancy and husband David Mankamy of Summerset, PA.

Also surviving, in addition to his wife, are his children Jessica and husband Brandon de Leon of Blanco, TX, Madonna and husband David of Gateway, CO, Lisa and husband Lawrence Bejarano of Hotchkiss, CO, Todd and wife Lydia Hedrick of Salem, MO, and Samuel Hedrick of Delta, CO. Terry was proud to be “Pap” to his 17 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Terry was an avid outdoorsman. He never met a stranger and always made everyone feel

like family. He loved Jesus and delivering the gospel. Terry touched the hearts of all who knew him. He always looked forward to each Christmas season. He brought Santa to life for all the children (young and old). Terry loved and was proud of all of his children and grandchildren. We are all truly going to miss his earthly presence. We do know without a doubt all of heaven knew when he arrived.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Terry Hedrick Memorial Fund.



COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

KAREN A. PICARD

Montrose resident Karen A. Picard passed away at Willow Tree Care Center in Delta on Wednesday Jan. 26, 2022. A graveside funeral service will be held on Friday February 4, 2022, at 2 PM at Grand View Cemetery in Montrose. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting her family.

ENID AMELIA (SPICKELMIER) REED

June 20, 1930 - January 18, 2022

ENID AMELIA (SPICKELMIER) REED, Age: 91, passed away Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at her home in Olathe, Colorado.

She was born June 20, 1930 in Norwood, Colorado to Laurence and Mabel Spickelmier. She had one brother; Lynn.

They lived on Iron Springs Mesa until she was six, when they moved to Oak Grove so that Enid and Lynn could attend school. She completed her elementary education at Oak Grove and graduated from Montrose High School, Class of 1948.

Married Victor H. Reed in 1948 and helped him on the farm in Spring Creek Canyon. They had three children: Rex Reed (Becky) of Fruita, Vicki Reed of Olathe, and Larry Reed (Teri) also of Olathe. Victor passed at age 102 in 2018.

Enid and Victor moved from Spring Creek Canyon to the Oak Grove area in 1955 so that their kids could attend school, and later moved to a larger farm on North Mesa.

When the airport development acquired that property, they purchased farmland

West of Olathe and raised cattle. With the help of her daughter; Vicki, Enid was able to remain in that home until her passing.

Like her Father, Enid had a very green thumb and could make any plant thrive. She gardened and canned and helped with the farming and cattle.

She managed the accounting for their company: Vic's Heating and Sheetmetal. She also ran "THE SPOT" café adjacent to the courthouse, for several years. She retired from Russell Stovers where she worked in the Lab. She was active in Grange, TOPS and Girl Scouts. Her favorite activities were to "go to the hills" to check on the cattle, or to hike and look for arrowheads and interesting rocks. She was an avid reader.

Enid has five Grandchildren: Aaron Reed (Jacob), Amy Reed (Jamie), James Reed (Lindsey), Andrew Reed (Desirae), and Dustin Reed (Ashley.) She has one Great Grandchild, and five step Great Grandchildren. She is survived by nephews; Laurence (Larry) Spicklemier, Sidney



Reed, Mark Reed, Keith Reed and nieces Cheryl Bunting, Carolyn Reed and Lynette Taylor. Enid was preceded in death by her parents, brother, and husband.

By her wishes, no funeral services are planned. As remembrances, the family asks that you "go to the hills" for a hike, read a good book, or nurture a plant in her honor.

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ART & SOL

HEALTHY RHYTHM GALLERY
THRIVING ON MAIN STREET*By Jack Switzer*

MONTROSE—On Saturday I took the time to catch up with local business owner Ken Vail and his dog Butters, founders and curators of the Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery (232 East Main). The gallery recently had a location change, going from a small, 724-square foot space in Sampler Square to a much more sizable 2,000 square feet on Main.

"It was a bit overwhelming at first," Ken said, "Our old space had a very welcoming and rich atmosphere, and we want the same thing here."

