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FELLABAUM APPOINTED MONTROSE COUNTY CORONER



On June 23, 2022 Rick Fellabaum was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to serve as Montrose County Coroner. Fellabaum, who was sworn into office by Montrose County Clerk and Recorder Tessa Guynes, above, replaces Dr. Thomas Canfield who resigned his position on June 20. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE- A special meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) was held on Thursday, June 23. All three commissioners were present. Although there were approximately two-dozen citizens and staff in attendance; there was no public comment from attendees.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY, Julie Andress, County Attorney, Consideration and possible approval of RESOLUTION NO. 46-2022, to fill a vacancy in the office of coroner created by the resignation of Dr. Thomas Canfield and to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of office pursuant to Colorado Constitution Article XIV, Section 9 and C.R.S. 30-11-117.

The commissioners unanimously approved Resolution 46-2022 and appointed Montrose County Coroner's Office Chief Medical

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CITY OF MONTROSE HONORS IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH AT JUNE 20 COUNCIL MEETING

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Mayor Dave Frank welcomed all to the regularly scheduled Montrose City Council meeting of Monday, June 20, and called the meeting to order. All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

All councilors were present in chambers.

PROCLAMATION-IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

Frank read a proclamation into the record, declaring June 2022 as Immigrant Heritage Month in Montrose. Joining Council for the proclamation was John Arenas, who shared his own family's immigrant story and his own experience in 2019 as an Americorps volunteer with the non-profit Hispanic Affairs Project (HAP) in Montrose.

Arenas said, "What I found was a community of people from all over the world with really inspiring stories...There are people from all over the world here in Montrose that we share this community with, and I feel very strongly that they make Montrose a more dynamic place,"

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Montrose resident John Arenas, (holding proclamation) shared his own family's immigrant story in honor of Immigrant Heritage Month. Meeting screenshot.

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MONTROSE FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES PLANNED

Special to the Mirror

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."

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OPEN HOUSE: LEARN MORE ABOUT PROPOSED 80 MW SOLAR GENERATION PROJECT IN DELTA COUNTY

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DELTA—On June 27 from 4 to 6pm at The Grove in Delta (1970 South Main Street), DMEA, Guzman Energy, and Citra Power (the project developer) invite the community to attend this informative open house to learn more about Garnet Mesa Solar - a proposed 80 MW solar generation project in Delta County. Representatives from DMEA, Guzman Energy, and Citra Power will be in attendance to answer questions from community members. Light appetizers and refreshments will be provided. There is no formal presentation; attendees can come and go as their schedule allows.



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The Colorado Airport of the Year Award is presented annually by the Colorado Division of Aeronautics to recognize Colorado public-use airports that exhibit outstanding contributions to the Colorado Aviation System. Airports distinguished with this recognition demonstrate values that fall in line with the CDOT Division of Aeronautics mission to advance a safe, efficient, and an effective statewide aviation system through collaboration, investment, and advocacy.

According to the 2020 Economic Impact Study of Colorado Airports, Centennial Airport is responsible for supporting 10,341 jobs, producing over \$593 million in annual payroll, while generating \$2.1 billion in overall business revenue.

The Colorado Airport System consists of 76 public use airports that support over 345,000 jobs, provide \$16.2 billion in annual payroll, and \$48.6 billion in total business revenue for the State of Colorado.

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CHANGES TO DELTA COUNTY COVID-19 COMMUNITY

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DELTA-Delta County Health Department (DCHD) is reporting the closure of the COVID-19 testing site at Tru-Vu Drive-In Theater in Delta. The last test day at Tru-Vu is Monday, June 27, 2022. Delta's testing site is one of approximately 50 sites state-wide to close at the end of June. The closure continues the gradual transition to normalizing COVID-19 testing in traditional healthcare settings. Colorado's Roadmap to Moving Forward is working to shift diagnostic testing, treatment, and vaccination services to healthcare providers. Federal programs are also available, including the Test to Treat program and free, at-home rapid tests available at [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.CovidTests.gov).

If you have COVID-19 symptoms:

Contact your healthcare provider to schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 test.

DCHD has rapid tests available for curbside pickup at 255 W. 6th St, Delta, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. When you arrive, please call (970) 874-2165, and someone will bring the tests to you.

A list of alternative testing sites is available on the DCHD's COVID testing web page for those whose provider is not offering testing or those without a healthcare provider.

If you test positive with an at-home test:

Contact your healthcare provider right away to determine if you are eligible for therapeutics.

If you don't have a health care provider, contact your health insurance company or visit [DCHD's website](https://www.deltacounty.com/705/COVID-19-Testing) for telehealth options.

Isolate from others for at least five days from the first day of symptoms or positive test result. After isolation, wear a mask for five days when around others or in public.

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Mirror staff report


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Saturday, July 2nd

ARCHERY! Try something new or practice what you know. Instructors and volunteers will be on hand to help. Smaller equipment available for children under 8. 9-11am Ridgway State Park, Visitors Center, Dutch Charlie entrance.

ELK RESEARCH IN COLORADO Join Nathaniel Rayl, CPW researcher, who focuses on large mammal ecology and management, with an emphasis on spatial ecology, population dynamics, and predator-prey interactions. 7:30pm Ridgway State Park. Visitors Center, Dutch Charlie entrance.

Sunday, July 3rd

KIDS' ACTIVITY: Nature Journaling. Join park educator to create your own nature journal to take home. Materials and inspiration provided! 9:30 - 11 am, Elk Ridge Campground, camper services building.
TOUCH TABLES: Native American tools! 1:30 - 4:30pm. Ridgway State Park, Swim beach shower/picnic area. Dutch Charlie entrance.

CAMPFIRE CHAT: Join Ranger Hannah by the tipi for a talk about wildlife around the campfire. Benches and folding chairs provided or bring your own. Marshmallows to roast will also be available!! 8pm Visitors Center, Dutch Charlie entrance.



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BLACK CANYON MEN'S SENIOR GOLF LEAGUE

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MONTROSE-Announcing the Black Canyon Men's Senior Golf League, a 60+ men's recreational league is being formed at The Black Canyon Golf Course. It's low stress / lots of fun. Inquiries can be made to bcgcseniorgolf@gmail.com



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RE1J ADOPTS 2022-2023 BUDGET, ECC SHOWS GROWTH



The Alpine Start program at the Outer Range Campus, pictured above, received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$4,847.85 to help support the cost of preschool tuition. Mirror file photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All directors were present as Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education President Sarah Fishing opened the regular board meeting of Tuesday, June 21.

Directors include Fishing, Vice President Eric Kelley, District B Director Jacob Suppes, District C Director Alice Murphy, District D Director Tom West, and District G Director Stephen Bush. The District A seat formerly held by Jeff Bachman is presently open.

Fishing led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Public Information Officer Matt Jenkins announced that the Alpine Start program at the Outer Range Campus received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$4,847.85 to help support the cost of preschool tuition.

There were no Board Advisory Committee reports, and no input from the community.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC) UPDATE

ECC Director Penny Harris presented an

update. Growth in all domains is above the national average this year. "The two areas I was most celebratory about were social-emotional growth and mathematics," she said. "I don't think we've grown that much in mathematics since I've been the director, so I was excited to see those scores."

Harris said that a family activity at the end of the 2021-2022 school year drew more than 500 participants. The following night, preschool families attended a movie at the Star Drive-In, with a strong showing of 128 cars. The ECC plans to hire 12 new staff members as Fall enrollment is expected to be close to capacity. Documents attached to the agenda include Data Dashboard; Head Start Year Four of Five; 22 Spring TSG Graph; Self-Assessment Improvement Plan; and Fall TSG checkpoint results.

OLD BUSINESS

The following board policies were approved:

DJ/DJA, Purchasing/Purchasing Authority - updated single purchase amount that requires Board approval;

DJE, Bidding Procedures - updated amount of emergency purchases or services that may be ratified by the Board; GCE/GCF-R, Licensed Staff Recruiting/Hiring - updated language requirements per state law;

GCQC/GCQD -R, Resignation of Instructional Staff/Administrative Staff - updated language requirements per state law;

GCQF-R, Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff - updated language requirements per state law;

GDE/GDF-R, Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring - updated language requirements per state law;

GDQB, Resignation of Support Staff, updated language requirements per state law;

GDQD, Discipline, suspension and Dismissal of Support Staff - updated language requirements per state law;

GE, Teleworking - new policy to better define remote working situations;

JLCE-R, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care - new regulation to better define the concussion protocols in the district;

JLCE-E2, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care - new exhibit to support concussion protocols;

JLCE-E3, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care - new exhibit to support concussion protocols.

One policy was pulled for further review and possible changes to wording, JLCE-E4, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care - new exhibit to support concussion protocols.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items including personnel report were approved, with Item 7, Recommendation to approve the 2022/23 BEST multiple school HVAC upgrades grant, and Item 9, approve agreement from Marzano Resources for professional development for Columbine Middle School, pulled for further discussion.

Property Services Manager Philip Bailey discussed the work to be done with grant funds.

District D Director Tom West asked questions. "...Subcontractors with this, are they going to be bonded?"

"Yes," Bailey said.

"To the fullest extent?" West asked.

"To the fullest extent," Bailey said.

The Board voted to accept the BEST grant.

District C Director Alice Murphy asked about the Inservice provided by Marzano Resources, Superintendent Carrie Stephenson spoke about the professional development agreement, which was then approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Director of Finance Emily Imus presented the 2022-2023 budget on second reading, noting that it must be adopted by June 30.

The Board of Education voted to adopt on Second Reading the 2022-2023 Budget and related resolutions as presented, including Resolutions for the 21/22 Budget: 07-2022 Amended Budget Adoption 2021-2022 and 08-2022 Appropriation Emergency Reserve and 13-2022 Authorizing Use of Portion of Beginning Balance for 2021/22.

With no further business, Fishing called for a motion to adjourn, which was approved

FELLABAUM APPOINTED MONTROSE COUNTY CORONER From pg 1

Investigator Rick Fellabaum as the new Montrose County Coroner. Fellabaum's term ends in January 2023.

FACILITIES, Ken Norris, Facilities Director, Consideration and possible authorization of the Chair's signature on a bid award and contract in the amount of \$2,878,531.70 to Stryker & Company, Inc., for permitting and renovation of the Montrose County Administration Building, as reviewed by Counsel. Stryker & Company, Inc. was the only responsive, responsible bid. The project is anticipated to start on or after June 23, 2022 and be completed

by Feb. 28, 2023. This item represents a non-budgeted expense of \$2,878,531.70.

Norris said, "This has been a long time in coming as you well know. A couple of years ago we got the design work done. That just about says it all. The Clerk & Recorder [Tessa Guynes] doesn't have a place to vacate to, this will be her new home for a year."

Speaking to the construction remodel Norris said, "Seventy-two percent will be local subcontractors [Montrose, Delta and Grand Junction]. The ADA [Americans w/ Disabilities Act] construction will be a

better fit for the community."

Approved unanimously.

UPDATE ON COUNTY OFFICE REMODEL

Following the meeting Commissioner Sue Hanson expounded on the current musical-chairs situation in the county. She said, "The commissioner's office is now located at the **OLD** Road and Bridge Building near Friendship Hall [1001 N. Second Street]. Beginning in July the [BOCC] meetings will be held in the **NEW** Road and Bridge Building [63160 LaSalle Rd]. The new Road and Bridge Building has a conference room that will accommodate meetings. We have to completely empty the current County Courthouse before we can remodel [restoration]. The admin building will now be remodeled for the Clerk & Recorder so she can move in. Eventually Brad [Brad Hughes, [Montrose County Assessor] and Rosemary [Rosemary Murphy, Montrose County Treasurer] will also have to move."



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

THE UNSTOPPABLE WAR...

