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City of Montrose crews fixed an early morning water line break at SW 4th Street Saturday.

By Jack Switzer

MONTROSE-Now that I've graduated high school, I often have time to sleep past 6am. Saturday, however, was an exception. I was already slightly awake at 5am because my cat wanted out of my room, and I was telling him to politely put a sock in it for five more minutes, but then I suddenly heard my mom calling my name downstairs.

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WOODGATE TO OPEN BY MID-JULY, ULIBARRI HOPEFUL FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO NORTH PARK

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Monday, June 6 Montrose City Council work session was cancelled, but the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, June 7 was held as scheduled.

Mayor Dave Frank opened the meeting. Councilors Ed Ulibarri and J. David Reed were present. Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum was absent, and Councilor Doug Glaspell attended virtually due to illness. All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no changes to the meeting agenda.
CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve minutes of the May 17, 2022 regular City Council meeting and the May 31, 2022 special City Council meeting.

HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATION

With Kinikin Processing Owner Zachary Prock present to answer questions,

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Though City Manager Bill Bell announced several years ago that he would leave North Park Avenue (above) in disrepair to set "an example," newly-elected City Councilor Ed Ulibarri appears to disagree. After voting to approve streetscape improvements at Park and Main, Ulibarri said, "I'm pretty interested in the curb, gutter and sidewalks in the area,...it's going to tie in quite well with the future repairs and the work that hopefully gets done on North Park."

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CITY OF MONTROSE 4TH OF JULY EVENTS

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MONTROSE— The City of Montrose's annual Fourth of July parade will begin at 10 a.m. July 4, as floats and civic groups will march west along Main Street from Pythian Ave to Rio Grande Ave.

That afternoon, the festivities move to the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater in Cerise Park where a food truck village and beer garden will open at 4 p.m. The Falconaires Air Force Academy Band will perform at 5 p.m.

Following the Falconaires, the group Girl Named Tom, winners of NBC's 2021 The Voice televised music competition, are set to perform at 7:30 p.m.

Both concerts are free to the public.

The city's annual fireworks display is scheduled to begin at dusk, launching from Sunset Mesa. The fireworks show is subject to local fire restrictions.

"We are thrilled to welcome both the Falconaires and Girl Named Tom to Montrose to help us celebrate the Fourth of July," said City of Montrose Events Coordinator Kathryn Schroer. "With the parade, music, and fireworks show, this year's celebration will be one to remember."

The deadline to register for the parade is Monday, June 27. The parade's [online registration form](#) can be found [here](#).

Visit CityofMontrose.org/July4 for more info.

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MONTROSE BOTANIC GARDENS SHARED INFORMATION & PLANTS AT GARDENING ON THE WESTERN SLOPE EVENT JUNE 11



Above, Plant Ecologist Kathy See was among the presenters at the Montrose Botanic Gardens' Gardening on the Western Slope event on Saturday, June 11. See spoke about Native Plants and Other Plant Choices. Photo by B. Switzer.

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GRISWOLD APPOINTS ADVISORS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION IN MESA COUNTY

Colorado Secretary of State

DENVER-Secretary of State Jena Griswold issued two Election Orders to appoint advisors in Mesa County to ensure the secure, accurate, and timely conduct of upcoming elections.

"I am appointing Treasurer Reiner and former Secretary of State Williams to assist and advise Mesa County Designated Election Official Brandi Bantz as needed. Reiner, Williams, and Bantz did a tremendous job working together during Mesa County's 2021 election, and I am confident Mesa County voters will have great elections this year too," said Secretary Jena Griswold. "I will continue to uphold Colorado Election Law and provide the support and oversight needed to ensure the security of Colorado's elections."

Sheila Reiner, Republican Mesa County Treasurer and former County Clerk, and former Republican Secretary of State Wayne Williams will serve as advisors to Mesa County Designated Election Official (DEO) Brandi Bantz for the 2022 Primary Election. Reiner and Williams will provide expertise and assistance to Ms. Bantz as needed.


In May, a Mesa County Court Judge removed Tina Peters as the Designated Election Official for Mesa County, barring her from overseeing the 2022 Primary and General Elections. The Court granted the Secretary of State's request to appoint Brandi Bantz as the DEO.

Bantz has worked in Colorado elections for over 20 years, including serving as the Director of Elections in Mesa County since May of 2020 and serving under then Clerk Wayne Williams in El Paso County for four years as a Senior Elections Specialist.

Williams served as Mesa County DEO in 2021, after a Mesa County Court Judge ruled in favor of barring Tina Peters from 2021

election oversight as DEO after she allowed breaches to election security, disregarded election rules and orders of the

Secretary of State, and risked the integrity of Mesa county elections. The Election Orders can be found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).



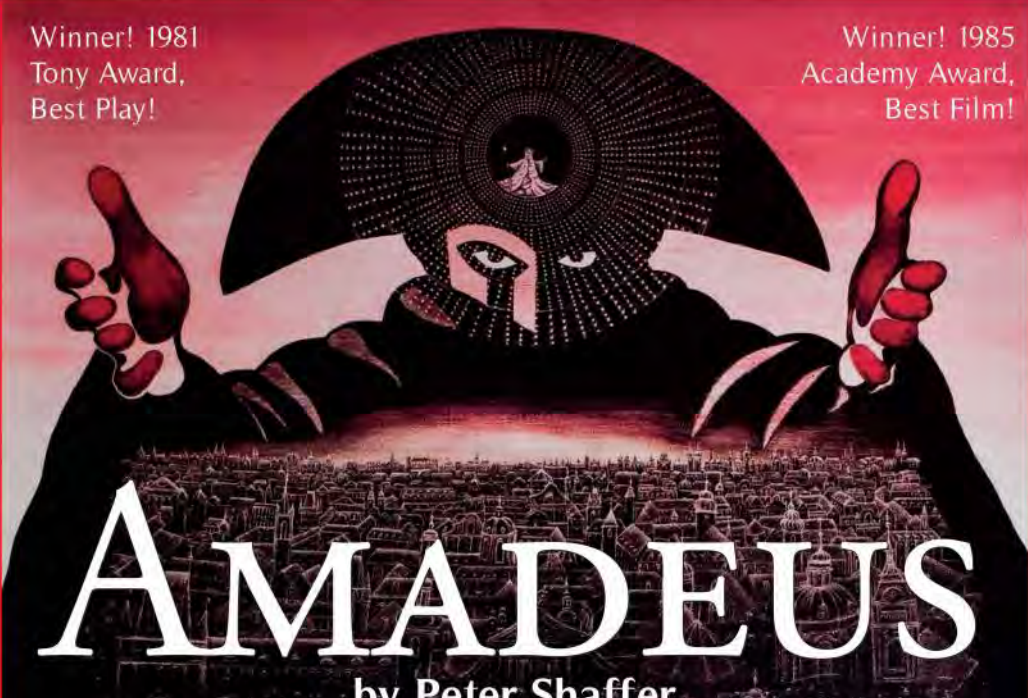
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After reviewing current guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE), MRH is requiring masking inside its facilities due to the increasing prevalence of COVID-19 in the community and increased admissions for patients with COVID-19.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

REP. LAUREN BOEBERT HAS SHOWN US HER TRUE COLORS

Editor:

I have noticed an increase as of late in this paper and others by Lauren Boebert touting her availability and “mobile office hours” to her constituents, presenting us with her “achievements” or rather attempting to convince us that what she has been doing during her time in Congress has actually delivered something for Colorado. I wonder why the sudden rush to proclaim her record of voting which has gone against the Republican majority 22% of the time.

