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BOCC PROCLAIMS JULY 16-30 AS COUNTY FAIR DAYS, CONTINUES HOP FARM REQUEST FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All commissioners were present as BOCC Chair Keith Caddy called the meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners to order on Wednesday, July 20. "Got a full house, that's great," Caddy said. "Must be some issues people need to speak about."

Pastor Curt Mudget delivered the invocation. "...Thank you for the beautiful world that you've made that we get to enjoy here on the Western Slope...thank you for the summer, for the opportunities we've had to enjoy the creation... we thank you Lord for these leaders of our county...give them great wisdom...we pray for your blessing on them as well..."

Media Relations Director Katie Yergensen led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

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With the 2022 Montrose County Fair & Rodeo taking place this week, Media Relations Intern Bailey Phillips read a Proclamation into the record at the BOCC meeting on July 20, declaring July 16-30 as County Fair Days. Courtesy photo Montrose County Fair & Rodeo..

Police Chief, Commander meet with local business owner to talk about crime "THE ISSUE IN COLORADO IS THERE IS NO DOOR"



On July 19, David White, owner of the MOOving Company/Store, met with Chief of Police Blaine Hall regarding the increased crime problems experienced by local businesses. (L to R) David White, Patrol Commander Matt Smith, and Chief of Police Blaine Hall. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

Background: On July 5, David White, owner of the MOOving Company/Store, attended the Montrose City Council meeting and addressed council during the Call for Public Comment (three-minute time limit).

White, who is a former City of Montrose Mayor as well as a former Montrose County Commissioner, expressed concerns over the increasing crime problems businesses are experiencing and requested council schedule time in a work session (not time-limited) for business owners to discuss their issues.

Councilmembers did not respond to Whites request; however, Chief of Police Blaine Hall did schedule a meeting with White for July 19.

In a follow-up email to the city a week later, White once again reiterated his

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Editor:

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The residents of Washington DC license plates states "taxation without representation". It seems it is also applicable in many locales

Robert Franco, Montrose

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Rail Plan? What Rail Plan? Cartoon by Jim Cox.

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Editor:

Recently I've noticed that some of the birds around our houses are not what they appear to be. Many of them have been acting strangely, most notably the robins. They appear to be listening to our conversations whether it be while we are speaking into our phones or to another person. Watch, they will hop toward you showing no fear while cocking their heads to listen record and observe. They are gathering information. Often times when you look out your window they are staring into your house. These birds aren't real they are robotic drones sent by the government to spy on us.

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CITIZENS SHARE CONCERNS OVER CRIME, CLIMATE CHANGE WITH CITY OFFICIALS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Attending virtually, Montrose Mayor Dave Frank called the regular city council meeting of Tuesday, July 19 to order, and then turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum, who was present in chambers.

Bynum led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

All city councilors were present.

After a consensus reached earlier in work session, Item 8, Acceptance of Opioid Settlement Funds, was removed from the meeting agenda.

PARK AND RECREATION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Bynum read a park and recreation month proclamation into the record. Jeremy Master of the Montrose Recreation District was present to accept the proclamation.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Citizen and business owner David White spoke to Council. "I was here two weeks ago with an ask of council that I be put on a work session, perhaps with other business owners to address crime in the city. We've been victimized." Though he has been able to meet with Police Chief Blaine Hall and Commander Matt Smith, White said he has heard that council is not interested in meeting with him. "...I'm disappointed that I got that reply," White said, and recalled Councilor J. David Reed knocking on his door to ask for his vote 22 years ago. "I was impressed—you wanted to represent me—and now 22 years later you're sitting there, you helped drive the PSST 2A Referendum...I would like for you guys to sit down and talk to me. We have a problem in this community that needs to be addressed," White said. "I believe the chief and the commander have every intention on getting business owners and the community brought up to speed on what is being done to stop this.

"...Twelve years as an elected official in this city and county and I've not seen it like this," White said, adding, "I never dissed a constituent, regardless of whether or not I agreed or disagreed with them. Again, I am formally asking for your time and consideration."

"Thank you very much," Bynum said.

Also speaking during the time for public comment was citizen Janet Chapman.

"I am a member of Citizens Climate Lobby,

which is a non-partisan national and international environmental group," Chapman said. "And I am paying attention to the renovation of the Wells Fargo Building. In the *Montrose Mirror* I got a lot of information a couple weeks ago, and I've been dialoguing with Jim Scheid on email...what I am here to do is encourage you, in a later phase of this renovation, if you'll consider solar panels on the roof.

"Then you could be a good role model for our challenging, changing times," Chapman said.

Ulibarri asked council, "Is it all right, when these people are up here, to ask a question?"

Bynum said, "It's not on the agenda so we can't discuss it. It's great for follow up, but because it's not an agenda item we don't do back and forth."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2022 regular City Council meeting as presented.

FUEL CONTRACT AMENDMENT

As discussed extensively in work session, council voted to approve the amendment of an existing fuel contract with Parish Oil Company. Nothing has changed since the work session discussion. Councilor Reed said that he is concerned about changing a contract "mid-stream" and urged caution. "...Circumstances dictate that we do approve this, but I would not want us to just, every time a contractor wants to change the terms of a contract mid-stream that we automatically say, oh, we need to do that," he said.

"We need to take each and every one of 'em individually and weigh the circumstances before we make that kind of a decision," Reed said. "In this case I do think it warrants it."

The fuel contract can be cancelled by either party with 30-days' notice and will be put out for bid again in March.

"...This is not something we are going to consider as a normal course of action...this is a very extraordinary circumstance, but we do see the value of doing this at this time," Mayor Frank said.

Council voted unanimously to amend the existing fuel contract with Parish Oil.

CITY HALL RENOVATION CONTRACT



David White spoke to Council about crime.

AWARD

Council considered the award of \$1,500,000 for the renovation of City Hall at 400 E. Main Street, including the award of a contract with FCI Constructors, Inc. as the Construction Manager/General Contractor.

After some discussion amongst council, Citizen David White spoke during the time for public comment. "Just curious what the overall, total price is going to be for this project...what's your budget."

"Our rough goal was \$4M for everything," City Manager Bill Bell said, and discussed some of the background of the project.