Editor:

She had secreted herself beneath a drinking cooler in the main hallway, her eyes wild with fear and tears with her arms wrapped tightly around the downspout. "Gary, HELP me," she pleaded. I took her directly to the school nurse. Her mother came and she was released about an hour later. They said she was "OK." It was around 1975 and it was my first face to face with "LSD" (Lysergic acid diethylamide), a powerful hallucinogen (psychedelic). Look it up. When I was in high school LSD didn't exist and I never saw a marijuana cigarette. My big thrill was sneaking a swig of whiskey once with my buddies behind the busses during lunch. I didn't even hear about drugs in college, but I got my feet wet as soon as I became a police officer in what was the second largest department in the U.S. Drugs were everywhere; not just marijuana, but also heroin, and it didn't take long before LSD appeared along with lots of peoples' real favorite - cocaine. My partner and I averaged fifteen felonies per month with at least ten of them involving illegal drugs. I was 25 and I was sure that I would make a difference. After a decade or so I was put in charge of a high school detail, first with one officer a day and then three. In addition to all of my other duties I was also assigned to provide drug education in schools from K to 12, parent and church groups with well over 1000 drug talks during my last fifteen years. Having minored in psychology I put together my own system of challenging groups to answer never before heard questions instead of only listening to answers, and it worked! The problem has always been that prevention programs can't be measured. I still use that format, but unfortunately rarely, even while our country is dying at the top like wilted flowers. We're losing thousands of kids to "legal" marijuana that is ten times as potent as it was 15 years ago plus LSD, PCP, Ecstasy, cocaine, thousands of prescription drugs, heroin and now millions of doses of FENTANYL (fentanilo in Spanish) with more being smuggled into our country every time you breath, this with thousands of armed Cartel personnel to see that it's distributed.

What about law enforcement? Generally it's going in circles, first fighting against getting defunded and more recently trying to hire new officers, too many of whom are looking for security, a good retirement and someone to sue if they're reprimanded. All of this while many at the top look

the other way, or say "Good idea, you do it!" Americans must understand that this is truly a WAR with the victor owning our children and thus our future. Not only are we way behind in the fight, but it may already be too late!

Gary Paul Johnston, Montrose

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MONTROSE COUNTY APPOINTS RICK FELLABAUM AS MONTROSE COUNTY CORONER

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— In a special meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners, the board voted to appoint Rick Fellabaum as the acting Montrose County Coroner effective June 23, 2022. Former coroner, Dr. Thomas Canfield, M.D., resigned on June 20 citing declining health issues following a motor vehicle incident in December of 2020. Per statute, the board of county commissioners shall fill the vacan-

cy created by the resignation by appointing an acting Montrose County Coroner.

Mr. Fellabaum has been a deputy coroner for 15 years and most recently served as the Chief Medical Investigator for the Montrose County Coroner's Office. He is also the only candidate for coroner on the upcoming fall election.

Mr. Fellabaum was born and raised in Montrose, but lived in California for four

decades and served as a police officer there for 28 years. He returned to Montrose after retiring from his career in law enforcement. Mr. Fellabaum is also an active member of the Montrose County Sheriff's Posse. Montrose County is grateful to Dr. Thomas Canfield, MD for nearly 16 years of dedicated service to the community as the Montrose County Coroner. For more information on Montrose County, please visit montrosecounty.net

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

DO WE ADULTS HAVE ANY DECENCY LEFT?

Editor:

A few days ago I was on the road in Olathe that goes between the Dollar Store on the north edge of town and the middle and

high schools. In addition the Olathe elementary School is in the vicinity. Facing the road on a garage was a banner that said, "F... Biden," in all probability a take-

off from "Let's Go Brandon."

This is a banner that kids from all three schools walk past while traveling to and from school. Do we adults have any decency left? Our nation's youth are the most important thing in our country, and we don't keep them safe or provide a positive example for them.

David Ryan, Montrose

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that they make Montrose a more dynamic place, and that I feel very fortunate to share in this community with them.

"And I have my immigrant story to thank for bringing me here to Montrose to share in this community with all of them and with all of you," Arenas said.

He encouraged everyone to think of their own immigrant story.

"...Reflect on the idea that by supporting the immigrant community in this way with these proclamations we can really make Montrose a better place for all of us who live here," Arenas said.

Council posed for a photo with Arenas and guests.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Janet Chapman of the Citizens Climate Lobby spoke to Council. "I am a retired teacher, and I am interested in getting educated on how the city council works. I see you had a work session this morning...I am interested in the Turf Replacement Program and the Project 7 Resiliency Project."

She asked whether Council work sessions and meetings are available online. Mayor Frank said that videos can be viewed on the City's web site (public meetings portal).

"Thank you! I just wanted to get an education. And did you know that this building is heated by geothermal?" Chapman said.

"Actually, yes," Frank said.

"Good," Chapman said. "Thank you."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve minutes of the June 7, 2022 regular City Council meeting, with Bynum abstaining as she was not present for the meeting of June 7.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT APPLICATION

As previously discussed in work session, Council voted to approve the Office of Business & Tourism's Fireworks Display Permit Application. Also required is a permit from the Montrose Fire Protection District, which is in process, City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo said.

ORDINANCE 2591-SECOND READING

As discussed in work session and on first reading, and with Councilor Ed Ulibarri recusing himself due to family ties, Council voted to adopt Ordinance 2591, for the annexation of the 6700 DeJulio Addition, on Second Reading.

ORDINANCE 2592 - SECOND READING

Also with Ulibarri recusing, Council voted to adopt Ordinance 2592 on second reading, zoning the 6700 DeJulio Addition as an R-1A Large Estate District.

Council then switched Agenda Items 11 and 12, as Ulibarri would recuse from Item 12 as well.

6700 ROAD RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION PLAT

Council voted to approve the 6700 road right of way dedication plat.

WATERFALL CANYON AMENDED PRELIMINARY PLAT #3

Planner I William Reis presented an overview, and Council voted to approve the Waterfall Canyon Amended Preliminary Plat #3 expressly conditioned upon City staff ensuring that all policies, regulations, ordinance and Municipal Code provisions are met and that the Applicant adequately addresses all of staff's concerns prior to execution of the Final Plat.

The phasing plan has been updated, with a planned extension of the 6375 Road that will provide a second entrance point, City Engineer Scott Murphy said.

STAFF REPORTS

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the Sales, Use & Excise Tax monthly and area reports.

Murphy gave an update on upcoming road resurfacing. The parking lot at Cerise Park will be done before the next round of concerts.

Ulibarri spoke about noticing a sign for a planning commission meeting that was too tiny to read from his car.

Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said that the old, too-small-to-read signs are the reason that new Planning Commission signs are in the works.

"During the staff transitions it took us a little longer to make the changes we talked about at work session...Some things like that are just taking us a little longer right now and I apologize for that," she said.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

WARD LAKE AND COBBETT CAMPGROUNDS PROJECT BEGINS

Expect delays and water service interruptions

Special to the Mirror

DELTA — The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests announce the Ward Lake and Cobbett Campgrounds project. The project consists of replacing aging water distribution pipes serving the Ward Lake and Cobbett Campgrounds and replacing outdated water hydrants within Cobbett Campground. Construction will begin June 26 and is expected to continue through July 26.

National Forest System Road #121—Trickle Park Road will experience closures June 27-28. Visitors can expect up to 45-minute traffic delays from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. Visitors should pay attention to and obey all traffic signs when traveling in or near these areas. Please exercise extreme caution as heavy equipment will be entering and exiting the roadway.

For additional information, project updates or questions please contact Seth Ehret at (970) 874-6644 or seth.ehret@usda.gov.

For information and updates on current fire restrictions, conditions, and recreation opportunities on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests visit the [forest website](#). Connect with us on social media ([Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)).

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PROJECT 7 UPDATE, COLORADO TURF REPLACEMENT PROGRAM DISCUSSED AT JUNE 20 CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION



There are 120 acres of turf in the city park system, Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said during the work session discussion of June 20.. Irrigation system breaks and supply chain issues have left some spaces drier than usual, such as Altrusa Park, above. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All councilors were present for the City of Montrose Work Session held on Monday, June 20. Mayor Dave Frank called the session to order.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Council welcomed three new City employees--Pavilion Events Technician CJ Boris; Accountant/Customer Service Supervisor Heather MacDougall; HR Generalist/Safety Coordinator Jay Chalkley; and Alternate Municipal Court Judge Bo Nerlin.

Boris said that he and his wife decided to come to Colorado six months ago, "We've been here for two years...I am happy and really excited to see what goes on here with the city. We had Bagels with Bill of course out at the Pavilion...they told us a little bit about what is happening with the City. I hope to be here for a long time."

MacDougall said she has lived in Silverton for 20 years and is married to a Silverton native. Montrose feels very much like a home base. She has extensive professional management and administrative experience and two young children, "We're excited to just get used to everything here in town."

Chalkley has 15 years in general manage-

ment with an emphasis on safety, and he and his wife have a 15-month-old baby. His previous positions required extensive night and weekend work.

"I knew it was time to make a change in my life...I reached out to the city and was lucky enough to get this position and this opportunity," Chalkley said. "It's one that I am honored to have...I am just really excited about this phase and this opportunity for my life."

Councilor Ed Ulibarri asked what an HR generalist position entails, and City Human Resources Manager Terri Wilcox gave a detailed explanation.

Nerlin did not attend the work session.

PLANNING COMMISSION ALTERNATE APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

Council interviewed applicants [Terry Ferris](#), [Ronald L. Cairns](#), and [Roy Dantzman](#) for a Planning Commission alternate seat.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Utilities Manager David Bries and Project 7 Manager Adam Turner presented an update on the [Project 7 Water Authority Resiliency Program](#), which involves building a second water treatment plant to strengthen the regional water system.

Project 7 includes six local communities

including:

- The City of Montrose
- The City of Delta
- The Town of Olathe
- Tri-County Water Conservancy District
- Chipeta Water District
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Elements of the \$70M to \$90M Resiliency project include:

- A new raw water transmission line installed between Ridgway Reservoir and the new WTP site (5.5 miles of pipe);
- A new drinking water transmission line from the WTP site to an adequately sized tie in point within Tri-County WCD (3.25 miles of pipe);
- A new water treatment facility located at 35679 US-550.

The [presentation](#) notes that in spring of 2022, the Bureau of Reclamation awarded \$612,059 to Project 7 from the Desalination and Water Purification Research Program to test different technologies for the new treatment facility. The Regional Water Supply Program is expected to produce water for the Uncompahgre Valley by 2026. The new treatment plant will be designed so additional capacity can be added in the future, which would result in a design capacity of around 10 million gallons per day – a more than 30-percent increase in drinking water supply for the region. Funding options for the project are detailed in the presentation as well. Project 7 can be reached at 970-249-9535 or www.project7.org. Ulibarri asked about water rates and about the project timeline.

The cost of water is a concern to residents, he said. A Request for Qualifications will be issued in July. There will be a project open house on July 27. Construction will begin next year, with much of it taking place in 2024 and 2025.

State Representative Marc Catlin (HD-58) was present at the work session to discuss the [HB22-1151 Turf Replacement Program](#) signed into law earlier this month.

The Turf Replacement Program is voluntary.

"...When people start thinking about irrigation outside, we don't think about the

PROJECT 7 UPDATE, COLORADO TURF REPLACEMENT PROGRAM DISCUSSED AT JUNE 20 COUNCIL WORK SESSION *From previous pg*

about the amount of water that's being used," Catlin said. "Fifty percent of the water that goes through the meter never goes into the house...we reclaim 90 percent of the water that goes into the house...but the water that's used before it gets into the house cannot be accounted for as to where it goes...we're starting to see that we've got a finite supply."

It's important to know that 600,000 acre-feet of water are trans-mountain diverted from Blue Mesa every year, he said.

"That's the operating pool inside the Blue Mesa...Every year it goes across the mountain...their demand continues to grow...what we're trying to do with this, we're giving them an incentive to start looking at how can we use less on the existing lands, existing yards we've got."

Colorado's Turf Replacement program is not about replacing turf with gravel, but with vegetation that uses far less water.

"When I grew up, I thought xeriscape was three different colors of gravel—pink, gray, and white," Catlin said. "But we have the capabilities and the crops and the seeds that we can plant natives that are extremely drought-tolerant and those kinds of things...and incentivize people to raise those in their yards and in these parks."

Only 19 Colorado communities--none of them on the Western Slope--have turf buy-back programs, and the City of Montrose is the first to request more information, he said.

City Utilities Manager David Bries discussed a [Manhole Rehabilitation](#) contract extension with Concrete Conservation, Inc. (CCI) for the rehabilitation of manholes with severe H2S Corrosion not to exceed \$100,000.