While she has attempted to put forth issues important to District 3 voters she has done so in a combative and aggressive nature. Apparently the louder you posture, the more you put forth violent rhetoric, name calling, manipulative storytelling the greater will be the response from the voters? I suppose this is true to a point because she was elected last time around and has a die-hard following who are willing to ignore her antics, her failure to deliver actual meaningful legislation and her grandstanding. Maybe the voters of Garfield County where Boebert owns a business and has long lived know the real Lauren, because in the 2020 election, Boebert lost Garfield County, to Democrat Diane Mitsch Bush, 51% to 45%. We have all been treated to the “real” Lauren Boebert for a little too long now and some of the shine has worn off this candidate the longer she shows us her true colors.

Scott Parker, Montrose

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WOODGATE TARGETED TO OPEN BY MID-JULY *From pg 1*

Council voted to approve the transfer of the Hotel and Restaurant liquor license at 1032 6450 Road from Kinikin Processing LLC, doing business as Kinikin Processing LLC, to Kinikin Processing Company, doing business as Kinikin Processing Company LLC.

ORDINANCE 2590-SECOND READING

As discussed previously in work session and on first reading, Council voted to adopt Ordinance 2590, amending Title 5 Chapter 15 Sections 2 and 7, regarding a sales tax exemption for a fee the State of Colorado is imposing on carryout bags.

6700 DEJULIO ADDITION ANNEXATION

The DeJulio Addition Annexation has been previously reviewed in work session. With Councilor Ed Ulibarri abstaining from the discussion and votes for family reasons, Council voted to adopt Resolution 2022-11, Findings of Fact for the 6700 DeJulio Addition. Council also voted to adopt Ordinance 2591 on first reading, for the annexation of the 6700 DeJulio Addition.

Planner I William Reis presented information on both action items. The 9.35-acre property is located just south of the intersection of Miami and 6700 roads, addressed as 67008 Miami Road. The annexation will allow completion of 6700 Road. The City will secure a portion of the property for right-of-way.

Paul DeJulio, one of the property owners, was present, and stated that it had been a pleasure to work with City Engineer Scott Murphy.

Councilor J. David Reed said that Council has reviewed the annexation numerous times in the past, "...Therefore probably know everything we need to know to take action."

Mayor Frank opened and closed a public hearing; no comments were heard from the public.

ORDINANCE 2592-FIRST READING

Council considered Ordinance 2592, zoning the 6700 DeJulio Addition as an R-1A, Large Estate District.

Adjacent Property Owner Kenneth Otto spoke in favor of the proposed zoning. "...I just wanted to speak and say that as somebody living nearby, I believe R1A is appropriate. Properties on both sides are R1A..."

Council voted to adopt Ordinance 2592

on first reading, with Ulibarri abstaining. Following the votes on the DeJulio Addition annexation and zoning, Ulibarri re-joined Council in chambers.

BROWN RANCH SUBDIVISION AMENDMENT #4 PRELIMINARY PLAT

Planner I William Reis presented information on the Brown Ranch Subdivision Amendment #4 Preliminary Plat, which was unanimously approved by Council.

ORDINANCE 2588-SECOND READING

As previously considered in work session and on first reading, Council voted to adopt Ordinance 2588 on second reading, granting and authorizing the conveyance of an interest in City-owned real estate.

6700 ROAD EXTENSION DESIGN CONTRACT

Also approved was a contract award to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of \$97,200 for completion of design studies and civil design associated with the 6700 Road Extension Project. An old house on the site will be demolished as it was too far gone to save.

MAIN STREET STREETSCAPING PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

Council voted to approve \$238,000 for improvements to the northeast corner of the intersection of Park Avenue and Main Street, including a contract with Kuboske Construction, LLC in the amount of \$215,908.94. Public Works Manager Jim Scheid presented information on the improvements.

"Kuboske Construction will be working in the area later this year," Scheid said, "on a façade replacement at the Montrose Hardware building." While the façade replacement is not associated with the intersection improvements, the City's DART program had granted funds toward the Montrose Hardware façade replacement, Scheid noted. "...We'd like to take advantage of utilizing a qualified construction team that's on site to do both projects at the same time."

Business Owner Robert Peterson spoke. He thanked Council and the City for all the hard work they put into Downtown. "It's absolutely beautiful," Peterson said. "I am thrilled to death to be a business owner in the Downtown area. It's maintained phenomenally...the viability of Main Street is just amazing to me. I see so many other

Main Streets shutting down and this one's moving forward and going into the future. I am very proud to be a business owner in Montrose."

After the vote to authorize the improvements, Councilor Ed Ulibarri said, "I'm pretty interested in the curb, gutter and sidewalks in the area, and that particular corner...really doesn't have any curb or gutter left to it. It's going to tie in quite well with the future repairs and the work that hopefully gets done on North Park."

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT CONTRACT AWARD

Council voted to authorize and award funds in the amount of \$77,616.20 for asbestos abatement in the City facility at 400 E. Main Street, including the award of a contract with Asbestos Professionals LLC in the amount of \$67,492.35.

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said, "This is the first step in the renovation of the building at 400 East Main. Ultimately that we would be moving City Hall operations into."

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler gave a quick update on Rural Philanthropy Days, which was held earlier in the day in Ridgway.

"It was really excellent to see a lot of our regional non-profits there."

City Manager Bill Bell served on a panel, she said. "It's been an excellent opportunity; it's great to have it in our region..." Engineer Scott Murphy said that communication cabinets at Woodgate have at last been removed, "...Target to have that open by mid-July."

Councilor Reed said that the musical act "A Girl Named Tom" sang the National Anthem at the Indianapolis 500 and will be coming to Montrose on the Fourth of July. "They did an outstanding job, so I would encourage our citizens to come out and see that. I think it's going to be a great show on the Fourth of July."

Mayor Frank said the show is being held in the Rotary Amphitheater.

The concert is free, Reed said.

Mayor Frank said that he hoped Councilor Doug Glaspell felt better soon, and moved to adjourn.

"Thank you everyone and have a great night," he said.

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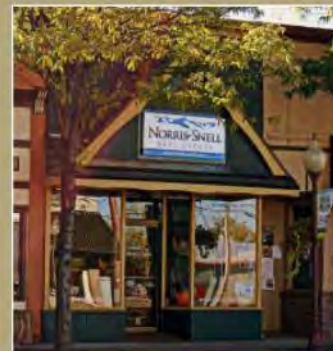
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MONTROSE COUNTY DEDICATES \$5,000 TO FUTURE FARMERS SCHOLARSHIP

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— Montrose County has strong agricultural roots and the Montrose Board of County Commissioners wants to honor the county's agricultural heritage and invest in the future of agriculture. Through the Montrose Community Foundation, Montrose County established two annual scholarships for local students of \$2,500 each.

Producers have been providing the valley and our nation with fruits, grains, vegetables, and livestock since the late 1800s. In addition to the broad economic impact, our agricultural heritage has helped to create a community of hard-working, down-to-earth, engaged, and family-oriented residents. Though the area may be growing, the number of farms in Montrose County has been declining due to the challenges faced by owning a farm in today's economy. Montrose County firmly believes in honoring and advancing the future of agriculture through dedicating funds to two Future Farmer Scholarships to support the producers of tomorrow.

"I come from a long line of ranchers who helped instill agricultural values in this area and I want to do my part to ensure those values stay because they help make Montrose County special. Whether it be a quick wave over the steering wheel, a helping hand for your neighbor, or a friendly 'hello' for a passerby on the street; agriculture and its way of life are an important part of Montrose County," said Board Chair Keith Caddy.

"Dedicating this scholarship is one of my proudest moments as a commissioner," said Commissioner Sue Hansen. "We are here for agriculture producers and we want to help shape the next generation of farmers and ranchers in Montrose County. The industry is changing and we want to help support the next generation of farmers and ranchers as they learn more about innovative farming and ranching technologies."

"This scholarship is near and dear to our hearts," said Sara Plumhoff, Executive Director of Montrose Community Founda-

tion. "Agriculture is and hopefully will always be a part of our valley and we love the inspiration behind this idea. We are proud to be able to offer the option to contribute to this scholarship to keep the dream of agriculture alive in Montrose County."