White asked also about the renovations to council chambers; Bell said that the upgrades are being driven by safety concerns. "That's totally separate," Bell said.

Bynum said that the City Clerk is using new software, and topics are searchable. "If you want the full discussion that we had at work session it's pretty easy to find," she said. Council voted to authorize the award of \$1,500,000 for the renovation of City Hall at 400 E. Main Street, including the award of a contract with FCI Constructors, Inc. as the Construction Manager/General Contractor.

STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Finance Director Eric Haynes presented the Sales, Use & Excise Tax monthly and area reports.

COMMENTS

Ulibarri said that he had received a letter about Kinikin Processing. "How have we addressed that?"

City Manager Bill Bell said that he has reached out to the owners of Kinikin, intends to do a walk-through, and will report back.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

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Editor:

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communities of Montrose and Gunnison (Mile Points 123 -127). The project takes place approximately 30 miles from each community and was anticipated to last two years.

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Full roadway closures will occur through the night Monday – Thursday 7:30 PM – 6:30 AM.

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Estimated delay times during roadway opening windows are between 35 minutes to one hour. Plan your travel around the opening windows and be prepared to queue at designated areas.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Improvements are focused on safety on the important rural highway, including realignment and widening U.S. 50 to two 12-foot travel lanes with two 4-foot wide paved shoulders. This work is essential to improve safety for motorists traveling through Little Blue Creek Canyon, which currently has narrow lanes and sharp turns.

Lengthy closures are required in order to complete the project, as crews must conduct rock blasting and removal. ACC will continue to work in partnership with Federal Highway Administration, Central Federal Lands Highway Division (FHWA-CFLHD), and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to minimize impacts on local communities as much as possible.

The U.S. 50 Little Blue Creek Canyon improvement project is the result of a partnership with the FHWA and CDOT. Funding for the \$40 million project is provided by a \$20 million grant from the Colorado Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP), with CDOT providing the matching \$20 million. The project is also in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the National Park Service (NPS).

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This free entry day provides a chance to experience Colorado's state parks and the diverse landscapes they showcase. All other park fees remain in effect, including camping reservations, boat and off-highway vehicle registrations, and hunting and fishing licenses.

"Colorado Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the natural beauty of our state and spend time outside," said Statewide Public Information Officer Bridget O'Rourke Kochel. "Coloradans have a rich tradition of embracing an outdoor lifestyle, and our state parks offer a variety of outdoor activities that people of all ages and skill levels can enjoy."

To begin planning a Colorado outdoor adventure, visit the CPW park finder. State park outdoor recreation activities include: Water sports- boating, kayaking, paddle boarding and swimming
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Hiking, horseback riding, biking and rock climbing

Stargazing and geocaching

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Nature belongs to all of us, and recreating responsibly is important to keeping our landscapes healthy and wildlife thriving. Park visitors are encouraged to follow outdoor safety tips and Leave No Trace principles when spending time in Colorado's great outdoors, such as:

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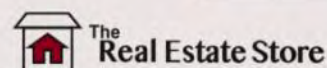
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GRAND JUNCTION— The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests, in cooperation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, announce the 2022 Grand Mesa Moose Day. This free family event will take place July 30 at the Grand Mesa Visitor Center located off Highway 65 at 20090 Baron Lake Drive from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Scheduled activities include outdoor moose displays, casting demonstrations, programs on moose viewing, a moose scavenger hunt, telemetry hike with a wildlife officer and activities for children and prizes. Visitors are encouraged to bring water, bug repellent and dress for cooler temperatures.

For more information contact the Grand Mesa Visitor Center at (970) 856-4153.

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CITY ATTORNEY TO UPDATE METSA ORDINANCE



Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum (center) led the work session of Monday, July 18.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Attending remotely, Montrose Mayor Dave Frank called the regular city council work session of Monday, July 18 to order. Frank then turned the session over to Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum, who was present in chambers. Also present in chambers were councilors J. David Reed and Ed Ulibarri. Councilor Doug Glaspell was absent.

The work session began with the introduction of new city employees. Human Resources Manager Terri Wilcox welcomed department heads, who introduced new staff members. Joining the City team are:

Customer Service / Civilian Report Taking Technician Chris Worton;
Trash & Recycle Operator Zach Johnson;
GIS Analyst Alison Dahl;
Utilities Worker Chris Ottinger ;-
Utilities Worker Josh Hoskins;
Utilities Worker Will Phillips;

Originally born in London, England, Worton said that he moved to San Diego in 1990 and worked 24 years for the police department there as a civilian. He moved to Southern Utah and then Montrose after retirement, "I've been here for a month and enjoying, just looking forward to the weather and doing some great hiking here."

Johnson was not present, as he had to

work.

Dahl is originally from Illinois, and in college studied geology and environmental health. She has lived in Denver and worked in the oil and gas industry, doing field work, environmental assessments, and GIS work. Her work brought her to Montrose. "I'm excited to be here."

Ottinger grew up in Georgia and has worked in real estate and development. He moved to Montrose with his family after living in Colorado Springs. The position seemed like a good fit. "I am very excited to be in Montrose. I moved here on purpose...I am just excited to be part of the community in Montrose."

Phillips is from North Carolina, and moved here to attend Colorado Mesa University, but instead was sidetracked and has worked various types of construction and has been at the airport for the past year and half. "Now I am here pursuing this career opportunity."

Hoskins comes to the city after working briefly for Tri-County Water. He moved to Montrose in November of last year from Iowa. "Iowa is pretty flat and pretty humid," he said. "Getting out here was a pretty good change of pace."

Hoskins worked for Tri-County Water from the start of 2022 but decided to come to work for the city instead. "It seems like everybody here is pretty happy

with their jobs and it looks like there's a lot of opportunity for advancement."

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council considered the METSA Delegation of Authority Ordinance, which comes before the city for review on an annual basis. Councilor J. David Reed said that as general counsel for METSA (Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority), he would not participate in the discussion. City Attorney Bennet Morris thanked Reed for disclosing the relationship.