"Our goal in this process is to try and get all that underground infrastructure rehabbed and replaced and restored to where the road holds up better, as well as our facilities and staff," Bries said. Council will be asked to approve the contract extension at the first meeting in July.

Background—A memo from Bries to Council states, "Formal bids were solicited and

received on July 1, 2020 for rehabilitation of approximately 38 manholes with severe H2S corrosion. Two bids were received ranging in cost from \$99,060 to \$103,692.50 The contract was awarded to CCI and extended in 2021 to include the 2021 manholes needing lining. The 2022 project is largely focused on lining manholes in Townsend Avenue upon the completion of the mill and overlay by CDOT. Concrete Conservation, Inc. from Jacksonville, FL are the authorized applicators of Spectrashield® manhole lining systems that were specified in the bid request. We have contracted with them for manhole rehabilitation in the city for the past four years completing rehabilitation on 133 manholes and are very pleased with the application and durability of the Spectrashield® product. This contract with Concrete Conservation, Inc. is a renewable contract for up to four years with mutual consent from both parties."

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo presented the [Fireworks Display Permit Application](#). The Montrose Fire Protection District must also approve the application.

Mayor Frank said that current Stage 1 Fire restrictions in Montrose County do not apply to the City. "We are allowed, by all regulations, to have this fireworks display."

DelPiccolo said that there is a plan to have fire department personnel on site. Councilor Ed Ulibarri asked when the City of Montrose took over the fireworks display, originally put on by the Montrose Rotary Club.

DelPiccolo said it had been several years. Mayor Frank said that the liability insurance was too expensive for Rotary.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum said that officials told her the display did not pose a danger, "Because it didn't involve motorcycles or water."

GENERAL DISCUSSION

City Engineer Scott Murphy said he appreciates the information on the Turf Buy-back Program, and the city is working on a comprehensive water resource inventory. A work session discussion and contract

award recommendation will be forthcoming.

Frank said the city is proactive and forward-thinking. The community will have opportunities to participate in the water resource inventory, and notices will be posted.

Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said that the city will look at end-of-year code updates for site development.

"You'll see some options for Council's consideration about how to encourage or even require landscaping that may look a little different than what we're used to here in Montrose," she said.

Said Councilor Doug Glaspell, "We have some subdivisions that are set up...they're required to have so much turf. The city might have to address that in some way or fashion."

The City's Open Space requirement has been interpreted as meaning grass, but preferences are changing, Morgenthaler said.

Turf requirements are neighborhood covenants, not city requirements, Murphy said, and are being required less often these days.

Ulibarri asked what it currently costs the city to maintain an acre of grass.

There are 120 acres of turf in the city park system, Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said. He said he would figure out the cost and get back to Ulibarri.

The city has no jurisdiction to enforce private covenants, Councilor J. David Reed said.

"...The city could enact its own ordinances prohibiting certain activity and become more restrictive than the private covenants, and which would effectively abate those covenants."

Murphy said that options will be considered following completion of the comprehensive water resource inventory.

"...That's definitely on the table, we'll run through that at the work session on what avenues we want to pursue, and kind of get the feel of the community."

With no further comments, Mayor Frank adjourned the work session.

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A PATIENT'S EMPOWERING HOSPITAL BIRTH STORY AT DELTA HEALTH'S STORK'S LANDING



Special to the Mirror

DELTA — Each year more than 100 babies are born at Stork's Landing, the Delta Health Birthing Center. But the journey of starting a family is different for everyone. For Hannah and Jack Yates, it looked like pursuing parenthood even after experiencing the heartache of a miscarriage.

"One year ago we received the great news that we were pregnant with a little boy, but that experience was filled with the fear that we would lose this baby as well," said Hannah. "When I met Dr. Angles for the first time, she immediately made me feel comfortable about opening up. She made me feel heard and protected."

The Yates family decided that Dr. Amber Angles from the Delta Health Family Medicine Clinic, was going to be their Family Practice Obstetrics Provider (FPOB), and Dr. Angles provided care for Hannah pre-pregnancy, during pregnancy, and post-partum. On January 21, 2022, the Yates family welcomed their son Augustus into the world.

"Throughout the pregnancy, there were some hiccups and I was really afraid of having my first long-term pregnancy," said Hannah. "I had to go in for testing and Dr. Angles told me that no matter what hap-

pens we would work through it together. It let me know I wasn't alone in this process."

One of the benefits of having an FPOB is that the provider gets to care for the whole family throughout the entire process. From family planning and fertility advice, all the way through to pregnancy and pediatric care; patients get to stay with the same provider who they've built a relationship with.

"It's a unique opportunity to have the same doctor that gets to know you so well, and it's a wonderful way to really get to know our patients," said Dr. Angles. "It's a fun journey to watch the baby grow from the size of a grape all the way to a newborn and beyond. Practicing obstetrics really is one of the biggest joys in my practice."

Part of the care process during pregnancy is to bring patients in for non-stress tests. When Hannah came in for hers, there was protein in her urine and she had high blood pressure. Her care team decided the best thing to do was to induce her.

"Our priority is always the health of the moms and babies we're caring for," said Dr. Angles. "We know it's a scary time to go through, and sometimes medical conditions require additional monitoring in the third trimester. In those situations, we can provide fetal heart rate monitoring and ultrasounds to prenatally check on the babies' health. This provides a lot of comfort for families."

Not only did Hannah feel like the physicians went above and beyond to provide exceptional care, but the nurses and support staff also made her feel comforted throughout the entire process.

"When it came time to push, [Dr. Angles] came into the room, she took a deep breath, we made eye contact and she said 'everything is going to be OK,'" said Hannah. "When I did start pushing she told me that she was there to support and to do whatever I needed her to do. She told

me that I was in charge. It made me feel empowered and like my husband and I had the support that we needed."

Trusting her care team was crucial for Hannah and her husband, and it was equally as important to find a birthing facility that they felt comfortable with. Stork's Landing was their top choice because it was secure *and* close to home.

"I would absolutely recommend Stork's Landing to all of my friends and family," said Hannah. "I felt so cared for there. Being from Hotchkiss it's a long drive to Grand Junction to receive care, but at Delta Health I know that if something happened they would be quick to get me the care we'd need."

Stork's Landing is a Baby-Friendly Designated birth facility; meaning they are globally designated by the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund recognizing the optimal level of care provided by staff for all mothers and their babies.

"At Stork's Landing we really pride ourselves on being able to provide a relaxing, home-like atmosphere for patients with compassionate staff that are there to help mothers and babies every step of the way," said Carol Swingle, RN, BSN, CLC and the OB/Nursery Manager at Stork's Landing. "We want to support families with our educational and prenatal care, but also by providing exceptional labor and delivery care. A majority of our nurses are also Certified Lactation Counselors (CLC) and International Board Certified Lactation Consultants."

The Lactation Consultants were a huge help to Hannah and were always checking in on her to make sure everything was going smoothly and that the baby was latching properly.

"They were a huge help," said Hannah. "And I could tell my opinion mattered to them when it came to my breastfeeding journey. The first part of my breastfeeding journey was painful, but everyone was supportive and made sure I didn't leave

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS: HEALTH CARE

A PATIENT'S EMPOWERING HOSPITAL BIRTH STORY From previous pg

the hospital afraid of breastfeeding. I was able to call them to ask for support and advice and it helped ease my nerves.”

Hannah also said that during labor the care team at Stork's Landing made sure that her husband was equally involved.

“The staff made Jack feel just as important as me and the baby were,” said Hannah. “When Augustus was born they let Jack cut the cord, and he was nervous about that, but Dr. Angles reassured him that it would be OK. That made him feel really proud. They also made sure Jack got to do skin to skin with Augustus and they

made sure they were bonding and that he remained involved.”

After having Augustus, the Yates decided to continue receiving care with Dr. Angles at the Delta Health Family Medicine Clinic. They are able to receive care for the entire family.

“It's not just another patient for Dr. Angles; she knows every aspect of his life so far,” said Hannah. “Our visits don't feel rushed, she's not just checking off a list. She sits there and she listens and she asks questions and goes through them with you. Another thing I loved about Dr. An-

gles is that every time we came in she would notice something different about Augustus and it feels like she knows him personally and really cares.”

“The experience was amazing,” said Hannah. “Everything about it felt so comfortable and the people that were here [at Delta Health stood] beside me in my hardest times – they now feel like *family*.”

To learn more about Stork's Landing and the FPOB Providers available at Delta Health Family Medicine and Delta Health West Elk Hotchkiss, call 970.874.2255 or visit deltahealthco.org/storks-landing/.

FORMAT, RULES ANNOUNCED FOR 8TH ANNUAL RIDGWAY RESERVOIR SMALLMOUTH BASS CLASSIC TOURNAMENT AT RIDGWAY STATE PARK

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY— Anglers will once again have a chance to reel in cash prizes this summer with the return of the Ridgway Reservoir Smallmouth Bass Classic tournament sponsored by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

This year's tournament at Ridgway State Park is scheduled to begin at 7 a.m. July 16 and run through 6 p.m. Sept. 3. In addition to the \$5,000 cash purse awarded to those who catch the most smallmouth bass during this time period, an additional \$10,000 is up for grabs for anglers who catch one of 25 smallmouth bass tagged internally prior to the start of the tournament. The tournament will help CPW continue to reduce the population of smallmouth bass in the reservoir in an effort to protect native fish and water users downstream of the reservoir.

No registration is required for the tournament. Participants more than 16 years old will need a valid Colorado fishing license as well as a valid Colorado State Parks pass to enter Ridgway State Park. A \$3,000 prize will be awarded to whoever catches the most fish during the tournament window. The second prize will be \$1,500, with another \$500 given to whoever catches the third most fish. Instead of a raffle determining remaining cash prizes, CPW will internally tag 25 smallmouth bass with individually numbered tags before the

tournament begins. Anglers who catch a tagged fish will win a cash prize specific to the tag turned in. There is one fish worth \$5,000, two worth \$1,000, two more valued at \$500 and 20 tagged fish worth \$100 each.

All smallmouth bass must be turned in at the Fish Drop Box located next to the fish clearing station at the Ridgway Reservoir boat ramp. It will be open from noon July 16 to 6 p.m. Sept. 3. This is a smallmouth bass only tournament. Anglers may possess other species as allowed by Colorado Fishing Regulations, but they may not be entered in the tournament.