The Montrose Community Foundation Board also saw the value in this scholarship and dedicated \$1,000 as seed money for future scholarships. Residents and businesses have the option to contribute as well. Tax-deductible donations to the scholarships may be made [here](#).

The scholarships will be given out annually beginning in 2022 and awarded at the closest county fair of the student's residence (Montrose County Fair or San Miguel Basin Fair). This scholarship is intended to sup-

port a qualified student who is involved with Future Farmers of America (FFA) pursue a degree and a career in agriculture. Additional qualifications can be found on the application.

"We are the proud home of agriculture producers," said Commissioner Roger Rash. "Ag is an important part of our economy and community in Montrose County and creating these scholarships is a great way to help show our support for the agricultural community. I am grateful to Montrose Community Foundation for assisting us in this endeavor and their generous gift of \$1,000 for seed money."

Scholarship criteria and a link to online scholarship application can be found on the MCF website: <https://montrosecf.org/apply-for-a-scholarship/>



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CPW recently completed work on the Clear Fork Campground. Once only a primitive campground, it now has 20 full hook-up campsites for recreational vehicles.

"This provides more accessibility to our park and brings it up to standards for modern RVs," said Park Ranger Scott Rist. "This completed project will also allow campers to stay at the park all year through the winter months thanks to the full hook-up sites now in place."

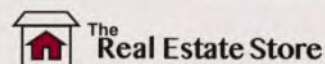
The Clear Fork Campground officially opened to the public Friday and is already reserved at full capacity through the Pioneer Days weekend. For more information on Crawford State Park, go to: <https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Crawford>



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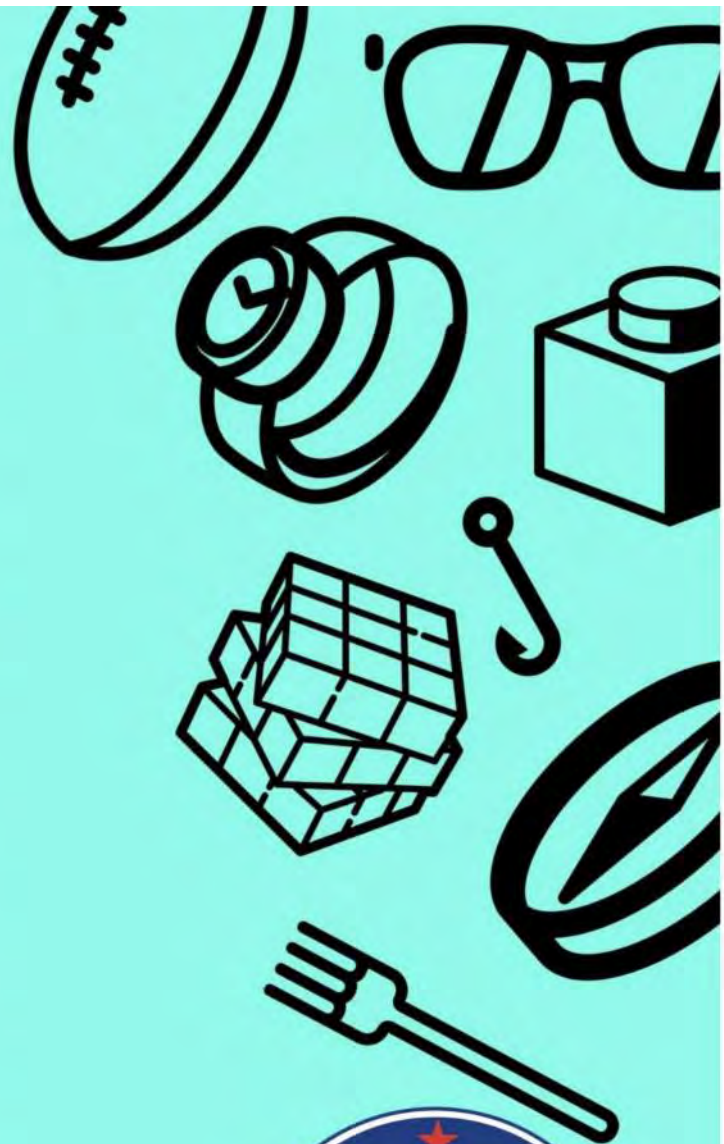
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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

DO WE REALLY WANT A DO NOTHING, PUBLICITY SEEKING, OATH VIOLATOR REPRESENTING OUR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT?

Dear Editor,

"....to uphold and defend the Constitution of these United States against all enemies, both foreign and domestic..."

As a disabled Veteran, to this day, the one thing I remember most is the Oath I swore upon my enlistment. When I was discharged, honorably, there wasn't any notation on my discharge papers indicating that I had been relieved of that Oath, or the responsibility that goes along with it; "....to uphold and defend the Constitution of these United States against all enemies, both foreign and domestic..."

I am concerned to see my fellow Veterans, and other supporters of the United States Constitution, supporting a person for the 3rd Congressional District that has clearly and blatantly violated that same exact Oath.

Regardless of whomever is the current resident of the White House, the obligations of the Oath doesn't change with political parties.

The State of The Union Address is a constitutionally mandated convocation: The President **"shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient."**

Article II, Section 3, Clause 1.

So, how exactly is disrupting the State of The Union Address "supporting and defending the Constitution?" The disruption wasn't by accident, it was deliberate and intentional and broadcast around the world. No remorse or apology was given for this blatant violation.

As I watched this United States Congress-

woman disgrace both her Oath and her Office I am reminded that our forefathers may have envisioned a time in the future when some of our elected Representatives and Senators may have certain members that would be better housed in a zoo, rather than our nation's capital.

Quoting an article in ThoughtCo by Robert Longley:

"Now consider a group of baboons. They are the loudest, most dangerous, most obnoxious, most viciously aggressive and least intelligent of all primates. And what is the proper collective noun for a group of baboons? Believe it or not ... a Congress! I guess that pretty much explains the things that come out of Washington!" My point exactly!

About the only thing I can find that the Congresswoman has ever apologized for is publicly insulting a fellow Representative who happens to be a member of the Muslim religion. Interestingly enough, according to published reports, the incident the Congresswoman was bragging about to a small group of supporters, never happened, according to the Representative who was the subject of the insult! I couldn't find where she ever apologized to a group of Orthodox Jews for asking if they were there doing "reconnaissance."

An examination of the Congresswoman's congressional record and reputation pretty much indicates that her fellow Representatives concur with Longley's description. Of the 32 pieces of proposed legislation introduced in the House of Representatives by the Congresswoman not only has not a single one been given serious consideration by House or Party lead-

ership, but, out of 435 members of Congress the most number of fellow Representatives to endorse any of her proposed legislation is 75. The average number of cosponsors on her proposed legislation is 14.

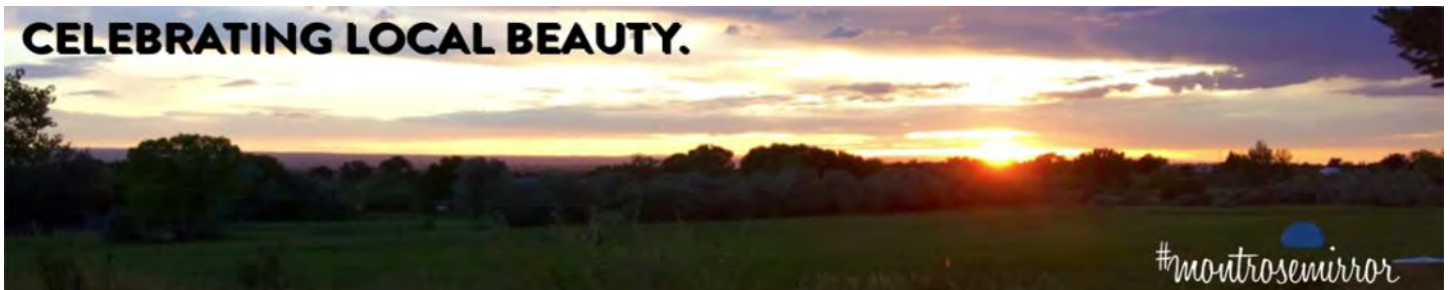
I assume that most readers of this article are aware that the Republican Party is in the minority in Congress. So, why would a person, in their right mind, propose legislation to impeach both the President and Vice President in the House of Representatives controlled by Democrats? I highly doubt this was done to represent the citizens of the 3rd Congressional District, rather just another publicity stunt. Oh, by the way, the proposed legislation to impeach President Biden garnered 6 cosponsors and the proposed legislation to impeach Vice President Harris garnered 2 cosponsors! Apparently there hasn't even been a consideration in Committee of either piece of proposed legislation. House and Party leadership have pretty much concluded that the Congresswoman is only representing herself.