While Healthy Rhythm is mostly promoted as an art gallery, Ken wants it to be more than a singular experience for both artists and clients, with a green room for musicians who come to play and sleeping arrangements so they don't have to go out of their way to get a hotel.

People can come in for the music and stay to explore all of the things Healthy Rhythm has to offer, such as tasting delicious wines from LaNoue DuBois, a local winery / vineyard.

When I asked Ken if Covid had at all hindered what he was striving to accomplish he said,



Photo courtesy of Healthy Rhythm 2021 ©

"We had to close the physical location for over a year and a half, but it didn't hinder any of our online business."

He had to take precautions as well, "Sometimes if things are out of control I will request that people wear masks, and we might have to cut down on the amount of people allowed to enter a show at once from 70 to 30. I want to protect



Sturtz quartet. Photo courtesy of Healthy Rhythm 2021 ©

what is important to me, which is my dog, my gallery, and of course the people attending."

Healthy Rhythm is a place for everyone. No matter who you are or what your opinions are, you can enjoy and love the experience the artists' work so hard to provide. Healthy Rhythm is currently open two days a week every week on Saturdays (1-5 pm) and Thursdays (12:30-5:30 pm) with plans to expand days and times in the near future. This is a wonderful and atmospheric place to spend a few hours of your day.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

ANGLERS THANKED FOR HELPING CPW MANAGE LAKE TROUT AT BLUE MESA RESERVOIR; NO HARVEST INCENTIVE TOURNAMENT IN 2022

GUNNISON-After hosting two lake trout harvest incentive tournaments at Blue Mesa Reservoir in 2020 and 2021, Colorado Parks and Wildlife has documented that lake trout numbers are now at a more appropriate level at the reservoir and will suspend the cash-prize tournament in 2022.

CPW regularly monitors Blue Mesa Reservoir's lake trout population, and the success of the two previous harvest incentive tournaments – which offered up a \$10,000 cash prize purse – has helped aquatic biologists achieve their management goals of providing trophy lake trout opportunities for anglers while also protecting the kokanee salmon population.

Based on current numbers, a harvest incentive tournament was not recommended in 2022. CPW does still encourage anglers to harvest smaller lake trout to maintain numbers at desired levels. It is expected that tournaments will be held in future years with recommendations made annually based on lake trout and kokanee population monitoring.

"Through the tournaments, we invited anglers to be part of the solution of controlling the lake trout population," said CPW senior aquatic biologist John Alves. "We're suspending it because the science shows we have reduced numbers of smaller lake trout while still maintaining opportunities for trophy lake trout."

Lake trout abundance expanded significantly beginning in the early 1990s, when reservoir operations stabilized water levels during the time period when lake trout spawning and egg incubation occurred. This resulted in an expansion of the population through the late 2000s and significant predation on trout and salmon.



Two successful lake trout harvest incentive tournaments at Blue Mesa Reservoir in 2020 and 2021 have helped CPW aquatic biologists manage the population of smaller lake trout that have the greatest impact on kokanee salmon abundance in the reservoir. Courtesy photo.

CPW aquatic biologists implemented harvest incentive tournaments in 2020 and 2021 in an effort to reduce the number of small lake trout. CPW research shows that smaller lake trout, those 24 inches or less, consume the most kokanee salmon, so the tournaments targeted lake trout only 24 inches or smaller.

"We appreciate anglers' help in maintaining lake trout numbers at a level that allows for good survival of kokanee while continuing to provide opportunities for anglers to catch trophy lake trout," said CPW aquatic biologist Dan Brauch. "Although numbers of small fish are lower now, continuing to harvest small lake trout will help us to keep the lake trout population at the right level into the fu-

ture."

Maintaining abundant kokanee supports quality-fishing opportunities for kokanee and provides a source of kokanee eggs for restocking needs at 26 waters in Colorado. Abundant kokanee are also essential for maintaining continued growth of trophy lake trout at Blue Mesa Reservoir.