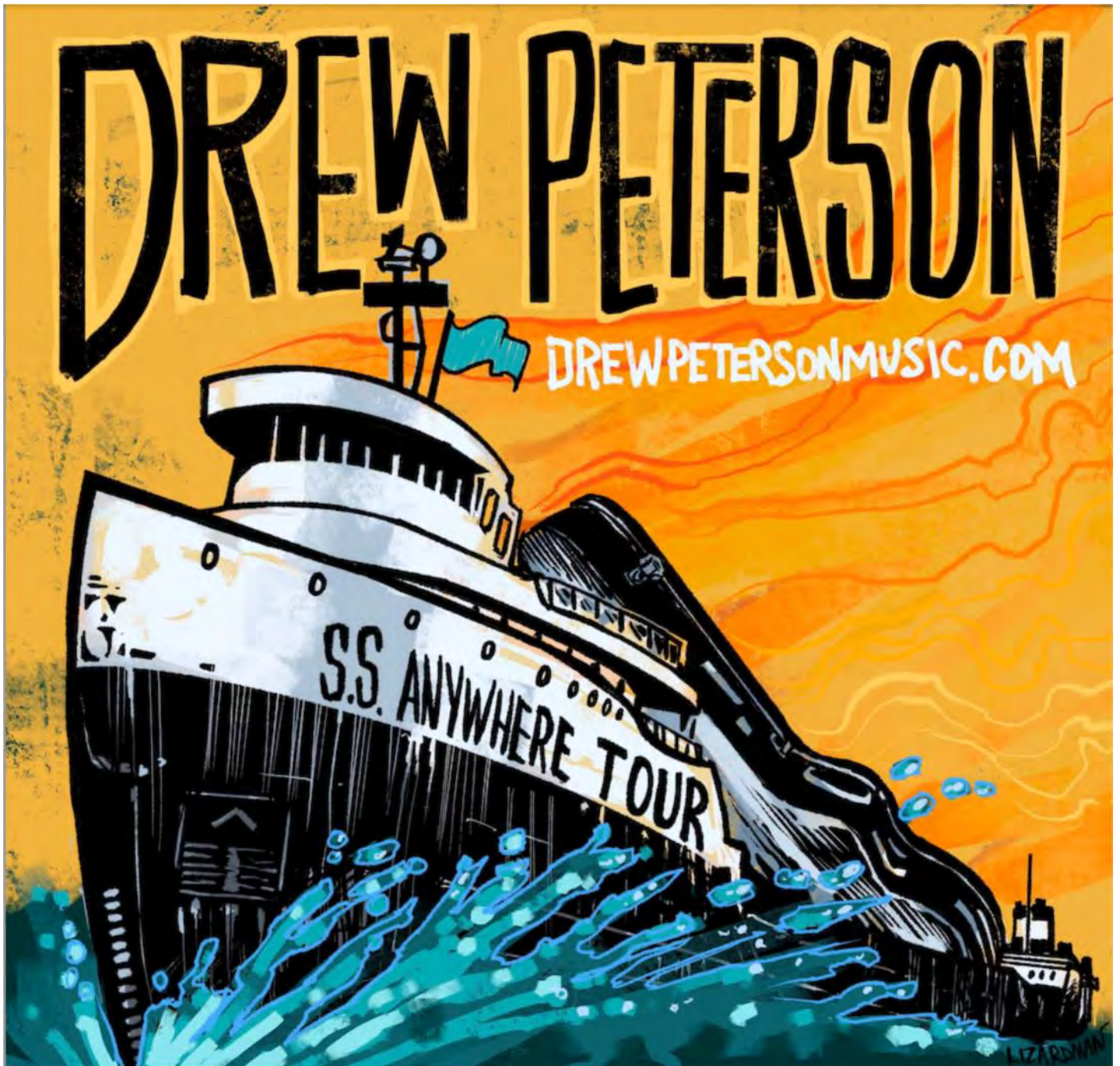
This year, CPW will accept either an entire bass carcass or just the head if anglers wish to keep the meat. Carcasses turned in for the tournament will be considered a donation to CPW and will be utilized for research purposes. Anglers who choose to turn in heads only should prepare the edible portions of their bass for human consumption per CPW angling regulations. Participating anglers must turn smallmouth bass carcasses or heads into the drop box and are responsible for following the rules of the drop box for fish to be counted in the tournament. The drop box will include instructions for use, bags for fish carcasses and fish registration cards. The fish registration cards must be filled out in their entirety, signed and placed



The Ridgway Reservoir Smallmouth Bass Classic is back for its eighth year in 2022. Anglers participating in the tournament will have a chance for cash prizes and play a key role in helping CPW fishery management. Visit [the CPW website](http://theCPWwebsite.com) for rules and details. Courtesy photo.

into the carcass bag each time fish are turned into the drop box in order to be counted in the tournament.

There are no bag or possession limits on smallmouth bass at Ridgway Reservoir, and there are no daily time restrictions on angling within the official tournament period. Boaters are reminded that their craft must be cleaned, drained and dry before entering the reservoir at Ridgway State Park. All boats are subject to inspection for aquatic nuisance species. For more information about the park and to make camping reservations, go to: <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Ridgway/Pages/default.aspx>



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

US50/550 MONTROSE RESURFACING PROJECT UPDATE

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-United Companies is in the final stages of completing the paving on US50 from Harvest Road to mile post 90.1, just north of the entrance to the Montrose Regional Airport.

Once this is complete, United will begin paving the frontage roads from Harvest Road south towards Montrose. The anticipated completion of the frontage road paving is late next week, weather permitting. Residents along the frontage roads can expect some noise and short access restrictions when work is taking place in front of businesses and residences. This work only occurs between the hours of 7 pm and 7 am Sunday night through Friday morning.

The milling portion of US 50 from mp 90.1, just north of the entrance to the Montrose Regional Airport to mp 90.7, north of the San Juan Bypass, will begin Sunday evening (June 26) in the eastbound lanes of US 50. Businesses can expect very short access restrictions (approximately 10 minutes) when milling is taking place directly in front of a business access.

Single lane closures will occur at the locations where work is taking place.

Anticipated Traffic Impacts

Lane closures are only allowed at night.

No detours anticipated. Motorists may encounter alternating lane closures with wait times up to 15 minutes during night work.

Two (2) through lanes in each direction and turn lanes will remain open during the day.

Loads wider than 12 feet will be restricted through the work zone Sunday through Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

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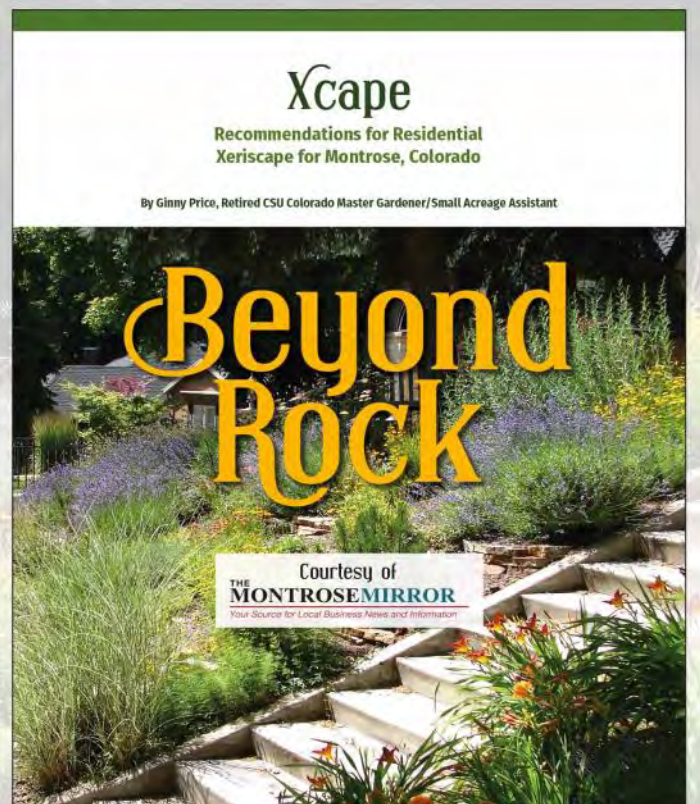
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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

LIBERALS ARE THE ONES OBSESSED WITH TRUMP, NOT HIS ADVOCATES

Editor:

In reference to Restorethebalance.org's paid ad in the June 20th edition of the Montrose Mirror, here are some of the extremists I will be voting against this month as well as in the 2024 elections:

I will be voting against those extremists who intentionally destroyed our economy by grossly expanded and unfunded federal spending, and who purposely destroyed our energy independence while blatantly lying about the resulting out-of-control inflation and gas prices. Those extremists are demanding we give up fossil fuels years before there are any workable alternatives --- with absolutely no concern for the devastating consequences to the people of this nation.

I will be voting against those extremists who are condoning and encouraging violence and anarchy to achieve their political goals. Democrats did nothing to hinder and actually encouraged the devastating riots and anarchy that occurred during 2020 that led to dozens of deaths and billions in property destruction. Kamala Harris said that the riots "are not going to stop ... and they should not," shortly before promoting a bail fund for violent rioters. Also in 2020, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer openly threatened members of the Supreme Court with violence. Today, anarchists are endangering the lives of SCOTUS justices, their children, and their church members. Pregnancy resource centers are being attacked and destroyed. Where is Merrick "parents-are-domestic-terrorists" Garland and the DOJ on all of this? Nowhere. Is it any wonder that a crazy extremist intent on assassinating Justice Kavanaugh was just arrested in Kavanaugh's neighborhood?

I will be voting against the extremists who demonized and defunded the police and installed Soros funded DA's who refused to prosecute dangerous felons and emptied jails in Dem controlled cities resulting in out-of-control crime and unsafe cities across this nation. I will be voting against the radical politicians who set our laws

aside to open our southern border for an ongoing invasion of unvetted and unvaccinated illegals, and demonized the border patrol agents for trying to do their job. I will be voting against the extremists who committed treason in weaponizing the DOJ and FBI to first destroy the Trump presidential campaign and then his presidency. I will be voting against those extremists that covered up Hunter Biden and his family's corruption.

I will be voting against the extremists who are intentionally sowing racial strife and hatred, and trying to reimagine America's founding as something totally racist rather than the total triumph for freedom and liberty that it was. I will be voting against the extremists who are teaching Critical Race Theory to our children and lying about it; attempting to teach first and second graders who knows what about sex; and destroying women's rights by insisting on men identifying as women be able to dominate women's sports and use their locker rooms. I will be voting against the extremists who want to legalize abortion for any reason and at any time and to re-define that as something to be celebrated.

I will be voting against the extremists who try to deny compelling evidence of large scale, centrally coordinated voter fraud and their attempts to demonize Republican efforts to regain some semblance of election integrity as "voter suppression". It's OK for Democrat Bennie Thompson, who is leading the January 6th inquisition to vote against the certification of President George W. Bush, and claim Trump was not legitimate. It's OK for Democratic Jamie Raskin, also a leading figure on the inquisition, to do the same and vote against the certification of the 2016 election. It's OK for Kamala Harris to repeatedly claim Trump was an illegitimate president. Twice failed presidential candidate Hillary Clinton still claims the 2016 election was stolen from her and was responsible for the despicable lie that Trump was installed by the Russian government.

Stacey Abrams still has not conceded that

she lost the 2018 Georgia governor's race. There are plenty of other election results over the last two decades that Democrats have refused to accept, but somehow D'Souza's documentary, 2000 Mules, is just part of the "big lie"? I will most assuredly be voting against those RHINOs like Don Coram and Liz Cheney who are actively aiding and abetting the extremists in control of today's Democrat party.

Just a quick note about Jerome Waler's paid ad quoting one person who claims Trump and his supporters are "a clear and present danger to the US democracy" and that "Trump and his allies will attempt to overturn the election". The Trump era was prosperous, with historically low unemployment rates, low inflation, energy independence, and rising wages. I know that Trump believes in America and supports my right to defend my home, and he supports the police who defend me as well. You now have Biden, who has demonstrated he is on the side of those who wish to destroy this country. It is no accident that murder rates are now spiraling at home and war is breaking out overseas. On top of all that, your president established a "truth commission" to stifle the free speech of anyone disagreeing with his "America Last" policies. So, I ask you: Who is the real threat to our democracy?

Liberals are the ones obsessed with Trump, not his advocates. His conservative "America First" policies are much larger than the man himself --- and will continue when Trump is no longer in the picture. Democrats cannot face the truth about Biden's incoherent and totally destructive actions and have to fixate on Trump to be able to remain in their fantasy world. Hillary actually commits treason, the DOJ / FBI cover up obvious Biden family corruption, and Biden fumbles with his notes to decide who to blame next for his continual failures --- but it is somehow Trump supporters who are a threat to our democracy?

Ed Henrie, Montrose



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

DON CORAM AN ELECTION CONSEQUENCE WE MUST NOT HAVE

Editor:

In my 22 years in Montrose, I have heard and reheard the story of Don Coram. To say the least, those stories were disturbing. I wrote against his behavior with the democrats in backing their efforts to put forth that terrible Sex ED curriculum into the public schools of our state. He said he sided with the democrats so that he could have a 'say' into what they legislated. To many in Montrose and Montrose County this was a complete and total sellout of their values that voters have not forgotten..

A lot has been written concerning Mr. Coram's questionable involvement with the hemp industry. Regardless of his legislative efforts and position he did gain personally and what harm was caused to local farmers and businessmen remains to be counted. He could not get on the ballot through the assembly process that provides real time presentations, questions and answers to the public's questions. He chose instead to do a paid help petition ballot initiative. This attempt to get nominated without the public scrutiny of his behavior provides another question, and that is simply "Why?"

We see what is going on in our country and the dire straits we are in. This all comes down to power and control of the people. We do not need another 'back-bencher' in Congress; we need a FREEDOM representative that is protective of our Constitution and our individual rights. In my opinion, a vote for Don Coram is a vote for Joe Biden and the "I DID THAT" national party. Don Coram is an election consequence we must not have representing us in the Congress of the United States!