Morris asked for direction from council as to whether they wish to continue to review the ordinance annually, or if they would prefer that he change the ordinance so that it could be approved in perpetuity with the option to bring it before council as needed. METSA was organized in 1989 between several municipalities, Morris said. METSA has evolved over the years and has a long history with different organizations coming and going. The group banded together to deal with the 911 system. The 911 Coordinator Matt Goetsch was hired in 2004. Goetsch was present at the work session.

"...We can't really have it both ways," Morris said. "We just need to decide whether we want to continue to see it annually or whether we want to delegate the ability to set the surcharge back to METSA."

Mayor Frank said that unless there is a change to the amount of the surcharge, delegating the ability to set the surcharge back to METSA might be beneficial.

Ulibarri asked about METSA fees. The charge is imposed by phone companies and remitted to METSA on a monthly basis, Goetsch said. METSA pays for emergency phone service and provides financial support to the WestCo Dispatch Center.

METSA has ten members, including the City of Montrose, Montrose County, the Town of Olathe, the Town of Nucla, the Town of Naturita, Montrose Fire Protection District, Olathe Fire Protection District and the Nucla-Naturita Fire Protection District. The Ouray Emergency Telephone Service Authority and the San Miguel Emergency Service Authority are also members of the board. Representing Montrose on the METSA board is Police

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Chief Blaine Hall.

Ulibarri said if there is a rate increase he would like it to come before Council.

Bynum said she would be comfortable with an ordinance that did not require it to come before Council every year.

Ulibarri said it does not take much time, and that city council should review fees on behalf of the citizens.

Bynum asked whether the new 988 emergency mental health number has anything to do with METSA. The 988 number does not impact METSA but does impact Westco Dispatch. Police Chief Blaine Hall said that 988 is in different phases across the country and remains a work in progress.

"I won't confuse the issue by dragging it in then," Bynum said. "I was curious...to me it isn't necessarily Council's purview every year."

Ulibarri asked where METSA is physically located. "...I remember at one time it was handled by the county, and then for a while there we had it with the city, and I'm not sure exactly who handles it and who pays the expenses."

Bynum said, "I think that's a whole 'nother conversation that you need to perhaps take offline and have with Chief Hall, who can direct you; you can meet with Mandy Stollsteimer and get up to speed on Westco Dispatch...I don't think that's necessarily part of today's discussion. So, I think I'm going to go ahead and..."

Ulibarri said, "Wait a minute. You know, I'm asking a question and it's a simple question. All you need to say is, it's handled by the city, it's handled by the county. That's all I'm asking."

"There's an organization called Westco that does the dispatch for the region," Bynum said. "We have a representative on that board and there's a director of that board...that's the short answer..."

"That's all I wanted to know," Ulibarri said.

"So let's move on with this agenda," Bynum said. "...We don't take votes in work sessions, we're missing one council member, we have one council member abstaining, and you've got kind of two

different opinions. So good luck with that! Haha."

City Attorney Morris said, "Ok. I need to do something here. So I will produce an ordinance for you to consider, and it will either pass or not, and if I need to redraft it I will try again."

Mayor Frank said, "I support the idea of you creating...a revision of the ordinance that allows for annual adjustment of the rate so that we do not have to see it every year. Because we do have representation and oversight on the board...that if there is an abnormal thing in there that they will bring it to us for immediate review."

"Fantastic. Thank you very much," Bynum said.

Council discussed whether to opt in or out of the [Opioid Settlement Agreement](#), or to allow funds to instead be allotted to the region (Montrose is part of Region 10, which encompasses Montrose, Delta, Ouray, San Miguel, Gunnison and Hinsdale counties). The monies will be "dribbled out," Morris said. Mayor Frank said that funds will bring more "bang for the buck" regionally and suggested opting out.

"...I think the Mayor has the right idea," Ulibarri said.

Bynum expressed support for opting out of the Opioid Settlement Agreement. Public Safety Attorney Matt Magliaro was tasked with opting the city out.

Developer Matt Miles was present as Council considered the Hub at Montrose Crossing Development Agreement Deadline Extension Request for a 12-month extension. The Hub at Montrose Crossing is a project that would bring in 160 market rate rental apartment units. Council expressed consensus.

Background- A memo from City Manager Bill Bell to council states that the City of Montrose entered into a [development agreement](#) with 1890 Homestead, LLC on Nov. 16, 2021 "to facilitate development of the Hub at Montrose Crossing's first phase to include 160 market-rate rental apartment units within the City of Montrose. The original cover memo summarizing the details of the development agreement and history of the project are included following this memo. The original de-

velopment agreement included a deadline to obtain the project's building permit by June 1, 2022 and complete the project by June 1, 2024. The City Manager's Office extended the building permit deadline until July 1, 2022 to be responsive to the fast-changing construction market and staff schedules. During that extension timeframe, 1890 Homestead has since requested a 12 month extension of the building permit and completion deadlines. 1890 Homestead has indicated that rapidly rising interest rates have created unique challenges for the economics of the project will require additional time to resolve. While a one-month extension was within the administrative and operations purview of the City Manager, a 12-month extension is a more significant budgetary request and warrants City Council review...The City's 2022 budget included funding for the originally approved development agreement. If extended, this could be considered in the 2023 budget with portions of the project potentially being covered through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal funds if the timing allows."

After Council discussed the HUB, Councilor Ulibarri asked about a project that is presently going in adjacent to the Montrose Recreation Center and if the Hub extension would impact that project.

Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said that the project going in near the Rec will be very different type of project, involving housing for low-income households who will need to qualify for the units and pay income-based rent.

Ulibarri asked whether AARP funds can be used for infrastructure for low-income housing.

The city has enough AARP funding for both projects, Morgenthaler said. The project near the Rec is currently in the civil design phase, she said.

Ulibarri asked about reimbursement of fee waivers for the Hub.

Bynum said, "I would suggest, Mr. Ulibarri, that we've been talking about this for a number of years, and I absolutely understand you want to get up to speed. I just don't know that a work session is the best

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best place for you to get background information like this...I'm just suggesting Mr. Ulibarri that our staff is available to you..."

Ulibarri said that he has a day job and has tried to connect with staff, but has been pushed back from month to month and week to week. "I'm just trying the best I can to fulfill my obligations to the city as well as to my own self, and to be honest with you, the best place...this is the best time for me to get answers on some of the issues that come up and are coming up," Ulibarri said.