Brauch said the goal is for anglers to maintain a certain level of small lake trout harvest to keep the population in check. CPW will conduct an analysis in the summer of 2022 to make recommendations on the potential of bringing a tournament back in 2023.

"We're going to need to continue to monitor it yearly to determine the status of the lake trout population," Alves said.



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

BEYOND THE GROOVE PRODUCTIONS ANNOUNCES CLUB RED'S WINTER MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

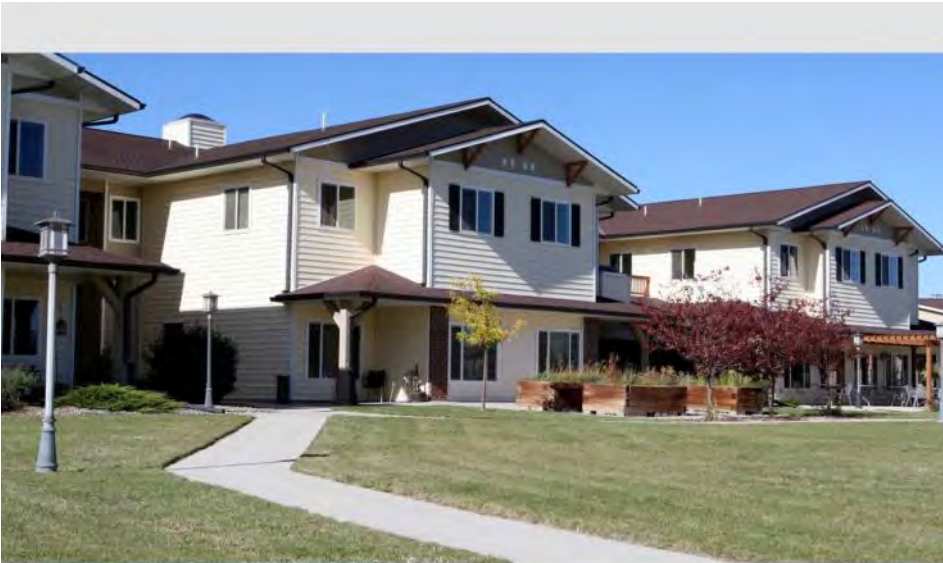
Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE-Beyond the Groove Productions is pleased to announce Club Red's winter music concert series in Telluride, Colorado featuring Jamestown Revival, The Motet, Anders Osbourne and Jackie Greene.

"We are pleased to be 'dipping our toes back in the water' of live music production amidst the balance of life in a pandemic. We are truly grateful for any person who has purchased tickets since we opened Club Red in 2013 to any future ticket purchasers, big thanks to all," said Denise



The Motet. Courtesy photo.



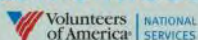
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Mongan of Beyond the Groove Productions. All shows are all ages, with various ticket levels, ranging from general admission to high table seating to preferred platform seating. All tickets are on sale and available for purchase at clubredtelluride.com. The 2022 Club Red Winter line-up features:

-January 28– Jamestown Revival with special guests Mipso and Robert Ellis (Folk Rock)

-March 19 – The Motet with Collin Miller supporting (Funk, Soul and Rock)

-March 23 – Anders Osbourne & Jackie Greene with Jonathan Sloane supporting (Blues, Rock, and Roots)

The winter concert series is supported by TMVOA, The Peaks Resort & Spa, and Telluride Ski & Golf. For up-to-date show information and future announcements from Beyond the Groove, visit clubredtelluride.com and facebook.com/ClubRedTelluride.



MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Denomination: Church of the Nazarene
Address: 705 South 12th Street
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am- Noon and by Appointment
Contact Information: Office Phone 970 249-9213, mncfirst@gmail.com, www.montrosenazarenechurch.org

Pastor: Buddy Cook
Services Sunday: Worship 10 AM, Adult Bible Study 11:30 AM Worship includes age-appropriate children's ministry during adult worship.
 Wednesday: Prayer Boot Camp - 7 PM
 Mission Statement: *Montrose First Church of the Nazarene exists to make Christlike*

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

Demographics: Our church consists of older and younger people. We have younger families with children and young teens and older adults as well. We also support the work of Calvary Ranch Colorado and its addiction recovery ministry.

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, [\[form@fpcmontrose.com\]\(mailto:form@fpcmontrose.com\), \[www.fpcmontrose.com\]\(http://www.fpcmontrose.com\)
In Transition-Currently: Howard Davidson
 Merle Bierma
Worship Service times: 9:30AM, Student Worship at 6PM](mailto:in-</p>
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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 worshippers 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 interfaith spiritual community welcoming spiritual seekers and people of all faiths, providing a safe place to explore and nurture the individual's unique connection to the Divine through Unity services, classes, family and community projects, including the Great Community Giveaway and Wellness Fair.

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

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: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com

website: www.summitchurchmontrose.org

Name of current Senior Pastor: John De-

Sario

Worship service times: Sunday Worship is at 9 am followed by a time of fellowship and snacks. Wednesday evening Prayer and Discipleship (a book study) Prayer 5:45-6:15pm, Discipleship 6:30-7:30pm, childcare provided up to 5th grade. 6th graders on up are welcome and encouraged to attend the book study "Fundamentals of the Faith"

Summit Church Montrose is a new church

plant that preaches the Word of God, reaches the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equips Christians to serve the Lord. Summit Church has people of all ages! We have families with children (babies, school aged, recent high school and college graduates) There are retired couples and widows. During the Sunday sermon we offer teaching for children ages birth to Kindergarten, in a kid friendly room called Base Camp.

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 in-

formation to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

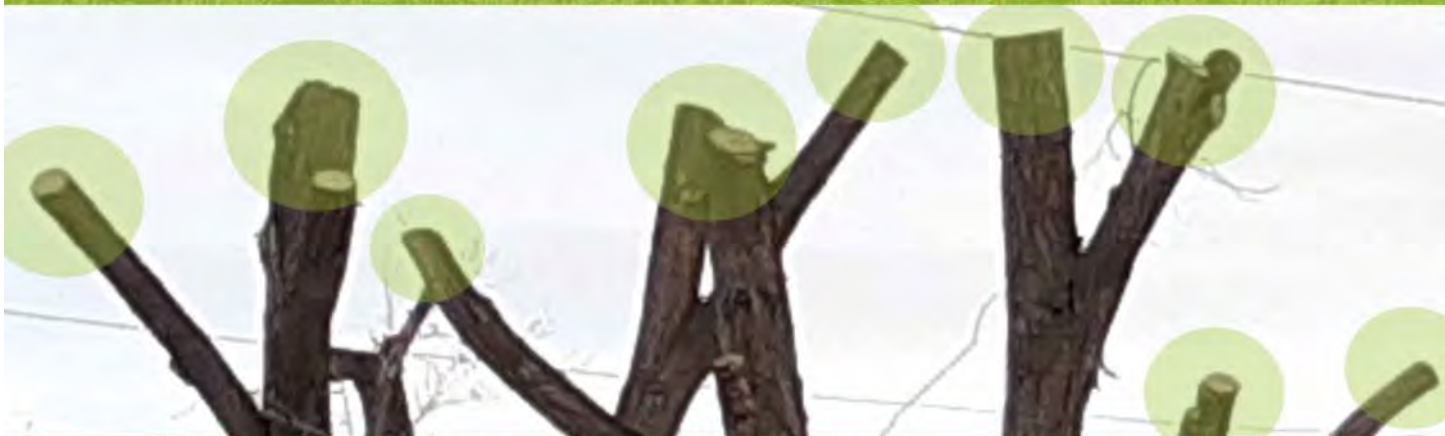
Worship service times

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

Brief description of your current church demographics (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles).