I imagine that most members of the House of Representatives can proudly reflect back on their first event of public exposure. I'm pretty sure our Congresswoman's first public exposure was a jail booking photo. She and her husband have a colorful history of domestic violence, indecent exposure and failure to appear in court.

The question becomes; Do we really want a do nothing, publicity seeking, Oath violator representing our Congressional District?

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pating companies' safety practices. Companies interested in strengthening workplace safety can be certified through the PCC Program, which guides employers in establishing safety practices to reduce work-related injuries. Companies granted certification in the PCC Program are eligible for reductions up to 10% on their workers' compensation premiums. All businesses with employees operating in Colorado must have workers' compensation insurance, regardless of the number of employees, whether the employees only work part-time or are members of the same family. Too often, workers injured on the job face unimaginable uncer-

tainty while employers face fines, risk of closure, and financial responsibility for specific benefits.

Commercial insurance is the most common way to get coverage. All workers' compensation insurance in Colorado is sold by private insurance carriers; there is no state fund. Employers should contact their insurance agents to seek quotes and get coverage.

Employers with questions about becoming certified with the cost-saving PCC Program or insurance coverage may visit cdle.colorado.gov/safety-and-loss-control or call the Division of Workers' Compensation at 303-318-8700.



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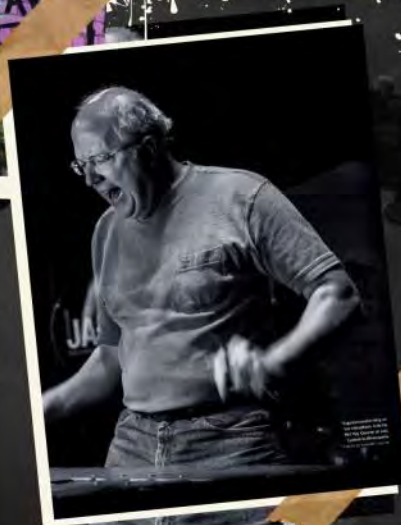
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Mirror staff report

MONTROSE—There was a fire the night of June 9 at North Fourth St. near the thrift store. According to Montrose Fire Protection District Chief Tad Rowan, the call came in around 10:05 that night. An RV parked between two commercial buildings was fully involved and the fire spread to neighboring structures to the east and west, which sustained smoke and fire damage. No cause had yet been determined for the blaze; there were no injuries to firefighters or others. Chief Hall said that the police department made contact with individuals at the scene, and that the investigation remains active.



Montrose Police Chief Blain Hall and officers made contact with individuals at the scene of the June 9 fire. Photos taken on Friday, June 10.



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CORAM IS A DEMOCRAT MASQUERADING AS A REPUBLICAN

Editor:

Don Coram must have been encouraged with Joe Biden being able to become president by hiding in his basement during the campaign, promising to govern as a moderate and competent unifier of the country, and then actually governing totally irrationally as AOC and Bernie Sanders on steroids.

Coram has had unlimited opportunities to let the voters know where he stands on important issues, but has purposely avoided giving them any clue as to where he stands and what he believes. He knows that the more people realize who he really is, he has no chance of being elected in the 3rd Congressional District.

He thinks he can keep attention away from his own views by slandering Lauren Boebert, getting his friends in the Montrose "good-ol'-boy" club to tell us what a great rancher he was, and brag about how well he gets along with Democrats. He also knows that Democrats have figured out that he agrees with them on issues of importance and can be counted on to abandon their own integrity and vote for him in the Republican primary as "unaffiliated" voters.

Unfortunately for Coram, most Americans

totally recognize that Biden's radical "progressive" policies have totally failed. Big government spending and control do not work.

Radical woke progressivism doesn't work. Sowing racial hatred and animosity doesn't work. Demonizing and defunding the police doesn't work. Destroying our domestic fuel production and intentionally making fuels unaffordable doesn't work. Biden's incoherent and rudderless foreign policy doesn't work. Americans didn't want to be "transformed" into the unworkable green energy Marxist utopia this administration is attempting, and the last thing voters want now is another Liz Cheney RINO who will facilitate the left's totally destructive agenda.

Coram knows Boebert is the only true conservative in this race who will do everything possible to stop the destruction and fight to get this country back on track. Her Liberty score is 100% (Conservative Review), Freedom Fighter Award 100% (Freedom Works), Pro-Life 100% (Natural Right To Life), Pro-Family 100% (Family Research Council), Pro-Constitution 100% (Freedom Index), Border Security 100% (Numbers USA), Pro-Business 100% (National Foundation of Independent

Businesses), and Conservative 100% (American Conservative Union). Boebert is a target of the left because she has guts and is effective. Democrats fear her because she is a threat to their Marxist agenda, while Coram is just another part of that agenda.

People who understand the economy (examples: CEO of JP Morgan Chase, President of Goldman Sachs, Elon Musk, etc.) are predicting the toughest of economic times ahead --- an "economic hurricane." Working class Americans already understand what is going on --- in spite of Biden's happy talk, lies, and finger-pointing. They are in no mood to listen to a Don Coram talk about reaching across the aisle when all they want is to stop this administration from doing more damage. If Coram had an ounce of integrity, he would acknowledge that local Republican party members who know him best don't support him because he is a Democrat masquerading as a Republican. He should re-register as a Democrat and run as a Democrat --- or go back to ranching. That way Democrats wouldn't have to re-register as independents to be able to support him.

Ed Henrie, Montrose

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This plan has been in the works for decades.

Paul Manafort: John McCain 2008 campaign advisor. Donald Trump 2016 campaign chief advisor.

Trump sided with Putin against the FBI on Russian meddling in the 2016 Presidential election.

Senate report: NRA is a “Foreign Asset” to Russia.

We have to **unite** against our common enemy. We are all **Americans**. We are not the enemy, they are the enemy.

VOTE BLUE VOTE BLUE

What are you doing to save our **Democracy** for your children and grand children?

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

BEING AN AMERICAN IS NOT ONLY WHAT ONE NEEDS...

Editor:

Around midnight on 18 April 1775, a nervous Paul Revere began his famous ride. It was the beginning of the American Revolution.

The War, commanded by General George Washington, raged against the British until 3 September 1783 when the British surrendered and returned to England, leaving a path of death and destruction, raping, pillaging and burning, most of it implemented on helpless civilians. Total American battle and civilian deaths is reported as 405,399.

Along with American determination, firearms were the key to victory over becoming virtual slaves to what they were told was their government. On 15 December 1791 then President George Washington presented Congress with Twelve Amendments, which became The Bill of Rights. Bowing only to the Right to Free Speech, the Second Amendment proclaimed The Peoples' Right To Keep And

Bear Arms. The only disagreement to the placing of this Right was that it should have been the First Amendment! In reference to the 2nd Amendment, President George Washington wrote to the effect that "Guns were Good Like God!"

This was 231 years ago. There was no electricity, cars, running water or heat in the cities or beyond, and only dirt roads where horses and mules were the only means of transportation. There was also plenty of crime. Many people in the cities kept handguns while those in the country kept shotguns and rifles. It was even worse on the Frontier where there was often no law. There was even a famous saying that "God and Sam Colt Made All Men Equal!"