"This job does require doing some homework," Bynum said. "Doing some research outside of meetings will really help you..."

"I don't think we should be taking the public's time for educational purposes," Councilor J. David Reed said.

City Manager Bill Bell discussed fee waivers.

City Engineer Scott Murphy presented an overview of the Townsend Avenue Intersection Capacity Studies Project and the Water Resource Inventory and Master Planning Project.

Police Chief Blaine Hall discussed the Victim Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant Resolution, and was joined by Victim's Advocate Chantelle Bainbridge, who is now so busy that she is even working Sundays. Also present was the Victim's Advocate service dog, Apple. There has been a 91-percent increase in sexual assaults and a 41-percent rise in domestic violence.

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid gave an update on the new Public Safety Complex. There are a few lingering items that remain to be finished, though a PCO should be issued by the end of the month. The official Grand opening is expected to take place in late September.

Council discussed a visit to the Sunset Mesa Water tank.

With no further business, Bynum adjourned the work session. "We'll see you all tomorrow for our regularly scheduled city council meeting at 6 o'clock."

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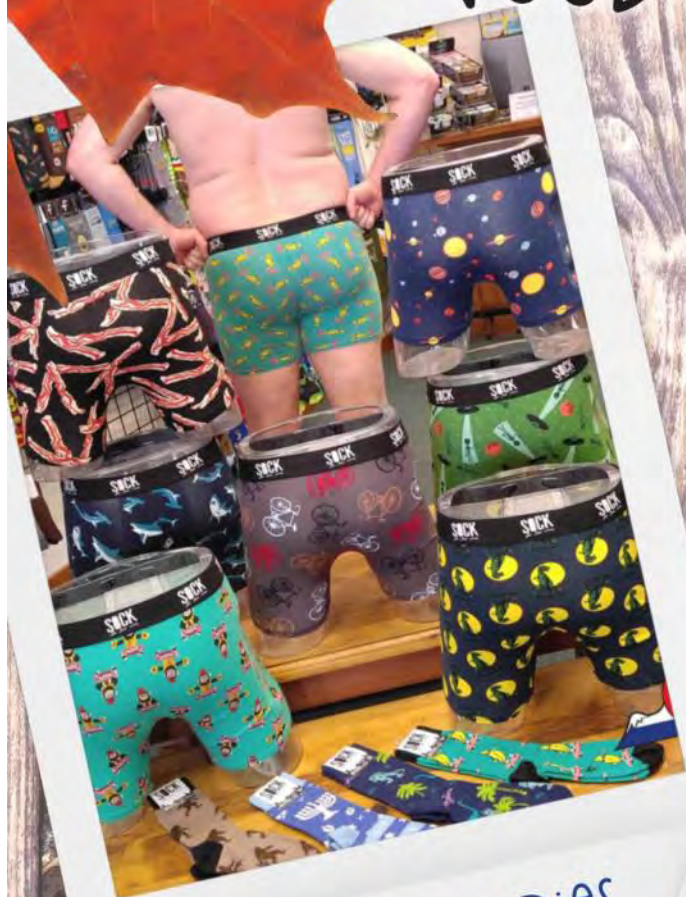
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National Night out is nationally sponsored by NATW, Ring, Starbucks, Associa, First-Net, Academy Sports & Outdoors, REELZ and co-sponsored locally by the Delta Police Department.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. Together, we are making that happen.

From time to time, neighbors throughout Delta and across the nation are asked to

lock their doors, turn on their front porch lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and law enforcement.

Along with the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, most communities celebrate National Night Out by hosting block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other various community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and more.

National Project Coordinator, Matt Peskin said, "This is a night for our nation to stand together and promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement. When law enforcement and the community work closely together, some amazing things can happen."

The city of Delta will be hosting our National Night Out event at Cleland Park on Aug. 2 from 6-8:30 pm with an afterhours movie in the park provided by Grace Community Church. The event will include free food, bounce houses, dunk tank, games, local emergency service personnel, and k9 demonstration. A number of community partners have come together to make this possible including: Rivers Assembly of God Church, The Odd Fellows, Elks Lodge, Delta Family Center, Doughty Steel, Mountain Off Road Enterprises, Dominguez Canyon Fruit Company, Hellman's Ford, Hellman's Chevy, Delta Ambulance District, Delta Rec Center, and Delta Health.

For more information please contact the Delta Police Department's Community Policing Coordinator, Mindy Brennan, at 970.874.7566 Ext. 211, or mindy@cityofdeltanet.



After the first success of the Wine Tasting with History, we will be offering another tour of the LaNoue DuBois Winery. This venue is operated by a pioneer family with a wonderful history in the valley. There will be two opportunities to go on a tour, one starting at 1:30 pm and the other at 4:00 pm. The tickets are \$25.00/person which includes a complimentary shuttle service (to/from the museum and the winery), the wine tasting, and a cheese plate with an exclusive wine tote designed especially for this event. There is a limited space of 10 spaces for each tour, so sign up early at 970-249-2085 or email at info@montrosethistry.org.



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The deadline for return of completed applications is **Friday, August 12, 2022**, at 5:00 p.m. at the MRH Administration office.

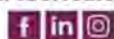
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Editor:

World History is replete with examples of procrastination due to complacency and disasters stemming from the wasting of precious moments.

Fast forward to the present. We, as a nation, are suffering mass shootings on the public 'square' weekly and an occasional school shooting. Our society thinks that it can blame it on guns in both scenarios and I suppose that they can do that. Blame it on the inanimate object! Doing so will not even begin to solve (put an end) to those two separate problems.

In both cases the perpetrator is mentally unbalanced attempting to wreak vengeance upon someone or something; to get even with their fellow humans through a terrible blood-letting. We should recognize that in both cases, absent a gun, these nuts can wreak their havoc by other means. Knives, ball bats, axes, tomahawks, clubs, fire, cars and explosives all come to mind and none of those weapons can be controlled. So keeping the weapons from these evil people does not seem to offer a solution.

These shootings are done in two venues: 1) in the public sphere and 2) in our schools. The public sphere is a big place and open to the public. A school does not need to be but generally is fairly well open to the public. We hear all kinds of excuses for this, the most frequent is that we do not want our children feeling that they are in jail because of the protection we might inflict.