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

EDC OF COLORADO POSITIONING TO BETTER SERVE MEMBERS

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-In late 2021 the EDCC's Board of Directors voted unanimously to set EDCC on a new trajectory by adding an executive director to lead the organization and elevating Kimberly Woodworth, director of operations, into the executive director position. Kim has worked for EDCC since 2016 and assumed the Executive Director position on January 1, 2022, with unanimous support from the EDCC Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and membership across Colorado. Kim steps into the new role with extensive operational and strategic planning experience from nonprofits and with major successes with EDCC, including growing EDCC's operational budget by 50% since 2016, expanding events across the state, and building out the public policy function, among other noteworthy successes. Prior to joining EDCC, Kim worked for Metro Denver EDC for over five years and has since leveraged her expertise to support urban and rural Economic Development Organizations (EDO) to make Colorado's economy more competitive.

"I'm honored to have EDCC's full support and am eager to take on the executive director position to better serve EDCC's members which are in turn working hard to ensure Colorado is well positioned to be competitive long into the future as they position our urban and rural communities to attract and retain talent, expand entrepreneurship, and close deals to bring quality jobs to Colorado" stated Kimberly Woodworth, EDCC Executive Director. "It's critical that EDCC evolves as Colorado's economy evolves and we're positioning EDCC to engage our members and better serve them so that they can focus on ultimately building the Colorado of the future with vibrant Main Streets, active downtowns, and successful industrial and commercial sites across the state."

In addition to staffing up with a new executive director, EDCC now has full-time administrative staff and a contract lobbyist working in concert to promote effective and responsible economic development practices across Colorado.

Since 1976, the EDCC has been the state's

premier economic development association representing Colorado's public and private economic development organizations (EDOs) and their interests. EDCC connects Colorado's economic development professionals, members, and partners to trusted resources, valuable networks, and innova-

tive educational opportunities, while also advancing policy issues that support Colorado's long-term economic well-being and quality of life from across Colorado from Baca County to Moffatt County, Sedgwick County to Montezuma County, and everywhere in between.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS ANNOUNCE \$1 MILLION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO RENOVATE THE HISTORIC THEATRE

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE— Magic Circle Players is pleased to announce the Building Toward Our Future Campaign, a \$1 million fundraising campaign that will renovate the exterior and interior of the 62-year-old theatre company.

Magic Circle Players has a dream to create a theatre that invites everyone to come inside and experience the magic that is our community theatre!

Leadership at the theatre has imagined a well-appointed, thoughtfully designed interior that caters to the needs of pa-

trons and provides upgraded and expanded men's and women's restrooms. Moreover, a larger, more efficient concessions area with an extended bar counter enables guests to enjoy intermission libations.

Seating booths reminiscent of a classic theatre venue add to the charm and whimsy. Additional seating both inside and outside allows guests to linger and socialize. The theatre also plans to add a streaming audio-visual presentation, archiving the more than six-decade history. An outdoor seating area creates a welcoming space that fosters community while the exterior plan mirrors the nostalgia of traditional theatre architecture. Additional windows give a glimpse of a welcoming interior that reflects a rich history of quality live theatre on the Western Slope. As a valued part of the Montrose Community for more than six decades, the success of the Build Toward our Future campaign will:

- Promote the Community
 - Invite Growth and Expansion
 - Be an Investment to Secure a Successful Future
 - Support our Mission to Entertain and Engage our Community
 - Continue our 63-Year Tradition of Quality Live Theatre
- Magic Circle Players Theatre Manager Lisa Rediger states, "This project has been in the works for some time, and we look forward to enhancing the live theatre experience for our patrons."