Today a growing number of questionable folks work to take away those objects that are becoming our only means of survival in an ever increasing crime wave where thousands of law enforcement personnel have been defunded from their

jobs, this while prisons have freed thousands of criminals with millions storming our borders from almost two hundred countries along with Cartels that are murdering your children. Still they demand that the hundreds of millions of our best law abiding Americans surrender their guns. They even go so low as to proclaim that "only a poor hunter would need a high capacity magazine." The Second Amendment had nothing to do with hunting, but only protecting the individual and America! I proclaim that being an American is not only what one needs, but also what he or she wants, as long as they don't misuse it.

In truth, Paul Revere never shouted anything on his famous ride, but remained quiet as he raced to deliver orders to John Hancock and John Adams. But if he had been calling the alarm, as he rode he would not have been yelling "The Deer Are Coming!"

Gary Paul Johnston, Montrose



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MENTAL HEALTH AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS: THE BENEFITS OF RECREATION OUTSIDE

by Jenny Wheeler, MSW, LCSW, and therapist at The Center for Mental Health MONTROSE-Colorado is well known for year-round recreation; in fact, it is what encourages many of us to live in this part of the country. However, when summer settles into our mountain communities the urge to get outside calls even louder and brings many of us to the outdoors-- to enjoy the nature and beauty that defines the state we live in. It makes sense that as the snow starts to melt and the rivers rise, June becomes the perfect month to get out there, breathe it all in, and really enjoy the world around us.

That is why June has been designated as Great Outdoors Month, a combination of events and awareness designed to get Americans out of their homes and enjoying the benefits of healthy, outdoor recreation. Healthy outdoor recreation has a variety of effects on us—from staying physically fit to building relationships with family and friends. However, we often forget about how important experiencing the outdoors can be for your own mental health.

The Outdoors and your Mental Health

There are a variety of mental wellness benefits that are associated with being outdoors. Just being outside can:

Lower risk of depression

Increase stress recovery

Restore strength in our mental capacities

Increase focus and attention

Boost your mood

In fact, certain aspects of the outdoors are specifically shown to improve your frame of mind. Sunlight, for instance, has a positive impact on how you are feeling. Studies have shown that people's brains have higher levels of serotonin on bright sunny days, even if it's cold out. Serotonin is your body's natural mood stabilizer, meaning a little sunlight can go a long way

to reduce sadness or anxiety. UV light also encourages melanocytes, the cells that produce skin pigments, to release endorphins, giving another boost to your mood.

Outdoor Recreation and your Mental Health

While just being outside can be a mental health boost itself, when you add recreation in the mix, you are taking a much stronger action to increase your own mental and physical health.

Most outdoor recreation involves some form of exercise—which we all know makes us feel better, mentally and physically. Exercise can help reduce blood pressure, a common symptom that accompanies stress and anxiety issues. Most notably, however, exercise releases endorphins, the body's feel-good chemical.

Outdoor recreation opportunities are just plain fun and bring us a true sense of joy. When you pair these activities with family and friends, you also get the added benefit of social connection, which helps us all stay grounded and feel supported.

Ideas to Increase your Outdoor Recreation

Sometimes one of the hardest things is making time for recreation, especially in such a busy world. Here are some simple ideas to increase your time outdoors:

Walk or bike to work – If you are close enough to switch up your commute, give it a shot. Even if you only do it once or twice a week, the change would give you increased time outside to observe and enjoy the world around you.

Take a walk instead of a lunch break – Pack lunch, rather than taking the time to go out, and spend part of your lunch break taking a walk. Go down to the park or just walk around your building or neighborhood.

Start an outdoor-based hobby – Pick a new hobby that gets you outside, hiking or

gardening for example. Or take a current hobby that you do inside, maybe painting, yoga, or reading, and set up a space where you can enjoy it outdoors.

Picnic – Take dinner or lunch outside for a change. Go to a park, eat in your backyard, whatever works for you.

Enjoy the night sky – Take a moment to step outside and enjoy the beautiful night sky, it's a wonderful (and quick) opportunity to feel connected to nature and enjoy the moment—making stargazing a great stress reliever.

Check out local recreation opportunities – The Montrose Recreation District and Delta Parks and Recreation are great resources to get yourself, or your kids involved in an outdoor recreation opportunity.

Great Outdoors Month itself also provides a variety of options to encourage outdoor recreation throughout the month of June. From fishing and boating to hiking and campouts, there are several ways to get involved. Visit recreationroundtable.org for more information.

Exercise and the outdoors can have such a positive impact on our mental health, yet we often forget about this resource, even if it is right outside our front doors. This summer is a perfect opportunity to increase your outdoor recreation time and enjoy the mental wellness benefits recreation in our beautiful area allows.

If you need support, we are here to help. The Center for Mental Health is merging with Axis Health System as of July 1, expanding our access to care. To learn more or connect with services, call 970.252.3200 or visit centermh.org. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, visit the Crisis Walk-in Center at 300 N. Cascade in Montrose or call our support line at 970.252.6220, both are available 24/7/365.

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AND HOW ARE THE CHILDREN IN MONTROSE?

By Kay Alexander, ChildrenFirst

On Tuesday, June 14th, at 6:30PM, parents and the community have an opportunity to attend a Montrose County School Board Meeting and learn what is happening in the District before the Board adjourns for the month of July. It is also an opportunity to meet or see the elected school board member from your district. At the beginning of the School Board

Meeting, there is time for public input of 3 minutes if you have comments or questions.

This is an important meeting as the budget for the school year 2022-23 is introduced by the District to the Board so hopefully the public(you) can learn how

your tax dollars are being spent. On June 28th at the Board's Work Session, it is my understanding the Board will vote on the 22-23 budget.

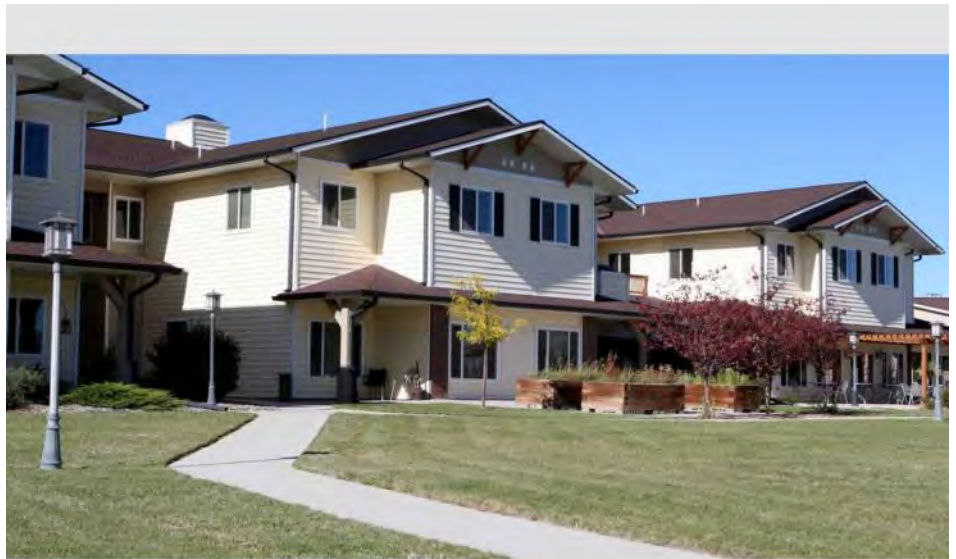
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GRATEFUL FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, INCLUDING PUBLIC WORKS CREWS From pg 1

mother. She explained to me that water was pouring through the fence and filling the back yard so she couldn't let the dogs outside which was where they usually go first thing in the morning. Helping her, I took the leashes and went

outside to see that half of our front yard was also filling with the water that was flowing from the back yard and under the porch. I had no idea what to make of the situation. The first thing we thought might have happened was a dam break all the



There was a surprising amount of water in our back yard Saturday morning. It was removed within hours by City of Montrose Public Works crews. We are very grateful.

way up in Ridgway, which seemed pretty implausible. After we called 911, City crews acted immediately and we saw multiple cars pass by our house observing the situation. They explained that it must have been a break in a water line, and that it would be under control soon enough. Still tired we took the dogs back inside and waited. Not long after, the water stopped flowing, leaving behind only a muddy backyard and some confused pets. It's amazing to me that something like this could happen so suddenly without any precursor or any sign. Without our police and fire departments to help, things could have been much worse, and although I appreciated them before I felt a newfound sense of gratefulness for the brave people who are willing to wake up before six am to fix these spontaneous issues. Things have been hectic for Montrose lately, with an explosion, fires, and other incidents that have occurred seemingly one after another. I am incredibly thankful for our first responders and the people who know the inner workings of our city, and who help protect it and fix things that break, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE DEMOCRAT KEVIN KUNS TO SEEK CO HOUSE DISTRICT 58 SEAT

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — Montrose County Democrat Kevin Kuns will be on the June 28 primary ballot for Colorado House District 58.