That, my readers, is hogwash. Many schools in our inner cities have protective fences and other devices in place. When has one of those schools been shot up even though we are propagandized to believe that the students there are awful, gang bangers, dope sales-kids and all sorts of bad people. All these things the students may be but ask yourself "Where are the schools being shot up?" The answer is in suburbia and in the country where the schools and their campuses are akin to

public parks. Just saying!

Let's not forget about the public mass shootings but let us not try to fix that problem as a part of the school shootings. Let law enforcement decide how they will keep shootings from happening in the public park---Let us as caring citizens, educators and parents (with guidance from law enforcement) take the school shooting as a problem that we can and will solve.

Ostriches have a perfect solution for handling that which they do not want to handle. They stick their head in the sand and believe that what was chasing them will not shoot them in the butt. Uvalde Texas has a population of 15,000; Montrose about 20,000.

Both cities are out in the country. We should learn from Uvalde and apply what we learn to Montrose. Remember there are not enough city police or sheriff's deputies to secure all of our schools; school staff should not be charged with armed protection but they can implement other security measures if those measures are there for them to use.

Citizens, parents answer the call! Influence your

school board and school administrators to budget for and install 'school terrorist countermeasures.' Involve yourselves in choosing which pathways to safety to take for our children and support the school administration(s) in the endeavors they decide upon (if you believe they are adequate). Act now before the first shot is fired in our community against our precious children. Ask yourselves, "Can I live with myself if I do not act and a Uvalde happens."

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POLICE CHIEF, COMMANDER MEET WITH LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER *From pg 1*



(L to R) Montrose Chief of Police Blaine Hall, Patrol Commander Matt Smith and MOoving Company/Store owner David White discuss the multiple security steps taken by White to protect his business from thieves. Photo by Gail Marvel.

request for a work session meeting with elected officials. A staff member emailed White and said, "City Council desires that you please meet with Chief Hall so that he can fully understand your concerns and discuss options with you. As Chief of Police, Chief Hall is the individual with the most knowledge about these issues and how to best address them."

White Meets with Chief of Police Blaine Hall

White has spent thousands of dollars on business security which includes, indoor/outdoor cameras, motion detectors, and cutting back landscaping shrubs. He said, "Year over year our crime has increased 60 percent. We have done everything the PD [police department] has told us to do to mitigate."

Most recently White called PD about a midnight trespasser at his business. He said, "The tweaker [meth user] was told to leave our property. She did not have a valid driver's license, a valid registration, and no insurance on the car she was driving. She left, but as soon as the officers were out of sight she came back, got in the car and left."

Hall noted that the incident occurred on private property and PD could not take the woman's keys, nor could they tow the car. He said, "We have a big problem with drugs, not just here in Colorado."

Patrol Commander Matt Smith said, "You've heard about the [criminal] revolving door. The issue in Colorado is there is

no door."

Hall said, "We can't arrest those who are hooked on drugs. I can't arrest them. I have to prove they are on a certain substance. This is not just locally; it is in Colorado as a whole. This is what we are faced with. That's the law. There is not a cop in Colorado, or in the land, that is not frustrated. We literally cannot arrest them because it is in the statutes."

The Colorado State legislature has passed laws to decriminalize. Hall said, "State judges, state courts...we have to staff victim advocates on Sundays as advisors. They [those arrested] can't spend too much time in prison [jail]. There are no longer teeth in the system because our hands are tied. It's a nasty situation for our community and our businesses."

Lobbyists and several groups on the Front Range actively support decriminalization. One piece of legislation referenced was [SB 20-217](#); a Senate Bill sponsored and supported by Colorado Senator Don

Coram. Hall will be releasing stats from the Montrose PD soon. He said, "We are up in weapons crimes and assaults, and we're up in domestic violence and assaults."

Hall said, "If you want to bring business owners together, we'd love to help with that. What can I do to help? We now have 33,000 incidents a year. We have a staff of 41 police officers [count includes Hall] and we need to hire another 14 police officers." Hall said his best advice to White for criminal deterrence is a physical presence. He said, "It all comes down to presence." Hall noted that Montrose no longer has a private security business that other businesses can hire for added security. He said, "The nearest security business is in Grand Junction."

Hall suggested he work with other law enforcement agencies to plan an event to help inform and educate local businesses on the current situation. The event will be promoted through social media.



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The 2021 Cast, Blast & Fling saw 17 women participate at the Lone Cone SWA. Courtesy Photo.

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NORWOOD – Colorado Parks and Wildlife will host the Ladies Cast, Blast & Fling workshop for new hunters and fisherwomen Aug. 19-21 at the Jim Olterman Lone Cone State Wildlife Area south of Norwood.

This program is for women brand new to hunting and fishing to learn the basics of archery, fly fishing, shotgun shooting and wildlife management.

"This program is designed for women and provides a very supportive atmosphere for

those who want to learn about fishing, hunting and wildlife," said Kelly Crane, district wildlife manager in Ouray. "We especially invite women who have little or no experience to join us."

This program is for women 18-and-older, and all participants must have a valid fishing license. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Aug. 3. Accepted participants will be notified by Aug. 4. Registration is limited to 25 participants, and the event will be canceled if at least 15 people are not registered.

The event is free, but a \$40 deposit check to hold your place is required with registration. The check will be returned the day of the event. Those accepted who are unable to make it and do not cancel within at least five days prior to the workshop will not be refunded.

CPW will provide all necessary gear, including shotguns and ammo, bows and arrows, fly rods and tackle. Those with a 20-gauge shotgun may bring their own, as well as those who already own fly fishing gear.

Participants should bring their own tent and camping gear or bring a sleeping bag if allotted space in a cabin bunk bed. All food will be provided. Those with strict dietary restrictions should consider bringing supplemental food.

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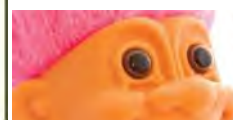
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The DMV is fielding over 70 pocket-sized devices that can interpret more than 80 languages, similar to universal translators found throughout popular science fiction franchises.