Furthermore, the theatre staff and board of directors has retained local marketing and PR firm, Our Town Matters to oversee the capital campaign. Our Town Matters CEO, Tonya Maddox says she is "thrilled to work with the theatre team to secure a successful future through the capital campaign." To support this historic capital campaign, the theatre invites all interested parties to contact Our Town Matters, Magic Circle Players, or the Montrose Community Foundation. In addition to donations of cash, checks or credit card, the theatre can also accept gifts of appreciated stocks, mutual funds, and vehicles of all kinds (anything with wheels and a motor, working or not).

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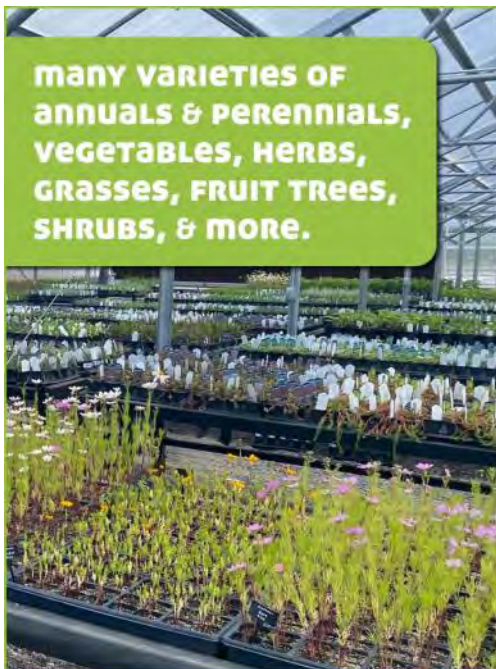


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LIVE MUSIC ROUNDUP, WEEK OF JAN. 31

By Paul Arbogast

Cruisers, Grand Mesa (Orchard Mesa):

- Saturday, Feb 5, 8 PM – Eyes Set to Kill/
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Horsefly Brewery:

- Wednesday, Feb 2, 6:30 PM – Open Mic
Night

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Friday, Feb. 4, Teen Night with DJ Erik Ak1
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Mesa Theater, Grand Junction:

- Friday, Feb 4, 7 PM – Tim + Richard

COVID-19 Hospitalizations

On **January 28, 2022**, the total number of patients hospitalized
with a COVID-19 illness was **5**.



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5 Hospitalized

- 3 unvaccinated
- 2 vaccinated



3 in the ICU

- 1 unvaccinated
- 2 vaccinated



0 on Ventilators

- 0 unvaccinated
- 0 vaccinated

Total hospitalized with COVID during the timeframe 10-1-21 through 1-15-21 was **260**.

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VISIONS FROM THE SANTA FE TRAIL



Lewis on bike . Courtesy photo.

By Kathryn R. Burke

REGIONAL-The visions Mike and Lewis saw and painted as they rode the Santa Fe Trail were both physical adventure and visceral art experience. It was, literally, an all-in-one for these two world-class artists who are also life-long out-door enthusiasts and *plein air* artists.

Plein air is a French term. Loosely translated it means painting and drawing *in* nature (outside), rather than *of* nature (inside in the studio). In other words, taking your art on the road. Which is exactly what Mike and Lewis did when painting the Santa Fe Trail.

Lewis made his trek on a road bike, the kind you pedal—as he biked national trails, including the historic Santa Fe Trail, from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Mike did a portion of it on a bike, too, but instead of foot-power, the man known as Artist on a Harley used gas power, joining Lewis for part of the ride.