Bill Bennett, Montrose

DON CORAM VOTED TO MAKE POSSESSION OF UP TO FOUR GRAMS OF FENTANYL A MISDEMEANOR

Dear Editor,

This letter is somewhat sanitized to protect some victim's identity.

In January, friend of a friend came over to meet up. I cautioned him that I thought one of them may have been exposed to COVID, "Jim's" response was that it was not a big deal, "I have it now."

I said well, stay away from me and you guys can hang out in the travel trailer. Then other friends came over.

A few hours later one of them came running into the house screaming "Jim is dead." I was asleep on the couch. I jumped up and ran to help, asking questions on the way. Shot? What happened???? I don't know, except he went to his car for a minute.

I ran in and found him pulseless and not breathing. 911 was on the phone by now, ETA 8 to 10 minutes. There was a rumor amongst the friends that maybe he took an Oxy laced with Fentanyl. As a paramedic for 30 years, I was so wishing I had Narcan and my equipment!

Well, do I risk death by covid or let this 24-year-old Navy Vet die in front of my eyes? CPR and mouth to mouth started, By the time EMS got there, I had him breathing again, had a pulse and started regaining consciousness! He went to the hospital and was discharged the next day with no deficits. I started coughing...

By two days, full on covid systems, and then a couple days later, pneumonia. Aggressive treatment of both kept me out of the hospital, though I still have a cough. Who knows what the long term effects will be.

Then I find out later that our great Senator Don Coram voted to make possession of up to four GRAMS of Fentanyl a misdemeanor! That is enough to kill 2000-4000 people! So a guy can go hand out in essence 4000 AR 15 bullets and tell him to go kill as many people as he can and it is a misdemeanor!!!! I am sorry, but that is pure evil at its best! Almost 1,000 people a week are dying from opioid overdoses. That is the same as three large commer-

cial jets crashing a week! Where would the outcry for that be?? And our Senator voted to enable this to happen with almost no penalty or consequences!

Don Coram's voting record of handing out drugs to kill our kids is absolutely insane. In a recent debate with Rep. Lauren Boebert, he said he wished he would not have voted for it! Anyone who votes for him this week has the same blood on their shoulders. People should be ashamed to vote for Don Coram, given his voting record with drugs and our kids' sex education laws.

Mark Young, Montrose

Editor's note-Mark Young served 29 years as a Paramedic and four years as the County Coroner.

He has received several life-saving awards, a Silver medal of Valor and been nominated for a Bronze Medal of Valor. On April 10th, 2018, he received a United States Congressional Tribute for his volunteer service to Colorado by the US House of Representatives.

COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

SECRETARY OF STATE APPOINTS SUPERVISOR TO OVERSEE PRIMARY ELECTION IN PUEBLO COUNTY

Colorado Secretary of State's Office
DENVER-Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold has issued an Election Or-

der appointing Drake Rambke as Election Supervisor in Pueblo County to ensure the fair and accessible conduct of the upcoming election.

“Every eligible Coloradan – Republican, Democrat, and Unaffiliated alike – has the right to cast a ballot in accessible and secure elections. That’s why I am taking action to appoint a supervisor in Pueblo County,” said Griswold. “My Office will continue to work closely with the Pueblo Clerk and Recorder’s Office to provide the support and oversight needed to carry out the 2022 Primary.”

The decision to appoint a supervisor follows seven formal elections complaints received by the Department asserting various allegations of errors and mistakes committed by the Pueblo County Clerk and Recorder’s Office with respect to the June 28 primary election. The Department is investigating these allegations, and while that investigation is ongoing, the Department has found that ballots with the incorrect State House race were sent to voters in Pueblo County’s Precinct 209. The Pueblo County Clerk and Recorder’s Office also omitted the County Commissioner District 3 race from a substantial number of ballots mailed to voters in Pueblo.

Drake Rambke, a professional election administrator who was previously assigned by the Secretary to be the Department’s election observer in Pueblo County, will now be Election Supervisor for the remainder of the 2022 Primary Election. Rambke will review all decisions made and actions taken in Pueblo County related to the administration 2022 Primary Election and is authorized to inspect, supervise and direct the activities of the elections staff of the Clerk and Recorder’s Office. The Pueblo County Clerk and Recorder and staff will take any and all lawful direction from Rambke and any other Secretary of State designee on any and all election matters.



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

PATRICK ROBERT BURKE

July 25, 1931-June 6, 2022



PATRICK ROBERT BURKE, 90, was reunited with the love of his life Catherine "Peg" Burke after passing peacefully at his home in Mont-

rose on June 6, 2022.

Patrick, born on July 25, 1931, to Fred and Annie (Jones) Burke in Rifle, Colorado, spent his childhood at the family ranch on Piceance Creek. He married Peg Cook on Feb. 3, 1951, in Rifle, Colorado. Some of Pat's fondest memories were working on the ranch alongside his brothers. In 1960 Pat and Peg moved to

Billy Creek in Ouray County where he worked for the Division of Wildlife for 40 years. He and Peg made lifelong memories while raising their three children. Pat and Peg retired in Montrose, Colorado, where they spent time enjoying their family, which they valued above all else.

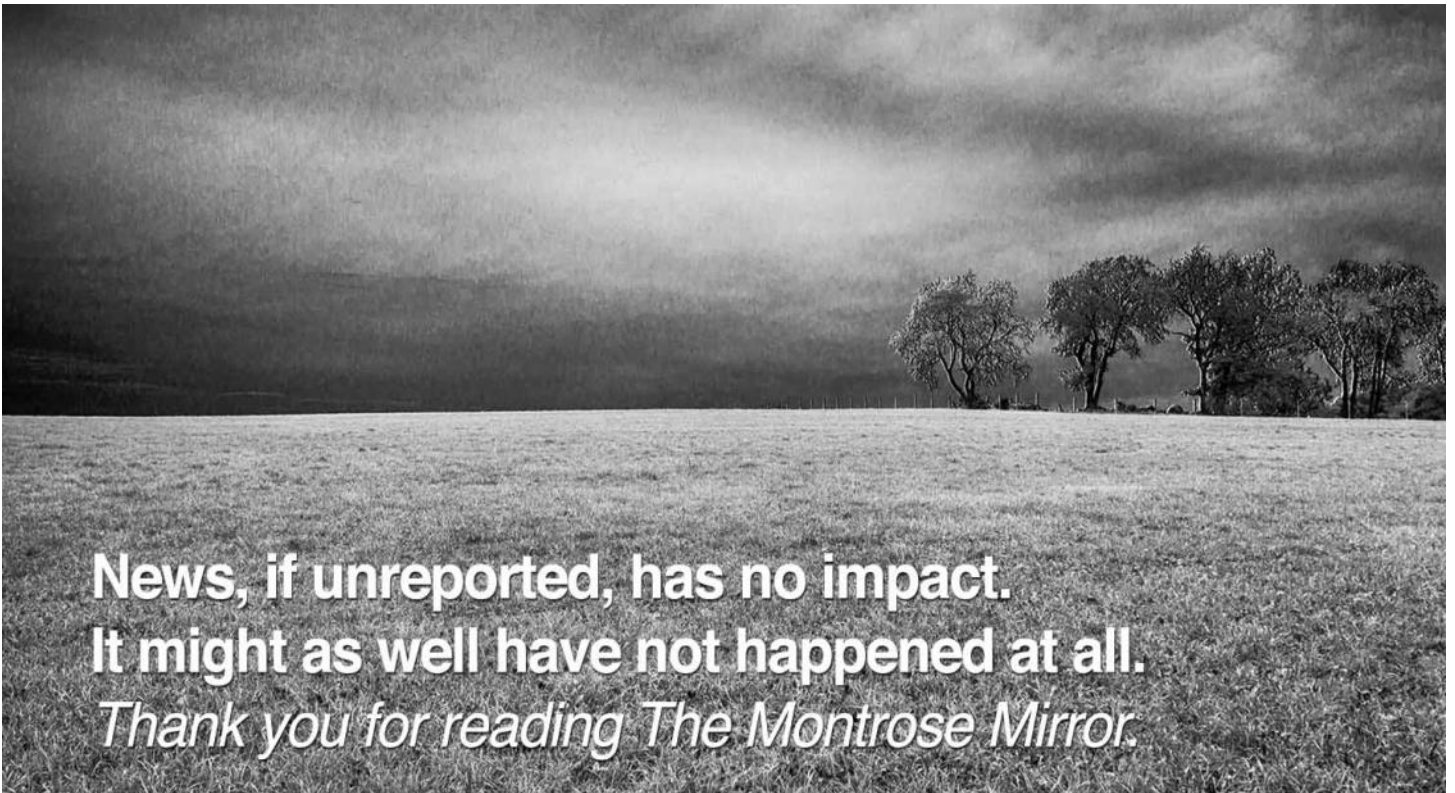
Patrick served his country and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Air Force. He enjoyed being a member of the Montrose B.P.O.E., Ouray County Cattlemen's Association and Ouray County Sheriff's Posse. Pat loved anything to do with horses, especially team roping and helping neighbors and friends work cattle. He would often be caught out in the field irrigating or tinkering in his shop.

Patrick was the youngest in his family and was preceded in death by his par-

ents and his 14 brothers and sisters. He is survived by three children: Fred (Candi) Burke, Peggy (Wayne) Kiniston, Deb (Tim) Ayer; eight grandchildren: Deidra (Chris) Secakuku, Kindra Stewart, Cody Boren, Brandon (Carmen) Boren, Shon (Jessica) Kiniston, Lexi (Robby) Marr, Luke (Shayla) Ayer and Kyle Ayer, 14 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Patrick had a caring heart and touched the lives of many people. He will be remembered as a son, brother, uncle, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great grandfather, and friend.

There will be a private family celebration at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Crippin Funeral Home and Crematory of Montrose.



**News, if unreported, has no impact.
It might as well have not happened at all.
*Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.***

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

BESS MAY FITHIAN

BESS MAY FITHIAN, (Bessie), passed away in her home in Montrose of natural causes on June 3, 2022.

She died at the age of 62. Bess moved to Montrose with her mother in 1975 and lived in Montrose most of her life.

She graduated from Montrose High School. She never married and had no children. Bess is survived by her sister Rose, her brother-in-law Gary, Nephews Travis and Steven, her uncle Bill and eight cousins and their families.



EUNICE NEOMI VANDERSLICE

December 15, 1926 – June 20, 2022



Eunice passed away, peacefully at HopeWest Hospice Care Center in Grand Junction, Colorado. She was born in Neosho, Missouri to Rolla and Esther Hale. At the age four her family migrated to Colorado, settling in Montrose. After graduating high school, she worked as a legal secretary.

Eunice met Dale "Slick" Vanderslice when she was 20 and they were married on January 1, 1947. They celebrated 63 years of marriage until he passed away in 2010. Over the course of those years, she was a devoted wife and mother. In time, her homemaking skills were in less demand so she dedicated herself to volunteering at Montrose Memorial Hospital. She retired after 20 years of community service, due to her blindness.

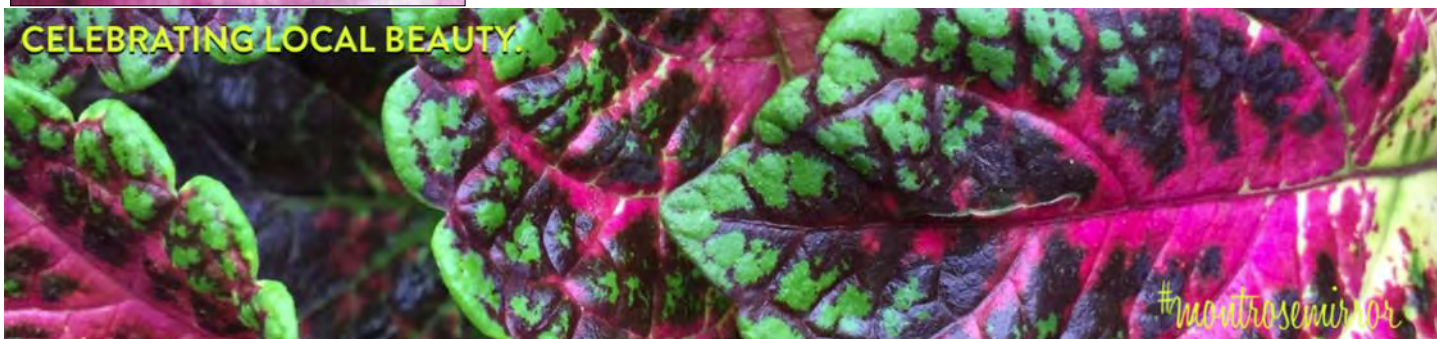
Eunice was preceded in death by her husband, Dale, and daughter, Karen (Vanderslice) Heinz. Her five siblings: Ida Hale, Nathan Hale, Nolan Hale, Melvin Hale and Rolene (Hale) Fletcher.