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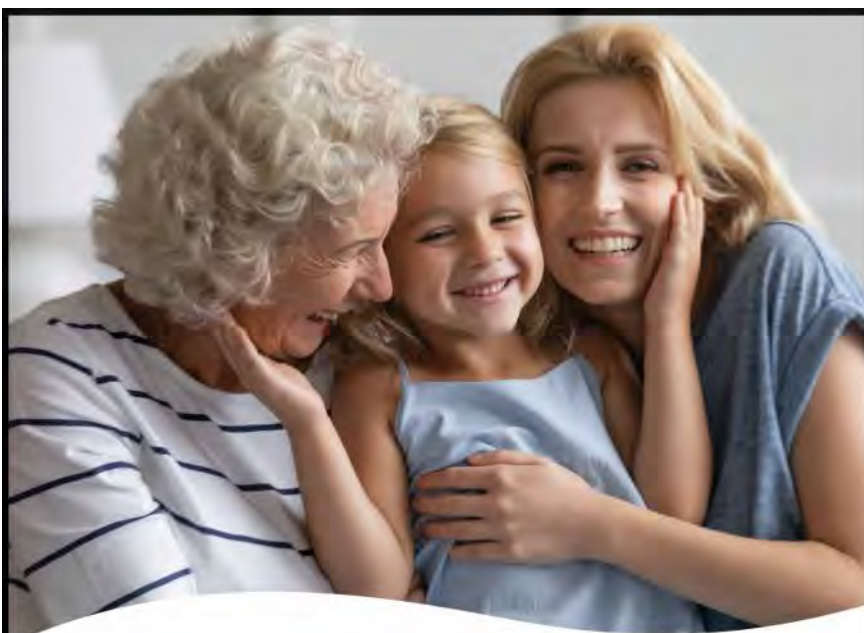
The translators provide two-way interpretation of written and/or spoken languages, including Spanish, French, German, Mandarin and many more. The devices also have a camera, which enables the devices to scan and translate documents.

"We are happy to get these devices to State driver license offices and believe they will be a game changer for serving all Coloradans," DMV Senior Director Electra Bustle said. "The translators will allow us to serve our non-English speaking customers more effectively and efficiently than ever before."

The DMV piloted the devices in December after a staff member identified the translators as a way to get around language barriers. The DMV was pleased with feedback from customers and staff members, and decided to field the translators throughout the Centennial State.

The addition of the translation devices is part of the DMV's sweeping efforts to better serve Coloradans and provide a 21st Century customer experience. Other efforts to improve customer service for Coloradans who have communications barriers include working to translate all DMV forms into Spanish as well as providing accommodations for people who communicate using American Sign Language.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

RESPONSE TO RECENT MORELAND LETTER

Dear Editor,

It's no secret that this country that we love is divided as it has never been before in our lifetimes. About 35% (and dropping) of Americans actually believe that the "former guy" cares about them, even after he spent an entire lifetime demonstrating consistently that there is only one person on the planet Earth that he ever cared about: himself. Finally, after years of his consistent complaints that he has been treated unfairly, culminating in the "Big Lie" that he won an election that he lost, most people have had enough.

Nonetheless, in a recent LTE, Ed Moreland tries to turn the tables, claiming that "Even Democrats are turning on Biden and his policies". Well, it's true that many Democrats believe he is not moving fast enough to address such existential threats to our children's futures as climate change, right wing militias that threaten civil order, mass shootings in schools caused by an insane proliferation of guns, the rolling back of selling off public lands initiated by Trump, and a few other issues; but this doesn't mean we don't support Biden. Yes, he is old, but he is an honest man in a tough position: mopping up the toxic sludge of Trumpism from our governmental systems. Also, he is not "senile"; a claim that originated in Russia, and gleefully passed on by right wing Putin loving media. There was a time when age, along with it's wisdom, were respected.

On the face of it, Mr. Moreland's claims might make sense to some people who don't really understand what is really going on in the world ... please allow me to explain:

"The Keystone Pipeline was canceled and energy policies were tightened, slowing US energy production"

The pipeline was cancelled for many reasons, but perhaps the most important is that it would have exacerbated the effects of climate change, and would further humanity's dependence on a finite energy source that is dirty and expensive. Have

you seen our dying forests here in Colorado; or the some filled skies of the last several years, or the current unprecedented heat waves around the world? Meanwhile, renewable energy systems are rapidly falling in price, and increasing by leaps and bounds in efficiency. If Europe were further along in their rollout of these systems (which they are currently working hard to do), they wouldn't be dependent on unstable/vile regimes in the Middle East and Russia. They realize this, and are now pouring more resources into solar, wind, nuclear, and other locally sourced power systems, so as to get off the fossil fuel rollercoaster.

"Biden is begging enemies and dictators to produce more oil."

Yes! ... as a stopgap measure to get them through a temporary crisis, until they can get alternative (mainly renewable) energy systems up and running. Biden, and most of the free world, have realized for decades that the world's dependence on fossil fuels from unstable countries presents a real danger (environmentally, politically and economically), and that's why he is working with leaders of the free world to move us AWAY from this continuing dependence on this dirty source of energy. You'd think we would have realized this after the oil disruptions of the 70's (well, some of us did!). Meanwhile, the Sun provides so much free energy that most of us spend most of the day hiding from it (over 1000W/m²).

As to the cause of the spike in gas prices, it's not Biden's fault. Aside from the fossil fuel industry (which jacked up prices immediately after Putin invaded), look to Trump's "friend" Putin, who started the war on Ukraine precisely because he saw a U.S. riven by division, and weakened on the world stage, which was caused by an incompetent Trump foreign policy. Putin, who invested in both of Trump's presidential campaigns, miscalculated that our division would hamper our ability to aid Ukraine, but Biden proved him wrong. Ukraine's earlier military aid, passed by

Congress after the invasion of Crimea by Russia, was held up by Trump for three months after Trump asked, but did not receive, help from the Ukrainian president in digging up dirt on his political opponent, Biden! Trump's first impeachment was about that; does Mr. Moreland even remember that? Meanwhile, Biden and his competent Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken, have assembled a worldwide coalition that is bloodying Putin's nose in Ukraine.