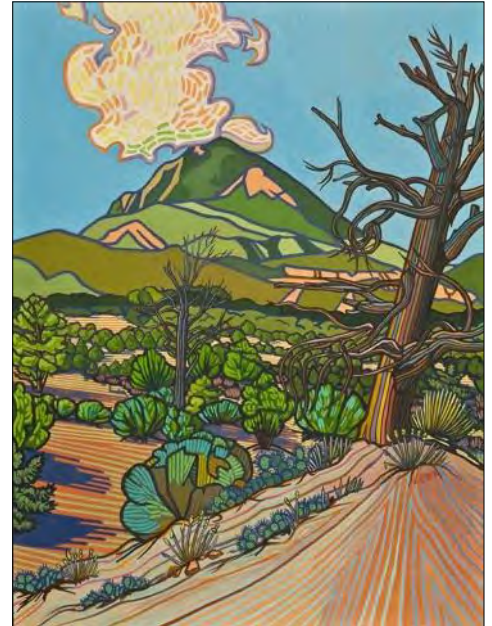
This time, because their plein air painting of national trails adventure is ongoing. “This show, Visions of the Santa Fe Trail, at the Montrose Center for the Arts (In February) is just one segment of a series of shows we are doing in celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail,” Mike explained.

It began last summer, when the National Park Service sponsored an art show. It was

a premier event. Both artists were invited to participate and exhibit their paintings of the Santa Fe Trail. “We were both out there, painting along the historical, national trails system,” Mike said. “We started off doing the old, Old Spanish Trail, which runs from Santa Fe to Los Angeles. Lewis rode his bike from LA to Santa Fe, on the Old Spanish Trail. Picking up the Santa Fe Trail, he met me in La Junta, Colorado, at Bent’s Fort, where we painted together, *en plein air* for a while. Lewis then pedaled on to Bar Harbor Maine, while I painted my way back to Santa Fe..”

“It was the biggest and most challenging adventure of my ‘short’ life!” said Lewis, who made the trip in celebration of his 60th birthday. “Four thousand miles in five months, and a couple of paintings a day. My wife, Denita, also a cyclist, shared the experience. Our goal was 50 miles a day. We’d park our travel van, ride 25 miles ahead, 25 miles back, then motor on ahead to our next stop. It was a great way to spend time together and make some art.”

Mike and his wife Kathy traveled in their pickup and travel trailer. While in Kansas for a graduation they decided to cross over into Missouri and follow the Santa Fe Trail back to Santa Fe, painting along the way. “One of my paintings in the show was done right at the junction where the



Williams Art: "Sleeping Ute Awake." Acrylic.

Oregon Trail branched off of the Santa Fe Trail.”

Describing their Old Spanish Trail vision, Mike explains: “For both Lewis and I, our task was/is to paint the trail from existing and proposed overlook sites and trail-heads, depicting what the trail landscape looks like today as compared to the sketches, paintings and drawings of the expeditionary artists of day. Some of the trails, as we have discovered, are still in a natural state while other portions have been covered over by farmland, housing developments, and highways. It is a normal progression of things. What starts out as a game trail, becomes a foot trail used by those native to the land, then explorers. The best of these trails then become wagon roads, highways, and in places, interstate highways.

“I have had an ongoing interest in the history of the western and southwestern portion of the United States,” Mike added. “Having read *Blood and Thunder*, having been to Bent’s Fort a couple of times, plus my art adventures into New Mexico, specifically Taos and Santa Fe, have all fueled this. This is just the latest episode of the ongoing adventure.”

The artists intend to plein air paint and

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VISIONS FROM THE SANTA FE TRAIL

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and give talks about the old Spanish Trail later this summer at Ft. Uncompahgre in Delta and the Museum of the Mountain West in Montrose. Both museums sit on the Old Spanish Trail (not to be confused with the Santa Fe Trail, which goes from Santa Fe to Missouri, the subject of the current show at MCA.)

The adventure continues.

See artwork from the artists' travels on their websites, Mike Simpson, <https://mikesimpsonart.com/> Mike on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/mike.simpson.980/> and YouTube at Mike Simpson Art. Lewis Williams, <https://lewisartwilliams.com/>

Look for Lewis on FB at <https://www.facebook.com/paintusabybike> and Instagram @paintusabybike. His website is <https://lewisartwilliams.com/> Related stories Paint the USA by Bike. By Lewis Willims, San Juan Silver Stage, March 2021.