Kevin spent 25 years in a leadership role in the corporate restaurant world in executive management, overseeing multimillion-dollar operations and large teams of managers and staff. According to Kevin, he ran his own restaurant in Lake Tahoe for 2½ years before starting an executive management search firm in 2001; he launched it with no clients or candidates; however, over the next 20 years, Pro Management & Associates expanded to five offices in five states, placing more than 800 executive managers with Fortune 500 companies.

"It's time for HD58 to have an energized new voice and vision for the district, a commonsense representative who will always put the district's constituents first over extreme party ideologies. Our democracy, rights, and freedom for all are on the ballot in November," Kevin said.

Community Presence

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<https://westerncoloradoalliance.org>

2017-Present

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<https://www.montrosecommunitydinners.com>
2018-2020

Member, Montrose County Commissioners Advisory Committee

2018-2022

Board Member, Gayle Clarke Memorial Scholarship

<https://montrosedemocrats.org/scholarship>
Kevin has already received these endorsements for his campaign: "Kevin Kuns is a tireless worker for the people of Southwestern Colorado, and I am energized to endorse his campaign for Colorado's House District 58. Kevin grew up working on a family ranch and saw first-hand how climate change creates problems for the environment and agricultural farming needs in Colorado. His background has granted him the experience needed to represent a rural constituency. As a Colorado House Representative, Kevin will deliver for hard-working families and support the needs of District 58."

— Senator Michael Bennet

"Kevin Kuns is a leader who cares deeply about Southwestern Colorado. He's a strong ally for rural Colorado who brings an innovative spirit to solving problems. That's why he will make a difference as a representative, bringing people together to address critical challenges from

how we manage water to addressing the opioid epidemic to delivering broadband to all Coloradans. I'm proud to support Kevin Kuns for State Representative, HD58."

— Phil Weiser, Attorney General, State of Colorado

"Knowing and working closely with Kevin over the past three years, I can tell you, without hesitation, that he is passionate about serving his community and truly has the best interests of our community members in his heart. He has personally traveled and worked in every corner of the large house district he is seeking to represent in the state legislature, from Lewis to Montrose, and Lake City to Crested Butte. Kevin is well versed in the key issues facing Coloradans living and working on the western slope; agriculture, water, affordable housing, and education, to name just a few. He is an advocate for increased mental health resources in our rural towns and is dedicated to defending our democracy. I am proud to endorse Kevin Kuns to be the next representative for House District 58."

— James Iacino, Chair, CD3, Colorado Democratic Party

The official kickoff of Kevin's campaign is scheduled for Friday, July 8.

The time and location will be announced at a later date.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

DONOVAN NUGENT

December 25, 1947 — June 4, 2022



DONOVAN NUGENT left this world on June 4, 2022, at the age of 74. He enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, working on cars, and riding his Harley Davidson. Don was a Colorado native and loved living on the Western Slope. He loved photographing the outdoors and wildlife. He had many friends and family that will miss him and his great sense of humor.

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PASTOR JO DEVINNY

September 16, 1936- May 22, 2022

Pastor Jo DeVinny passed away on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at her home in Cedaredge, CO. She was 85 years old.

Norma Jo Roberts was born on September 16, 1936 in Lubbock, TX to Carl James and Henrietta E. (Steward) Roberts. Jo spent her childhood in Lubbock, TX and graduated there with the class of 1955. She went on to further her education and went to Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, CO. In 2003 she graduated with a Master's degree in Divinity from Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church serving as pastor in Montrose, Durango and Eckert, CO.

Jo enjoyed people, reading and writing. On Valentine's Day, February 14, 1970, Jo married David DeVinny in Montrose, CO. They were blessed with 52 years of marriage.

Among survivors is her husband: David Duane DeVinny of Cedaredge, CO; three sons: David Brian Ziegler, Mark Andrew Ziegler and James Douglas DeVinny; and a brother: Carl Duane Roberts of Denton, TX.

Memorial contributions to the Eckert Presbyterian Church P. O. Box 7, Eckert, CO 81418 or Surface Creek Animal Shelter 265 SE High Country Ave, Cedaredge, CO 81413 or Cedaredge Rotary Club Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 750, Cedaredge, CO 81413



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ART & SOL

SAN JUAN RURAL PHILANTHROPY DAYS CONFERENCE
IN RIDGWAY SHARES INFORMATION, OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUNDING*Special to Art & Sol*

OURAY COUNTY-From June 7 - 9, more than 260 nonprofit professionals, grantmakers, community leaders, distinguished speakers, and elected officials united in Ridgway to exchange knowledge and expand professional networks at the San Juan Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD) conference.

Community Resource Center (CRC) and a team of over 20 regional leaders worked together on a Steering Committee to organize the conference, centering on the theme *Communities in Transition*. The conference comes to the San Juan region every four years, and due to COVID it has been five years since the nonprofit sector across the region gathered together at an RPD conference. Local organizations from Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel counties all participated in the event along with grant makers from the Front Range.

Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD) conferences provide powerful opportunities for nonprofit professionals to meet directly with statewide funders, participate in professional development, and network with other community leaders across the region. RPD is a part of the Rural Action Network (RAN), a statewide program which builds nonprofit capacity, fosters relationships, and regional collaboration which leads to increased grant dollars awarded to rural communities. "RPD builds opportunities for important community projects in rural regions across the state by strengthening regional relationships, building the skills of

the region's nonprofits, and connecting local organizations with grantmaking organizations," said Maria Fabula, Community Resource Center CEO.

"It was so special to bring the diverse communities from the San Juan Region together in-person," said Danelle Hughes Norman, RPD Steering Committee Co-Chair, "to network and brainstorm the solutions needed to meet the issues of these changing times. This conference provided the opportunity to cultivate meaningful connections across communities through networking and shared learning. This relationship-building will strengthen the region as a whole."

In addition to providing a forum to address regional issues, the conference gave regional nonprofit staff members access to leadership and management training that is not readily available locally. Nonprofit professionals were able to participate in more than 30 professional development opportunities over the conference.

The conference concluded with a guided tour across the West End on June 9th. A bus full with 40 participants explored Norwood, Nucla, and Naturita guided by local leaders presenting on local history, economic development efforts, and visiting recent developments across all three communities. Over 20 local organizations and sites presented on the tour, including the Lone Cone Library, the Norwood Pinion Park Rural Homes project, downtown Nucla, and Camp V in Naturita among many other stops.

Carrie Andrew, Director of the Lone Cone Library and co-chair of the conference planning committee reflected on the West End tour,

"We, of the West End, were so honored to be able to show off our communities to this group of statewide leaders and funders. Being able to showcase the critical work of our local nonprofits, new projects and parks we are proud of, as well as share our vision for the future to a group of leaders who can help fund our vision into reality, is such an amazing opportunity and something that we could never have pulled off without the inclusion in the 2022 San Juan RPD."