"There is no available commercial technology to store wind and solar produced electricity"

Wrong again, Mr. Moreland! Renewable storage technology is one of the hottest fields of investment in energy technology today. Tesla is producing the new Megapack batteries for utility scale storage, and sales are taking off like a rocket. A Megapack is the size of a shipping container, and has a 3MW storage capacity, and is based on cheaper, longer lasting LFP chemistry. Wind and solar can now be stored as long as needed, limited only by how many modular units are installed. Other manufacturers are coming up with numerous storage technologies in this highly lucrative field, creating competition in the face of high demand.

China also sees the power and promise of renewables and energy storage, and is taking over this market worldwide (with the exception of Tesla), while we bicker over ways to increase production of fossil fuel industries that are practically guaranteed to go down the tubes as the rest of the world moves to renewable energy sources

He complains about Biden getting us out of Afghanistan. There's no "easy" way to lose a war; which is what happened in this Republican started war that lasted twenty years, cost the U.S. \$2,300,000,000,000 (so far), some 176,000 lives, and accomplished exactly NOTHING. Biden got us out ... saving enormous amounts of money, and thousands of lives; and that's all that matters!

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Finally, he complains that *"Biden encourages electric vehicles when much electricity is produced by coal, oil and gas which he wants to eliminate"*.

It's true that much of our electricity is provided by dirty coal, but we, along with the rest of the world, are fast jettisoning these dirty energy sources, as mentioned earlier.

Meanwhile, the renewable energy sector is growing, and already far outpaces the coal industry in creating new jobs. Once again, as Republicans (and one Democratic senator who got rich off of coal) fight tooth and nail against renewable energy, China threatens to take over the market this guaranteed money maker of an indus-

try. In the meantime, I'm paying about \$8 for the electricity to drive 260 miles (the nominal range of my EV). At current gas prices, I would have had to pay at least \$50 to go the same distance. If you bought a gas-guzzler recently, and are now complaining about gas prices, after all of the warnings we had for years over gas price volatility, I have a very small violin that I will play to sooth your damaged pride.

Meanwhile, current EVs surpass 300 miles of range and climbing every year, with charge times dropping rapidly. Every auto manufacturer in the world is switching over to EV production as fast as they can to meet the huge demand; do we really

want to cede this market to China too? BTW, if you install rooftop solar PV, you drive for free!

Our country is not served by policies and attitudes that focus on sending us back to a past that cannot be recreated; Biden realizes this, even if folks like Mr. Moreland do not. If we want to stay competitive in a world economic system that is fast catching up with us, we need to move forward, not backwards.

Put another way, be sure this November to cast your vote for our future, but placing your vote in the "Drive" column, and choose "D", rather than putting us into "Reverse" by voting "R".

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DELTA COUNTY AWARDED \$1.415M GRANT FOR NORTH FORK MINERS TRAIL

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County has been awarded a grant by the Colorado Department of Transportation's Multimodal Fund in the amount of 1.415 million dollars to construct the much needed and eagerly anticipated North Fork Miners Trail. The 1.2 mile trail will commence from the North Fork High School and Crossroads Park, ending on a planned interior trail at the Delta County Fairgrounds, in the heart of

downtown Hotchkiss. The completion of the trail will help eliminate the current safety concerns that exist for pedestrians and bicyclists using the heavily traveled State Highway 92. Once finished, trail commuters will journey along the North Fork of the Gunnison River corridor to access North Fork High School, North Fork Swimming Pool and Recreation District, and the recently completed Crossroads Baseball Fields. The North Fork Miners

Trail will connect Hotchkiss with nearly 10 miles of the Nature Connection's completed single track biking at Crossroads Park.

The Delta County Fairgrounds Master Plan has been finalized utilizing feedback from county sponsored public outreach meetings and an on-line survey. Results from the feedback included incorporating an additional mile for a senior/rehabilitative walking trail, and installing river paths and nature trails for youth and recreation participants. There will also be several access points to the river for rafting/boating, fishing, and recreational water play. "In addition to greater access to

nature and recreational activities located south of town, more economic benefits will be available to local businesses as the trail will connect downtown Hotchkiss and the County Fairgrounds with the North Fork High School and all the great recreational facilities that exist there," said District #3 Delta County Commissioner, Wendell A. Koontz, who has been an integral part of securing the grant. Koontz also stated that the Hotchkiss community will benefit from increased tax revenues and spending at local businesses because communities along trails benefit from an influx of visitors going to restaurants and other retail establishments. Trails also increase nearby property values and make communities more attractive places to live. The County has reached agreements on all trail land and rights-of-way for public access, and the grant will provide funds for trail construction materials and installation costs, including a pedestrian/non-motorized bridge over the scenic North Fork of the Gunnison River. The Nature Connection is dedicated to breaking down barriers to the outdoors for youth and their families. They believe the addition of this trail will help immensely in growing the outdoor program, giving kids and families better, easier, and safer access to public recreational areas and, in turn, increase usage of these public amenities. "The costs of land acquisition for trails, trail construction, and maintenance are far outweighed by the economic and wellness benefits they generate," said Delta County Administrator, Robbie LeValley, "By implementing free recreational activities to the public, any individual can partake equally. And, for those who may not have access to motorized transportation, they will now have the ability to safely enjoy the benefits of greater health and less stress through a connection with nature."

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BOCC PROCLAIMS JULY 16-30 AS COUNTY FAIR DAYS *From pg 1*

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CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments on non-agenda matters.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items were unanimously approved, with Resolution No. 55-2022 assigned to Item 8, a Resolution to change the posted speed limit from 35 mph to 45 mph on 25 Mesa Road from two miles northeast of the Nucla town limits northeasterly to the end of pavement. Also, a correction was made to a typo in Exhibit 4 of Item 16, Consideration and possible authorization for the Board's signature on July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 contract with the Advanced Treatment Center (ATC), to implement Jail-Based Behavioral Services Program (JBBS) with the purpose of providing mental health counseling, substance use disorder treatment pursuant to C.R.S. § 18-19-103 (5)(c)(V), and transitional care.

Commissioners approved two ordinances on second reading:

Ordinance 2022-02, regarding county-leased property (Shavano Gateway Recreation Area) to conform to SB21-271; and Ordinance 2022-03, regarding county-owned property along the San Miguel River to conform to SB21-271.