Mike. Simpson, Artist on a Harley. By Karen Prather, San Juan Silver Stage, January 2020

MIKE SIMPSON—"The West is my home," Mike said. "The landscape, the buildings, the people, and the animals that make up the West—that's what I paint." After receiving a degree on animal science, he began working on ranches through the west, drawing then painting the cowboy life on ranches in Montana and Wyoming. "Then, I began to focus more on the context. cowboy got smaller and smaller and smaller and the landscape got bigger and bigger and bigger, till I eventually wound up dropping the cowboy entirely and just doing landscapes. He retired, moved to the Montrose area, bought a Harley, and began his plein air journey, eventually leading to painting the old west as well as the new.



Simpson Art: painting along the Santa Fe Trail: "The Warming Bench." Watercolor

LEWIS WILLIAMS holds a Bachelors and Masters in Fine Arts. He has been painting all his life, and taught art for a few years after receiving his masters degree. One of his biggest influences to his art comes from apprenticing with a man who creates Byzantine Iconography. I studied with him four years," Lewis said. "And I still use that technique. It gives a unique style and outlook to my work." The pieces he has chosen for this show, and the others where he shows work created "out on the trail" incorporate much of that special style.



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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.

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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

Feb. 2-Montrose County Historical Society presents Dave Fishell explaining the history and significance of Fort Uncompahgre in Delta and its importance in the Gunnison/Uncompahgre Rivers area, at 7 pm. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, at Friendship Hall, Pioneer Room. Admission is free, the public is invited. Light refreshments may be available. Social distancing and COVID procedures are encouraged.

Feb. 3-Newcomers Club, Wed., Feb. 3. Kate Burke presents the Museum of the Mountain West. 10 am, Cedar Creek Church.

Feb. 4-Visions from the Santa Fe Trail, with Mike Simpson and Lewis Williams. 5-7p.m., Montrose Center for the Arts, 11 South Park Avenue.

Feb. 7-On Monday, Feb. 7 5:30 Citizensclimatelobby.org meets in person with masks at Montrose library meeting rm, environmental, nonpartisan, national, all welcome, info 970-765-9095

Feb. 14-Chocolate, Cupid & Casanova-The Valentine Trifecta. Kate Burke History Series. Montrose Pavilion Senior Center, 1pm. Bring Valentines to share; we'll have chocolate for everyone.

Feb. 18-Healthy Rhythm Gallery (232 E. Main St.) presents Paul Jarvis. Admission \$15. Doors 6:30pm Show 7pm.

Feb. 26-Western Colorado Soil Health Conference, Montrose Pavilion. 970-964-3582.

March 4-5-Embracing Our Beauty is a Christian women's conference where we discover the glorious design of women that God originally intended. Registration is required. Tickets are \$50 for the two-day event and will be held at Clifton Christian Church. Featuring Staci Eldredge, who co-wrote Captivating, Unveiling the Mystery of a Women's Soul, with her husband. It has sold nearly 3 million copies. The Western Slope rural communities are often overlooked for events and educational opportunities. Face to Face Ministries' goal is to bring people together from rural Colorado to benefit from events such as this. Register@facetofaceministries.net

March 19-Come out to enjoy fun and inspiring films about outdoor adventure and conservation through the love of fly fishing, and support projects that protect and restore your local river. This year's venue is the Ouray County Event Center (22739 Highway 550) to provide lots of elbow room! Masks currently required – stay tuned for updates. 100 percent of proceeds go to the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership for maintenance and improvement of riparian areas, fish habitat and recreation areas. Sponsored by RIGS Fly Shop & Guide Service.

6:30-9 p.m. Doors open at 6. Tickets: \$25 online in advance; \$30 event day at the door. Online ticket purchase opens by Feb. 1. Ticket information: info@fishrigs.com. More information: uncompahgrewatershed.org/events, info@uncompahgrewatershed.org, or 970-325-3010.

May 22-Montrose High School Graduation Ceremony, 3:30pm Montrose Community Stadium (Football Field).

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