The relationships built between local organizations and statewide funders help to break down barriers and ultimately result in stronger partnerships, increased access to resources and the development of long-term relationships. From 2016 through 2020, statewide funders who participate in RPD have awarded over 1,300 grants, which totaled upwards of \$41.2 million to rural nonprofits in the San Juan region.

It was further estimated that the local Steering Committee and conference attendees spent over \$50,000 with businesses in the region, including catering, venues, design, printing, photography and other services because of the conference.



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ONLINE APPLICATION NOW OPEN FOR HUNTING OPPORTUNITY AT LONE MESA STATE PARK



The application for a special use permit to hunt Lone Mesa State Park is now available online through July 7. Dustin Daskocil/CPW photos

Special to Art & Sol

DOLORES— The application for the hunting permit draw for Lone Mesa State Park is now open online through July 7.

Lone Mesa State Park, a 11,760-acre property 23 miles north of Dolores, is open to the public only through a Special Use Permit that allows for limited hunting during big game seasons.

The park, which ranges in elevation from 7,200 feet to a little more than 9,000 feet, provides excellent habitat for elk, deer and bear.

"This is a unique opportunity to hunt a beautiful property in southwest Colorado," said Park Manager Brian Sandy. "We look forward to the upcoming season at Lone Mesa and greeting all of the successful applicants."

The application for the Special Use Permit is now available online and will close at 5 p.m. July 7. The drawing will be held at 5 p.m. July 8 at the Mancos State Park Visitor Center located at 2545 County Road N in Mancos.

Successful applicants will be notified, and unsuccessful hunters will be placed on a waiting list in the order of their draw number.

A valid hunting license for Game Management Unit 711 is required in addition to a Lone Mesa permit for access. For more information on the number of available permits as well as links to harvest statistics, go to the Lone Mesa State Park

hunting page. CPW offices can provide additional information on season structures and licensing. The Lone Mesa and Mancos State Park offices can be reached

at 970-533-7065, and the CPW Durango area office can be reached at 970-247-0855. For more information on Lone Mesa State Park, email lone.mesa@state.co.us.

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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, info@fpcmontrose.com

www.fpcmontrose.com
In Transition-Currently: Howard Davidson
 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: 8:15 am - Blended Service - Sanctuary & Virtual. 9:30 am - Contemporary Service - Sanctuary, 11:15 am - Traditional Service - Sanctuary
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 or without children, from diapers to dentures. Whenever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come discover hope, joy, peace, 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

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

NEW BICYCLE SAFETY SIGNS GOING UP ON STATE ROADWAYS

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DENVER – With bicycling season in full swing, the Colorado Department of Transportation and Bicycle Colorado are teaming up to remind motorists to give bicyclists their fair share of the roadway when traveling the state's highways.

Signs reminding drivers of Colorado's "Three-Foot" law, requiring motorists to give bicyclists at least three feet of space between the widest part of their vehicle and the widest part of the bicyclist, are being installed at various locations around the state, either as part of a road construction or sign replacement project. Drivers are allowed to cross a double yellow line to pass when it does not put oncoming traffic at risk.

"These new highway signs are designed to remind drivers that they are legally required to maintain a safe space when passing people biking on a shared roadway," said Colorado Department of Transportation Executive Director Shoshana Lew. "Studies indicate that regulatory signs for the three-foot law are much more effective at enhancing safety. They also help make it clear that drivers bear the responsibility for safely passing a bicyclist."

Thirty-five states currently have statutes in place requiring at least a three-foot clearance between a motor vehicle and bicyclist.

"We thank CDOT for making the change to the new State Law 3-Foot to Pass sign-age," said Bicycle Colorado Director of Government Relations Piep van Heuven. "Words matter, and these signs leave no doubt about what is expected of drivers

when passing bicyclists on any roadway - 3 feet of space, and no less. It's exciting to see CDOT leading on best practices in bicycle safety signage."

See the statute here: https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/images/olls/2009a_sl_239.pdf

June is Bike Month in Colorado. Here are some reminders for bicyclists and motorists to safely interact on the state's roadways:

Bicyclists

Wear a helmet to protect your head and reduce injury severity

Follow the rules of the road. Ride in the right-hand lane and when it is safe to do so, ride on the right to allow vehicles to safely pass.

Follow the rules of the road. Ride in the right-hand lane and when wide enough, ride on the right to allow vehicles to safely pass, except when turning, passing, or avoiding obstacles.

Ride side-by-side on single lane roads only when not impeding traffic.

Use hand signals 100 ft. before turning, merging or stopping if you can do so while safely operating your bike.

Use extra caution after dark. Use bike lights, reflectors, and wear reflective clothing

Avoid distractions. Riding and using a cell phone use can be dangerous. Turn down music and remove headphones. Ride defensively and be aware of your surroundings.

Eye contact and/or a quick nod is an easy way to confirm that both bicyclist and driver see and acknowledge each other's presence. Ride defensively, stay visible

and be prepared to react. It's important never to assume that a driver sees you. Maintain your bike. Check brakes, lubricate the chain, and check for proper tire pressure.

Motorists

Three feet minimum of space when passing bicyclists

Avoid distractions. Never text and drive, limit or no cell phone use, turn down music/talk volume

Be aware that bicycles may be encountered at any time – day or night.

Eye contact and/or a quick nod is an easy way to confirm that both driver and bicyclist see and acknowledge each other's presence.

Only enter the oncoming travel lane to pass a bicyclist when it is fully visible and free of oncoming traffic. If the oncoming travel lane is not fully visible or free of oncoming traffic, wait until it is to pass. Do not drive, park, idle, open doors without looking for bicyclists.

- Take the time to look for people on bikes—and other vulnerable road users—and to accurately judge their speed and distance, regardless of the time of day.
- Understand that people on bikes may take the full lane at any time to avoid obstacles, to be more visible, to prepare for a left turn or to discourage drivers from passing when it is not safe.

For additional guidance on bike safety, or how drivers can safely interact with bicyclists on the road, please visit www.bicyclecolorado.org. For more information on CDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, please visit: www.codot.gov/programs/bikeped.



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MOUNT EVANS HIGHWAY OPEN FOR THE 2022 SEASON

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CLEAR CREEK COUNTY — Mount Evans Highway (Colorado Highway 5) is now open to the public for the 2022 season as of 8 a.m. Friday, June 10. CDOT crews worked throughout the month of May and into early June clearing snow along the 15-mile highway from the gates at Echo Lake Lodge to the summit of Mount Evans (14,264 feet), which is the highest paved road in North America. [Click here to view some photos of the plowing process this year.](#) Please note, the USDA Forest Service is requiring motorists to Mount Evans Recreation Area to make reservations through [Recreation.gov](#). Reservations are required if planning to park and visit one of the developed visitor locations at Mount Evans between 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Reservations are not required for people who are biking or hiking up the roadway. All reservations for days the road doesn't open due to weather or road conditions will be refunded automatically through [Recreation.gov](#).



Mount Evans Highway (Colorado Highway 5) is now open to the public. CDOT courtesy photo.



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GIFFORD NAMED TO MSOE DEAN'S LIST FOR SPRING QUARTER 2022

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MILWAUKEE, WI-- Kenneth Gifford, from Montrose, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Dean's List with High Honors for the 2022 Spring Quarter. Gifford is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering.

Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the Dean's List. Students who have maintained a 3.70 or higher receive "high honors."

Milwaukee School of Engineering (www.msoe.edu) is the university of choice for those seeking an inclusive community of experiential learners driven to solve the complex challenges of today and tomorrow. The independent, non-profit university has about 2,700 students and was founded in 1903. MSOE offers bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering, business and nursing. Faculty are student-focused experts who bring real-world experience into the classroom. This approach to learning makes students ready now as well as prepared for the future. Longstanding partnerships with business and industry leaders enable students to learn alongside professional mentors, and challenge them to go beyond what's possible. MSOE graduates are leaders of character, responsible professionals, passionate learners and value creators.