She is survived by her daughter, Marsha Cook, son, Kurt Vanderslice, seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Eunice, dear, mom, mum, grams, grandma will be missed. She was the glue that kept us together.

Her request for cremation has preceded the service. A private family inurnment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations are made to HopeWest Hospice Care Center in honor of Eunice Vanderslice. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting her family.

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ERNEST "CHUCK" CHARLES TURNER III

March 17, 1965—May 29, 2022



Our father Ernest "Chuck" Charles Turner III left this world unexpectedly on

May 29, 2022 at the age of 57 in Montrose, Co. He will be sadly missed and will always hold a place in our hearts.

He was born March 17, 1965 to Ernest Turner & Tommie Caldry in Houston, Texas. Chuck is survived by his father; his children Jennifer (Josh) Seals of Benton, Arkansas and Ernest 'Chuck' Turner IV (Amanda) of Montrose, CO; three grandchildren Raevyn Turner, Amelia Seals, and Holden Seals; three sisters Chris Carr of Michigan, and Robin (Tom) Wirth, Cindy (Lisa Greer) Hamann, his father Ernest "Chuck" Charles Turner Jr and many loving nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his mother and nephew Kyle Carr.

Chuck graduated from West Vigo High

School in 1984 and married Lori Lowe in 1986 and moved to Denver, Colorado where he worked as a mechanic for many years and enjoyed restoring & driving trans ams. Chuck and Lori later divorced. Chuck married Stacey Hensley in 1997 and lived in Denver and Montrose, CO and later divorced but remained close friends. Chuck loved and always watched the Broncos, the mountains, and Nascar. He enjoyed being a grandfather and enjoyed spending time with friends and family.

To honor Chuck's memory, we are holding a celebration of his life on 7/8/22 at Berkeley Park Pavilion #1 in Denver Colorado from 2-5 pm. We invite anyone who knew him to attend and share memories of Chuck together.

MELVIN WAYNE STAATS

January 10, 1947 - June 8, 2022

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On June 8, 2022, Melvin Wayne Staats went to be with our father in Heaven. Melvin Wayne Staats was born on January 10, 1947, in Telluride, Colorado to parents Lowell Staats and Esther (Morlang) Staats. Mel was raised in Nucla, Colorado alongside his brother, Gerry Staats and sister, Shirley (Staats) Hill, where their father worked as a uranium miner.

After graduating from Nucla High School, Mel successfully pursued a bachelor's degree in Range Ecology from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Soon after Mel married Polly Dickerson and welcomed his first son Kristopher Staats on October 13, 1975. Eventually

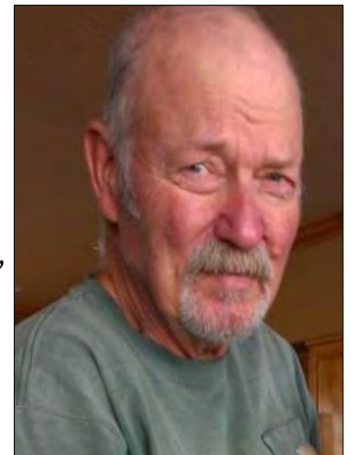
Mel and Polly parted ways but remained close friends.

Mel then married his love, LeaAnn (Garrett) Staats on May 29, 1982, and remained married to her for the rest of his life. Mel and LeaAnn welcomed son Trago Staats on April 12, 1989. Mel's favorite hobbies included leather crafting, woodworking, spending time with his family, and most importantly farming.

During Mel's lifetime he was a uranium miner, worked for the Bureau of Land Management, served as county commissioner for Montrose County, and spent long hours diligently caring for his farm. Mel took much pride in his farm, and it was very apparent.

Mel never knew a stranger and treated everyone like one of his own. Mel will be missed by his wife, LeaAnn Staats, chil-

dren, Kris (Rikki) Staats, Trago Staats, his grandchildren Kolebran Staats, Jerrod Staats, Makenzie Gilbert, Sophia Smuin, and Kooper Staats. Mel is preceded in death by his parents Lowell and Esther Staats, his brother, Gerry Staats, and his sister, Shirley Hill. Funeral arrangements provided by Crip-pin Funeral Home.



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ART & SOL

PLANTING YOUR SPIRITUAL GARDEN

By Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald

MONTROSE-Now that the spring seeds have been planted and the carrots, beets, peas, corn, squash, cucumbers, and lettuce are all pushing their sprouts upward through the rich soil towards the sun, it is time to plant your spiritual garden.

When planting your spiritual garden the first step is to find a quiet place to meditate, to think about what you would like to grow into your life. What spiritual seeds do you want to plant? You can plant as many seeds as you desire because your spiritual garden beds are endless. But you have to be willing to cultivate and care for your spiritual seeds.

Spiritual seeds are those higher qualities of mind, heart, and action that bring positive changes to your life and to the world. Some favorite spiritual seeds are forgiveness, compassion, unconditional love, joy, and prosperity. There is an infinite variety. As you meditate, you will know which spiritual seeds you desire to plant, what qualities of God you want to grow in your life.

Joy seeds are like peas. These seeds sprout quickly and dance through the soil into the light. Still dancing they reach out with their tiny tendrils embracing everything around them and they all grow together. Prosperity seeds are like zucchini, once established they keep producing

nourishing squash. So much is produced from one plant that you have to share with your neighbors and anyone else who comes along. Everyone has enough to saute, bake, roast on the grill, and plenty to cut up into pickles and relish to enjoy in the cold of winter.

Compassion seeds grow like corn. You need at least two rows of corn and two rows of compassion to produce the best cobs. The compassion kernels grow in rows on the cobs to remind us that we all brothers and sisters growing together, that it takes all of us to produce the perfect cob, the perfect world. The corn silk is like the softness of compassion. It enfolds us in silky strands neatly fitting between the rows of kernels. We are to remember to be soft with each other. The tall stalks of compassion are the first plants you notice in a spiritual garden, just as the corn stalks stand tall and proud in your earthly garden.

Unconditional love is like lettuce. There are so many varieties of lettuce just as there are so many varieties of love. Lettuce grows easily and prolifically in the garden. It's always there to pick fresh and if you plant new seeds every few weeks, you will have fresh delicacies all summer and into the fall. Unconditional love can be expressed in so many different ways. Love is love, delicate and delicious in all its forms.



Mirror file photo.

Forgiveness is like carrots. The leaves of the carrot plant are frilly and delicate, easily damaged. But the real substance of the carrot grows underground in vivid color. Relationships are fragile, frilly, and delicate, easily damaged by thoughtless words or actions, just like the leaves of the carrot. But the real relationship is underneath the ground, in the subconscious world., the world of the heart.

Carrots show us the way to be in relationship, carefully tending what is above the ground, what we can see, but also tending to what goes on beyond our sight, what is substantial in the world of the heart that is hidden. Carrots can withstand some damage just as our relationships can withstand some hurts, but in order to have beautiful carrots, we must tend them carefully, being gentle and loving. Our relationships need the same kind of care.

Tomatoes are like God's Love because

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they are mysterious yet one of the most nourishing of foods. Is a tomato a vegetable or a fruit? There are thousands of varieties today originating from the wild plants first found in 700 AD in the Andes mountains of Peru. Tomatoes still grow wild there.

Tomatoes were once believed to be the forbidden fruit that Eve gave Adam to eat in the Garden of Eden. Other ages believed tomatoes to be poisonous because they created a deadly poison when served on pewter plates.

Tomatoes have been called "love apples" and "wolf peaches" among other names, just as God is known by many different names. Tomatoes are the most delicious when picked straight from your garden. God's love is most delicious when it comes from your own spiritual understanding, your acceptance that you are, indeed, God's beloved child, no exceptions. Tomatoes can be grown from seeds and flourish into prolific plants just as God's love begins in you as a seed which grows to a beautiful human being. Every garden needs a caretaker.

You are the caretaker of your earthly garden and your spiritual garden. You are the one who waters, weeds, and gives love to your seeds, tending to their special needs. It is the same with your spiritual garden. It

is your mindfulness and commitment to tending your spiritual seeds that changes your life.

It's time to plant your spiritual garden. What do you want to plant and grow that will change your life?



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ADAPTIVE OUTDOOR PROGRAMS FOR KIDS



Participants, both young and old, gather to climb, socialize, and have fun at GVACC! Photo Credit: Karen Kiefer.

by Abram Herman, on Behalf of Friends of Youth and Nature

REGIONAL—Playing outside is an important part of growing up—there's a wealth of evidence that time spent outdoors increases resiliency, promotes mental health, and teaches children skills that will help them grow into happy and healthy adults. If your child has a disability, though, it can be challenging to find outdoor activities that are accessible to their needs, and especially group activities that allow opportunities for important social connections and peer support.

We are fortunate to have a number of organizations serving the Grand Junction area that specialize in facilitating affordable activities for kids with disabilities, and their families. This is not an exhaustive list; as you get involved with the local community of adaptive athletes, you'll find many more opportunities beyond those listed below. Here are a few places to start:

Colorado Discover Ability (CDA) is a well-known local non-profit that specializes in year-round adaptive outdoor recreation programs. In summer they organize rafting trips, cycling, and summer camps that are accessible to all. In winter they pivot to adaptive snowsports with well-qualified



Cody Davis is a long-time participant in Grand Valley Adaptive Climbing Club, and has helped to create community with newer participants. Photo Credit: Sloane Milstein

instructors who can teach kids to use a sit ski, ski with a vision impairment, and many other types of adaptive snowsports. More information is available at cdagj.org, and CDA also has numerous volunteer opportunities available if you'd like to help out.

Ever heard of hippotherapy? No, there are no hippos involved—it's actually therapeutic horseback riding, and local organization **Harmony Acres Equestrian Center** offers this service to both kids and adults with disabilities from their location in Loma. Through their therapeutic horseback riding programs, they use "specially trained instructors and well-trained horses, along with a team of volunteers, [to] work with individuals to target goals that improve physical movements and development, speech, emotional/behavioral regulation, core strength, and mood." They offer their services on a sliding scale, with the goal of making this unique and wonderful recreation/therapy available to all who might need it. Visit them at harmonyacresec.org to learn more. Other local providers include **Grand Valley Equine Assisted Learning Center** in Fruita (gvequineassistedlearningcenter.org), **Metaphorse** in Montrose (metaphorse.com), **Dare to Dream** in Delta County (daretodreamincorporated.com), and **4 Leg Adventures** in Delta County (4legadventures.com) also offer various equine therapy sessions.

Sports are an important part of growing up for a lot of kids, and the social skills and

support received through team sports can help your children grow into well-rounded adults. Our local **Challenger Baseball** team makes the sport of baseball accessible to all kids ages eight to 18 (or up to 21 if still enrolled in school), with any type of developmental or physical disability. They also get to hang out with the JUCO players once a year, which is a big deal for the baseball fans! Find out more at challengerbaseball.net

If you're looking for an adventurous (but safe!) activity, check out the **Grand Valley Adaptive**

Climbing Club (GVACC). Accessible to kids and adults of all abilities, this climbing program is prepared with the equipment and expertise necessary to get anyone to the top of the climbing wall. While the events take place indoors, once you and your child are more comfortable with climbing it will allow you to pursue outdoor climbing programs through organizations like **Adaptive Adventures**, which usually organizes at least one ice climbing trip each year in Ouray. GVACC typically meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Grand Valley Climbing gym on 25 Road, but the schedule can fluctuate—check the Facebook page for the exact date each month: facebook.com/GrandValleyAdaptiveClimbingClub

Regardless of the type of activity your children are interested in, we're very lucky to have a lot of organizations doing great work in our community to make athletics and the outdoors available to every kid, of any ability level. Take advantage of all that's offered, and help your kids grow into happy and healthy adults surrounded by a network of their peers!

Abram Herman is a board member of the Friends of Youth and Nature - a non-profit that promotes opportunities for youth and families to get outside, experience outdoor activities, and explore nature. Follow our outdoor news blog and receive monthly tips on connecting your children to nature.

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MIRROR FOUNDER SPEAKS AT CASCADE HALL FORUM

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Forum, which meets each Wednesday in Colorado Mesa University's Cascade Hall, presents topics of interest to the Montrose community. Approximately 40 people were in attendance for the June 22 gathering in which Caitlin Switzer, publisher of the *Montrose Mirror*, was guest presenter.

Facilitator Judy Ann Files used the first 10 minutes of the program to introduce and interview Bob Hahn, who has served as President of the USS Montrose Association since 2013. The USS Montrose, a transport ship, had a crew of 1,200 and was in service from 1944-1969.

The association has approximately 120 members; however, due to health, deaths, and economic considerations, there were only 15 registered for the upcoming Navy reunion. The association membership still includes two WWII veterans, 15 Korean War vets, and some Viet Nam era veterans. Hahn acknowledged that this might well be the last reunion. He said, "I've always said, I'm president of a sinking ship." While in Montrose Hahn will be speaking at Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans and the Navy JROTC.

To introduce Switzer, Files read a submitted resume. The *Mirror*, a free online local news blast, specializes in coverage of local government, schools, and community organizations.

Published since 2010, the weekly online news source has a growing readership of 16,000 and is distributed every Monday morning through email, social media, and text blast.

Prior to publishing the *Mirror*, Switzer's career path included working at a women's shelter on East Colfax in Denver, and later becoming a freelance journalist, reporter, and writer for Western Slope print newspapers, including the *Montrose Daily Press*, the *Delta County Independent*, and the *Telluride Daily Planet*.

Switzer thanked *Mirror* advertisers and contributors, as well as her family, and the many people in the community who have helped, including early sponsor Abbie

Brewer, who had the *Mirror's* template built.

Switzer acknowledged business mentor Jim Elder, as well as Forum founders Jim Austin, Ted Dickenson, and Shirley Lewis Bradbury.

Switzer said, "Jim Elder has helped me all the way. He's always given me advice." She laughed and said, "Jim gives me sage advice that I haven't always listened to."

Switzer also thanked community watchdogs like former Ouray County business owner Sue Williamson for having the courage to speak out when faced with injustice and corruption.

Originally the *Mirror* intended to focus on small business; however, the lack of print coverage on city and county government was later identified as a void that needed to be filled.

Editor's note: The Mirror began its focus on government when Reporter Gail Marvel joined us eight years ago, bringing her experience and expertise as a past government official to the team.

Switzer said, "A pdf allows for distribution to many platforms. Many people would like us to just release our stories to a website, but we disagree. The *Mirror* is a newspaper, cohesive and whole. It's old school journalism with online distribution. The pdf format also helps to limit the online bullying of reporters by anonymous blowhards."

She said, "We don't think the right to free speech includes anonymity. There are consequences for speaking out and we want safety for our reporters. The digital tools we now have offer freedom and opportunity in large and small communities."



The Montrose Mirror was the scheduled program for the June 22 Forum. After reading a resume for introduction, Forum facilitator Judy Ann Files turned the podium over to Mirror Publisher Caitlin Switzer. Photo by Gail Marvel.

Files opened the meeting up for audience participation and noted that participants were allowed to ask questions, but not make comments. While those asking questions did not give their names, some were recognized as being active in the community.

The first question was, "How much are your ads?"

Switzer said, "I have a rate sheet and I'll be happy to send it to you!"

Kathy Heavers said, "Over the years, what has been your biggest obstacle and your biggest pleasant surprise. What do you enjoy the most?"

Switzer said, "The obstacles are glitches in the publication process, for instance when a template disappears. At times there are mail service glitches. It's little things like that which interrupt the regular routine. Anything that interferes with publication. The thing I enjoy most is hearing from our readers."

Jim Haugsness noted that the *Mirror* is a free publication, but with 16,000 subscribers it could be more profitable if people were charged \$1 or \$2 each. A chuckle rippled throughout the group when he added, "I pay \$2 a month for the *Daily*

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Press online to find out what the *Colorado Sun* [front range publication] has to say."

Switzer said, "When I first started, I wanted to charge for subscriptions, but you can thank Jim Elder for the fact that we don't. He advised me to make it free. That was his best advice, and also to make the *Mirror* pages notebook-size (8.5 by 11) so they're easy to print."

Another audience question, "In the last two or three years the proportion of ads has increased significantly?"

Switzer said, "Yes. We're reaching more people. We recently raised our ad rates and it didn't hurt us. Our advertising works."

A question was asked concerning the *Mirror's* partnership with web site builder Jon Nelson's Delta County Living [www.deltacountyliving.com], and how to help it grow. Switzer said, "We met years ago and started working together. He updates my website and I return the favor by promoting his business. We complement each other. Really, we're friends and we help one another."

Jim Elder said, "One of the suggestions I made was to move the paper to Monday morning. There is a news-dessert in Montrose since another paper doesn't publish on Mondays. In the [local] coffee groups everyone talks about the *Mirror* articles. What is the philosophy for old newspapers? It seems like you will publish any letter...It's great for coffee group starters. You don't fact-check. In old-times did they fact-check or censor? You seem to put out everything [unedited letters-to-the editor]."

Switzer said, "There have been letters that we didn't publish, but not many. In the past, we have implemented what we call the 'Dead Horse' Rule...for a series of

letters that repeatedly took the same public officials to task for decisions they did not make and over which they had no control. With most of the letters, we feel like you want to know what your neighbor is thinking. I don't believe fact-checking opinions is productive. We put the word "opinion" on the top of it...and as you know, everyone has an opinion."

"When it comes to news articles, we do verify information using primary sources, and we include links to source material whenever possible."

Montrose County Communications Director Katie Yergensen said, "I enjoy your text messages [new distribution tool]. What are you currently working on and what do you see in five to 10-years?"

Switzer said, "I would love to see similar operations in other communities. The *Mirror* is portable and can be run by one person. My goal has always been to expand to another county; there could be a Ouray County *Mirror*. Delta County at the moment appears to be well served."

She added, "The goal has always been domination."

An audience member asked about the origination of the *Mirror's* name and also expressed mild frustration with reading an article that is continued to another page, losing their place, and having to then scroll through the publication.

Switzer said, "The name reflects our community. We don't want to tell our community what to do, we want to be a reflection. When we have a story on the front page that is continued to another page, we try to put a link on the jump page so you can return to page 1."

Elder said, "Why can't the city and county use your publication [for legal notices]?"

Switzer said, "I would like to have people print legal notices with us. Legal notices are fun to read! It's a State of Colorado glitch." In Colorado, a recent ruling ties legal notices to the Colorado Press Association. Switzer said, "The Colorado Press Association has denied my application. The *Mirror* cannot be classified as a legal newspaper, but we would love to have legal notices."

Files asked about other online news sources and whether Switzer was the first female news-blast publisher. Switzer said, "I haven't seen anyone else use the model that we use, with the PDF format. I like the format because people can't berate and take reporters to task. I am a news e-blast publisher and yes, I am female. Most e-blasting is done by Chambers of Commerce; E-blasting is better than posting to a website and hoping people will show up."

Discussing contributors to the *Mirror*, Switzer said, "I have a team of paid writers. I think it's important."

Phoebe Benziger said, "I did not realize how big your circulation was and how big of an impact your publication had. At our first meeting of the Women's Giving Club, we had so many women sign up because they read about it in the *Mirror*. I'd like to thank you for that. And I also want to thank you for when I was on the school board and you painstakingly sat taking notes when nobody else chose to come [to the meetings]. I really appreciate it."

Upcoming Forum Program:

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HELEN PEMBERTON: GUEST ARTIST AT MONTROSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS IN JULY

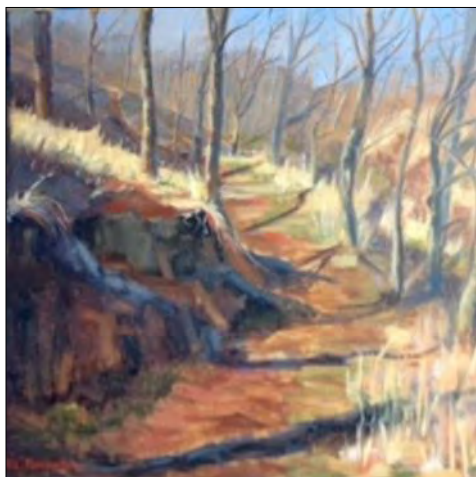


Image courtesy Helen Pemberton.

Montrose Center for the Arts

MONTROSE-Helen Pemberton's paintings reflect her love of nature, local history and ancient works of art. Her medium is oil; her canvas typically large. Whenever possible, she and her husband head for the mountains. She says she doesn't paint on site; she would rather be hiking, fishing or picnicking. The paintings are done in the studio from photos and memories of the places they visited.

The paintings on display this month include views from the Uncompahgre Plateau, Blue Mesa, Owl Creek Pass, and Mesa Verde. She is particularly proud of a painting at Betatakin Ruin in Navaho National Monument. Inspired by a 1940's photo taken by Josef Muench, Pemberton contacted the University of Northern Arizona (holder of the Muench collection) for permission to paint. "The sheer magnitude of the location was irresistible," she says.

Helen's solo show will be displayed at MCA from July 1-30. Please join us at our First Friday reception, July 1 from 4-7 pm, and enjoy the chance to meet Helen in person. As usual, refreshments will be served.

Montrose Center for the Arts will have another special gallery exhibit in July. Roger Milway, from Cedaredge, has agreed to show more of his distinguished "John Rood Collection" of late 19th century impressionistic paintings in our Columbine Gallery. Roger's first show at MCA was a huge success. The July exhibit will consist of all different pieces from the same era. The

exhibit will be up July 1-30. A "don't miss" opportunity. You still have a chance to own a unique piece of art! Our "Square Deal" show, featuring artwork created by 60 local artists, is still hanging until the Frist Friday

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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, [in-](mailto:info@fpcmontrose.com)

form@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, [mont-](http://montroseumc.org)

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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
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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.

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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

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.

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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-

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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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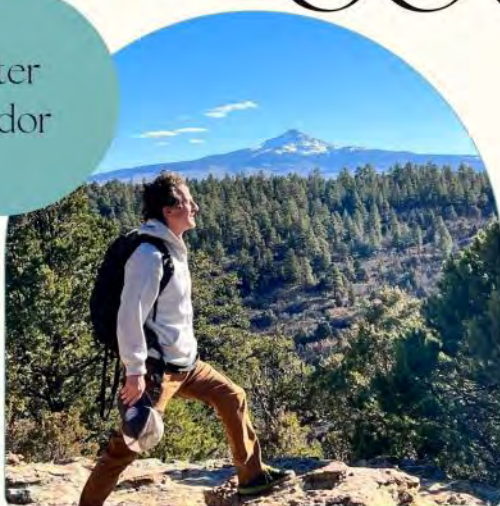
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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

LISA PETERSON OF MONTROSE NAMED TO SPRING DEANS' LIST AT NEBRASKA

Special to Art & Sol

LINCOLN, NE-Lisa Renee Peterson of Montrose has been named to the Deans' List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

Peterson, a senior majoring in accounting, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Business.

More than 6,200 students at Nebraska were named to the Deans' List for the spring semester.

Qualification for the Deans' List varies among the eight undergraduate colleges and the Explore Center. Listed below are the minimum requirements for each entity and the name of its respective dean or director. All qualifying grade-point averages are based on a four-point scale and a minimum number of graded semester hours. Students can be on the Deans' List for more than one college.

For the full Deans' List, visit <https://go.unl.edu/deanslist-spring22>.