FAMILY NIGHT: UNCOMPAHGRE VALLEY WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

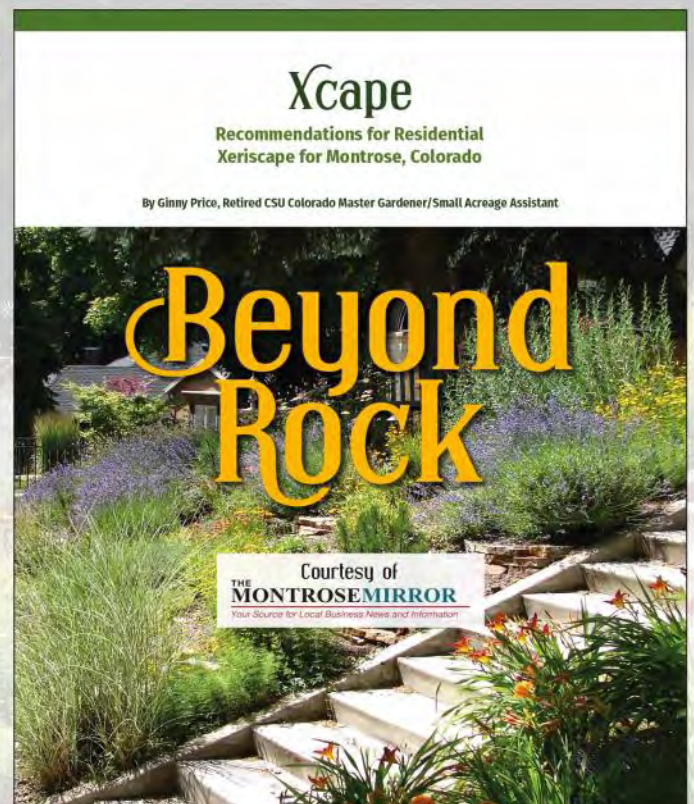
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RIDGWAY STATE PARK-Join us June 17 for a family fun night learning about how local water sources are affected by geology, climate, human activity and more. 6p.m Ridgway State Park, Visitors Center, Dutch Charlie entrance.

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Plein Air on the **OLD SPANISH TRAIL** 3 Sessions this week!

Paint Living History



Marko leads 6 sessions this summer

with Marko Marino

Monday, June 13

9 am - 1 pm

Private location on river

Marko will call you with meet-up instructions

Sign up online please

museumofthemountainwest.org/marko



museumofthemountainwest.org/plein-air. More details about the program, a fundraiser 3 living history museums on the Trail.



Photograph Living History



Susan leads a session every Tuesday in June

with Susan Humphrey

Tuesday, June 14

9 am - 1 pm

Museum of the Mountain West

68169 Miami Rd. Montrose, Colo.

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Wednesday, June 15

9 am - 1 pm

The Ute Museum

17253 Chipeta Rd, Montrose, Colo.

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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. Meetings will be on the 1st Wednesday of each month (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.)

MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET SCHEDULE

Summer Market Dates:-Every Saturday May-October 29 9 am – 1 pm

Holiday Market Dates: First three Saturdays of November and December-10am-1pm

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

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

MONTHLY

June 13-At 5:30pm Citizensclimatelobby.org meets at the Montrose Library meeting rm. Nonpartisan, national solutions for a local sustainable community, recent encouragement by Al Gore. All interested in the environment welcome. Info 970-765-9095.

June 17-Big Head Todd at the Bridges. VIP Tickets-Sandy@montrosebridges.com.

June 17-Ridgway State Park Family night: Uncompahgre Valley Watershed Partnership- Join us June 17 for a family fun night learning about how local water sources are affected by geology, climate, human activity and more. 6p.m. Ridgway State Park, Visitors Center, Dutch Charlie entrance.

June 18-Rollans Park Cleanup, Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m. to Noon, Rollans Park, 257 Sherman St., Ridgway, Colo. 81432. Come volunteer with the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership to clean litter and branches from the park, and maintain the trail. Information/registration: <https://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/events/>

June 25-Ridgway RiverFest, Saturday, June 25, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Celebrate the Uncompahgre River, learn about the watershed, watch or enter river races, win prizes in the Rubber Ducky Race and silent auction, and enjoy live music, food, drinks and a park full of friends! VOLUNTEERS needed. Sponsorships and festival proceeds fund watershed protection and restoration activities by the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership. Information/volunteer registration: <https://ridgwayriverfest.org/>

June 25-Smooth Jazz with Nelson Rangell at Azura Cellars, 16764 Farmers Mine Road, Paonia. For tickets go to bluesage.org or call 970-527-7243.

July 4-July 4, Welcome Home Alliance For Veterans presents the United States Air Force Academy Band The Falconaires to the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater in Cerise Park from 5 to 6:30pm.

July 8-Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans and Freedom Sings USA welcome the community to a free concert at the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater. Six of country music's top song writers from Nashville will perform some of their #1 hits as well as songs created from our veterans' experiences. Donations welcome.

July 13: "Meet the Judges" a lecture, presented by Black Canyon Quilt Show judges. Judges will explain the basics of judging quilts and announce the winner of the 2022 Black Canyon Quilt Show Best of Show ribbon and explain why the quilt was selected. Each judge will also announce their selection for the Judge's Choice ribbons. Holiday Inn Apex Room, 1391 South Townsend, Montrose. 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00 at the door.

July 14-River Benefit & Auction, Troutapalooza from 6 - 9 p.m. at High Pie Pizzeria & Tap Room, 100 W. Colorado Ave., Telluride A benefit for conservation of fish habitat and water quality in the San Miguel River watershed. Advance ticket purchase required: \$50 per person includes food, beer, wine, and contribution to nonprofit watershed efforts. Sponsored and organized by Trout Unlimited's Gunnison Gorge Anglers, Telluride Outside and Alpine Bank. Information: <https://troutapalooza.org/fundraiser-and-auction/> or email conservation@troutapalooza.org.

July 15—17: Black Canyon Quilt Show at the Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Dr, Montrose. Show features: 150+ Quilts, Vendors, Scissor Sharp-ening, Quilt Appraisals by appointment, Boutique, Raffle Quilt, Saturday afternoon lecture by quilt artist David Taylor (\$15), free Sunday Bed Turnings. Visit blackcanyonquiltshow.com for more information. Show admission: \$5.

July 23-Guided Wildflower Walk, Saturday, July 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Governor Basin above Ouray, Colo. Walk among the native plants of the sub-alpine vegetation zone with guide Mary Menz, who will identify wildflowers, share historical uses of native plants, and talk about the role native plants play in the ecosystem—including areas with acid mine runoff. Organized by the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership. Information/registration: <https://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/events/>

Sept. 17-Love Your Gorge, Saturday, September 17, Uncompahgre River Gorge, Ouray, Colo. Volunteer work day and picnic with the Ouray Ice Park and UWP. Co-sponsored by the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, Ouray Ice Park, and City of Ouray. Information/registration: <https://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/events/>

Sept. 29-30-Ouray Reconnect & Reboot, Thu. & Fri., Sept. 29 & 30: A meetup organized by the San Juan Mining & Reclamation Conference Committee. Join mining, reclamation and water science professionals, researchers, analysts, educators, policymakers, and regulators to advance mine restoration knowledge, technology and projects to benefit local water quality. This two-day event includes a keynote talk at the Wright Opera House, an open house at Ouray Silver Mines offices, happy hours, and field trips to mine restoration projects in the San Juan Mountains. Information, sponsorships & registration soon: <https://www.mountainstudies.org/sjmrc>

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UNKNOWN MOTORCYCLE SHOW @ CERISE PARK



The 14th Annual Unknown Motorcycle Show brought bikers and bikes to Cerise Park on Saturday, June 11. Mirror staff photos.



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