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For any information or questions please contact Emma Youngquist at
emma.youngquist@western.edu or visit our website
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

TOP COLORADO CONCERT PHOTOGRAPHER IS NEWEST GALLERY ARTIST AT HEALTHY RHYTHM ART GALLERY

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE- Healthy Rhythm Creative Group™ is excited to announce Boulder, Colorado, photographer, Lisa Siciliano, of Dog Daze Photo, as the newest Gallery Artist at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery, located at 232 E. Main Street in historic downtown Montrose, Colorado.

"Healthy Rhythm is really looking forward to having the works of one of Colorado's finest photographers hanging on the walls at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery," stated gallery owner/curator Ken Vail. Vail said, "Lisa's 35mm film black and white photo-

graphs can be seen back stage at Red Rocks, on the walls of The Fillmore Auditorium, at The Boulder Theater, and other top Colorado music venues, and are displayed on walls in houses around the world. Having her photography at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery will not only showcase Lisa's world-class art, but encourage "buy local" and continue to develop the gallery into a space to gather to experience Fine Arts and Music." Lisa Siciliano (Dog Daze Photo) Photography will soon be on display at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery for viewing and purchase, as well as available for purchase through our online gallery store. A Show is being planned for 2022. Contact Ken Vail at (323) 270-6284 or stop by Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery (232 E. Main Street, Montrose, CO) for more information.

HEALTHY RHYTHM ART GALLERY

Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery is a Montrose, CO, Main Street gathering place for international live music, entertainment, and art.

Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery is about Art and Music. The Gallery affords diverse individuals a user-friendly space to create, exhibit, and sell a variety of artwork. The Gallery, located at 232 E. Main Street in Montrose, Colorado, also houses an intimate Live Music Venue. Touring musicians from around the world perform in the gallery's intimate Listening Room. Gallery hours are Thursdays 12:30-5:30 p.m., Saturdays 1-5 p.m., and on evenings with live music/entertainment or art shows. Advance appointment only on Sunday.

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MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following students were named to the Honor Roll for the 2nd Semester 2021-2022 School year at Montrose High School.

To be eligible for Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least five classes and earn a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.74.

9th Grade

Yaretzi Barron, Paige Beretta, John Beshoar, Chloe Bone, Jolisa Bryson, Jose Chavez-Alvarez, Keira Chilton-Lowell, Brody Cooling, Olivia Dillon, Gabriel Dominguez, Osmar Encarnacion, Georgia Ficco, Nadya Forest, Cesar Garcia-Alcala, Hailey Geary, Matthew Haven, Jasmine Hemenway, Adriel Heredia, Isabella Horton, Emily Huffman, Kayden Huggett, Brekin Hutto, Skyler Key, Avery Kingsbury, Aidenne Ludwig, Andrew Luquin, Aloera MacFarlane, Joshua Maddox, Emily Miller, Sienna Mora, Stephanie Nieves-Ortiz, Stephen Omernik, Ethan Osorio, Mylee Perry, Cooper Ross, Shayla Saunders, Raymond Spradling, Walter Talamantes, Indica Taylor, and Apriell Trujillo.

10th Grade

Jiovanni Aguirre, Parker Blackford, Joshua Carbutt, Bailey Cheezum, Kolton Cohick, Aria Cummins, Tatum Dyer, Ivan Edstrom, Johann Farnese, Alyssa Grauberger, Yarisbel Hernandez-Serrano, Zoey Kasamis, Gabrielle Lewis, Natalie Lopez-Ramirez, Madison Lucero, Maryellen McCracken, Laticia Mora, Arayah Mora, Olivia Muzik, Ariana Najar, Maria Ortega-Leon, Olivia Palmer, Rylee Palmer, Noah Richmond, Taygan Rocco, Owen Roush, Kathryn Story, Kaden Tanner, Jericho Tosi, Kyle Ullmann, and Christopher Vargas-Gomez.

11th Grade

Mia Bergman, Samantha Beer, Kamryn Collins, Grace Davidson, Emily Davis, Nyssa Diaz, Natasha Duncan, Jason English, Katherine Ensor, Remlee Forest, Sandier Gaxio-Leyva, Alise Hardie, Jacob Hawks, Andrew Jutten, Keyla Luna-Figueroa, Olvin Mejia-Bueso, Isabella Montonati, Josiah Mora, Isela Ortega-Quintero, Edwin Ramos, Emily Raphael, Jacqueline Sandoval-Morales, Benjamin Silverberg, Micah Simpson, Andrew Spencer, Clair Taylor, Abigail Tracey, Maria VanArsdale, and Jordan Zepeda.

12th Grade

Iker Ayesta-Ferliche, Tessa Bailey, Ashly Brown, Nyobie Cramer, Javier Esparza, Abby Hauptmann, Priscilla Hernandez, Gavin

Maupin, Nathaniel Murphy, Michael Nikolaev, Victor Portillo, Maria Quinteros-Espinosa, and Eric Williams.

The following students were named to the Principal's Honor Roll for the 2nd Semester 2021-2022 school year at Montrose High School.

To be eligible for the Principal's Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least five classes, excluding pass/fail classes, and earn a grade point average of 3.75 and above. An asterisk denotes all A's.

9th Grade

Barnabas Algacs, Benedek Algacs, Fernanda Almanza-Garcia, Yuliana Almanza Mendez*, Meredith Cervantes*, Bailey Christie, Lauren Clark, Maggie Cline, Maddison Coca, Paola Cortez-Suarez, Caroline Countryman, Amberly Craft, Maggie Cross*, Ellie Duncan*, Ethan Efird, Vivian Ficco*, Gabriel Fleetwood*, Hayden Fox*, Cali Fuls, Taylor Gibson, Christopher Gonzalez-Muniz, Reagan Goodwin*, Connor Gregory-Clutts, Aidan Grijalva-Castro*, Avjanna Gross*, Hunter Gurule, Diego Gutierrez-Garcia*, Drake Hawkins*, Charlotte Hellyer*, Hayden Hensley, Paxton Hughes, Kaston Kail*, Elizabeth Kistler, Andrew Kistler*, Parker Maestes, Dayanara Marquez, Baeli Minerich*, Christopher Mock*, Joshua Mott*, Will Neuman*, Ryan Nichols*, Leslie Owens*, Jacqueline Padilla, Aidan Paider*, Katie Pariseau, Gabrielle Parkison*, Trinity Parris, Sky Pearce, Jakai Pfifer*, Grace Piquette*, Elliotte Poore*, Elizabeth Reed, Audrey Righter*, Macayla Roberts, Marin Sharp, Ava Silverberg*, Dathan Stewart, Geovana Terrazas-Coronado*, Artemio Verdin*, and Brooke Williams*.

10th Grade

Giada Amundson, Hunter Barton, Austine Berry, Andie Blowers*, Karinna Bogarin*, Danika Bush, Kenzie Bush, Chiara Coronado-Rosales, John Noel Cruz*, Laeliana Delgado*, Laura Diaz, Mia Duncan, Hayley Eldridge, Joaquin Eudave, Landon Farley, Sage Ferrell*, Shandra Findley, Kenneth Flanders, John Flower*, Samantha Noelle Go, Emma Gomez, Blake Griffin, Briana Haddock, Jady Hall, Lorelai Hough*, Cutter Hudson, Carter Hughes*, Dylan Jessop*, Jaxon Kelley*, Jaxon Killen, Abigail Lambert*, James Maunakea*, Libni Mendoza-Leon, Rhyann Neary, Micah Nichols*, Leonor Nieves-Chavez, Ashlee Petra-

novich*, Gabriel Robertson, Rachell Robuck, Ilse Rosales, Natalie Trask*, Ellie Trendera, Tahlia Trevino, Eleanor Waldon*, Colton Ward*, Aubrielle Weaver*, Sean Welsh*, Tiffany Wu*, Melaina Yender, and Austin Zimmer.

Principal's Honor Roll Continued

11th Grade

Adam Arellano*, Javier Barrios-Orozco, Makayla Beaver, Connor Bell*, Ciana Beller, Tatum Berry, William Beshoar, Logan Boyers, Gabriella Bratcher, Altan Brown, Gadiel Castillo, Kiersten Conrad*, Quincy Cooling, Mauricio Coronado*, Vance Couturier*, Caitlyn Dillon*, David Dominguez, Kate Donohoe, Torrie Eckerman, Logan Files*, Jose Garcia, Yesenia Gonzalez*, Jonas Graff*, Tyler Graves, Brooklynne Gurney, Olivia Guseman*, Jennifer Gutierrez-Camacho, Kenadee Hadlock*, Bridget Hernandez, Natalie Hernandez, Grace Hotsenpiller, Trinity Huff, Claire Hunt, Sarah Imus*, Lorelei Innarelli, Jesus Jimenez*, Riley Kettell*, Naomi Lee, Leonel Lopez, Alexis Ludwig*, Mekhi Mangrum, Rocco Manuel, Paola Marquez, Lucero Mireles-Rodales, Bryar Moss, Lucas Motley*, Luke Mott, Alyssa Oman*, Kelsey Parra*, Alexander Radovich*, Yaphet Reyes-Powell*, Tyson Saunders*, Joseph Simo*, Aaron Simpson, Brianna Stone*, Alicea Vigil, Samuel Walker, Jarett Whitcomb, Jordan White, and Colten Withtee.

12th Grade

Valentina Adorna, Charli Andrade-Saenz, Ailianna Ayers, Caitlin Bailey*, Kate Barnett, Julia Beshoar*, Brooks Blackford, Trystan Blundell, Wesley Boohar, Taneya Booth*, Chloe Brokering, Leo Burton, Malory Carbutt, Pragati Chaudhary, Fletcher Cheezum, Paige Coddington, Josephine Coulter, Grace Cross, Gus Dwyer, Matteson Embrey, Ashley Erdmier*, Aiyanna Fabian, Taylor Foster*, Lillian Hamilton, Sarah Hartman*, Luke Hutto, Jaedyn Key*, Westley Lucero-Escalante, Rachel Maddox, Israel Marquez, Abigail Martin, Brianna Martinez, Cullen Masterson, Dane McCoid, Valerie Merritt, Sierra Mihavetz*, Megan Neubaum, Josiah Nichols, Ashley Ortega, Benjamin Perfors*, Samantha Phillips, Savannah Piquette*, Samuel Preston*, Trey Reese, Nevaeh Rodriguez, Siya Salunke, Isabela Serrano, Elijah Tafoya, Jacob Thompson, Brendan Ullmann, Corbin Whittington, and Taylor Yanosky*.

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Saturday, July 2, 2022



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

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

MONTHLY

June 27-Monday--1 p.m. Gail Saunders, photo archivist for the Ouray County Historical Society, will present a program on the "Historic Women of the Uncompahgre Valley" at the Warrior Resource Center, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way. All are welcome to this program sponsored by the Montrose Genealogy Center.

June 27-On June 27 from 4 to 6pm at The Grove in Delta (1970 South Main Street), DMEA, Guzman Energy, and Citra Power (the project developer) invite the community to attend this informative open house to learn more about Garnet Mesa Solar - a proposed 80 MW solar generation project in Delta County. Representatives from DMEA, Guzman Energy, and Citra Power will be in attendance to answer questions from community members. Light appetizers and refreshments will be provided. There is no formal presentation; attendees can come and go as their schedule allows. Direct event questions to hmuser@guzmanenergy.com.

July 1-29-Cheri Isgreen-LIFE IN THE WEST, an exhibition of work inspired by my life in Colorado. The show opens July 1 and runs through July 29, 2022 at the Gunnison Arts Center, 102 S. Main, Gunnison, CO. HOURS: Tuesday-Friday 10AM-6PM; Saturday 10AM-2PM Closed Sunday & Monday.

July 3 3 p.m. Montrose Community Band Patriotic Concert "America and Its Allies" Montrose Pavilion, Auditorium, Tickets not Required.

July 4-Fourth of July Parade 10am.

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 Sharpening, 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 subalpine 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/>

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USS MONTROSE REUNION *Saturday, June 25*

Pictured (listed in alphabetical order) are Robert Bigg (FLA); Jerry Carter (AK); John Gibson (KY); Bob Hahn (FLA); Clyde Harte (NC); Lynn Hotaling (MN); Don Johnston (CA); and Keith Marlatt (IND). Photo by B. Switzer.



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