Media Relations Intern Bailey Phillips read a Proclamation into the record declaring July 16-30 as County Fair Days, recognizing the importance of both county fairs as pillars in the county for providing educational and business opportunities for youth, celebrating history, and honoring Montrose County's agricultural heritage. The proclamation, which Phillips helped to research and write, is another instance of the county's continued dedication to

agriculture, Yergensen said. "...Montrose County really honors and recognizes our ag heritage as well as looking towards our agricultural future."

The proclamation honors both the Montrose County Fair and the San Miguel Basin Fair, with the Montrose County Fair taking place July 23-30 and San Miguel Basin Fair July 16-24.

BOCC Chair Keith Caddy said that having two fairs in the county makes it possible for people and animals throughout the county to participate. "...It's a very good combination of getting everybody to the fair and utilizing 4h and FFA, so they don't have to bring cattle completely 100 miles in some cases to Montrose to show them."

The fair has a long history in Montrose County, BOCC Vice Chair Sue Hansen said. "We're really proud that we have the fair every year...I'm glad that we're here and ready to enjoy the fair."

Rash thanked fair board members and fairgrounds staff at both fairs for their efforts.

"...This is a heavy lift, it's a lot of work to put this thing on, and we always have a successful fair," Rash said. "Get ready for the monsoons because it never fails, when we have Fair we have rain."

Community Night at the Montrose County Fair & Rodeo will be Tuesday, July 26. The Junior Livestock Sale will be July 30.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

As recommended by the Planning Commission, commissioners voted to deny the Escalera Minor Subdivision's proposed waiver from the Montrose County Subdivision Regulations Section 3.20(D) and Section 3.30(B) at Parcel 372303104005.

Also denied was the Black Barn special use proposal to establish a multipurpose event venue at Parcel 399501100004, 16104 6250 Rd. Several neighbors spoke against the special use proposal, and deni-

al was also recommended by the Planning Commission.

MONTROSE COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

Commissioners left regular session to reconvene as the Montrose County Local Liquor Licensing Authority, approving a Special Events Permit for the Montrose County Fair Board at the Montrose County Fairgrounds, July 28 through July 30, 2022.

The second application was for a Colorado Liquor Retail License submitted by Billy Goat Hop Farm LLC, dba Billy Goat Hop Farm 67181 Trout Road. Farmer Chris Della Bianca said that he and his partner Audrey Gehlhausen hope to host an annual Fresh Fest on Oct. 1, to raise awareness of local agriculture, promote the sale of fresh hops, and allow visitors to walk around on a hops field while drinking a beer made from hops grown on the land.

"We have people in the community that want tours," Della Bianca said. "They come by uninvited all the time...wedding parties, trespassing...all the time."

A special use permit may be needed. The Liquor Licensing Authority voted to continue the liquor license application until the next BOCC meeting on Aug. 3 at 9:30am, to allow staff time to review the correct approach.

"We'll work with this and see if we can come up with something," Caddy said.

"We're licensing a field, which is weird," Hansen said. "It doesn't seem like the proper mechanism. Maybe we could work with the proper mechanism to make it work for you and comply with us."

"It's something brand new we're dealing with," Caddy said. "We've got to make sure that we make everything fit into our mold. We've got to fit a round peg into a square box—it's something that's never came up before."

With no further business, the Liquor Licensing Authority voted to adjourn.



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BIDEN ADMINISTRATION MAKES EVERYTHING IT TOUCHES DRAMATICALLY WORSE

Editor:

The American people are confronted with remarkable challenges, not the least of which is inflation at a four-decade high level and totally unaffordable gas prices. Amazingly, in the Land of Plenty one out of five families are now reduced to using food banks for sustenance, and another one out of five are skipping meals to keep food costs down.

All due to Joe Biden's Argentina-like government spending and his insane determination to destroy domestic oil production at any cost. From historic failures internationally to crises at home, the Biden administration makes everything it touches dramatically worse.

Our southern border is completely open and controlled by drug cartels, with unvetted illegals shipped to a community near you in the middle of the night courtesy of our federal government. Biden is overseeing the largest release in history from our emergency oil reserves --- with a large chunk of that going directly into China's strategic oil reserves. Pulling out of Afghanistan was always the plan --- but not the disastrous way Biden did it. Due to government-mandated shutdowns and burdensome regulations, mothers are now unable to find baby formula. Mothers' desperation turned to frustration when they realized Biden was using their tax dollars to ship formula to illegals at the border. Crime is out of control in Democrat run cities. Leftists DAs are letting career criminals free to roam the streets and terrorize innocent citizens. Violent pro-

tests by leftist groups throughout the country are carried out with impunity. The massive corruption of the Bidens, including taking kickbacks from China, Russia, and Ukraine, continues to be unchallenged and unprosecuted. The list goes on.

I have some bumper stickers saying "Don't blame me, I voted for Trump", which I would never use because I don't want my vehicle vandalized. If you look at who is actually to blame for the chaos, most obviously those Leftists elites controlling the Democrat Party in search of their new "liberal world order" have to top the list. The George Soros and Mark Zuckerbargs of this world are intent on destroying America's sovereignty to achieve their Marxist globalist utopia. Next come the Democrat party leaders (Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer, etc.) who are doing everything possible to destroy our Constitution to usher in their one-party rule. Democrats should be furious at these party leaders for their treasonous attempts to first destroy Trump at any cost and then cover up and lie about Biden's corruption, incompetence, and failures. Next come everyday Democrats who have buried their heads in the sand the last ten years because they can't face the painful truth about what their party truly stands for and how corrupt and incompetent their president actually is. Biden's self-inflicted disasters continue to pile up. It becomes more and more obvious that the President continually lies about his financial dealings with his corrupt son Hunter. The Democrat Party re-

fuses to change course and tackle the concerns of the American people and the problems that party created. "We have to focus on that nasty Trump, you see". Or those evil gas stations with their 1% profit margins. Or those evil crisis pregnancy centers who actually care about women and offer them real choices.

Democrats have to divert attention away from the ugly truths staring them in the face.

The last group to blame for enabling the Biden-Harris disaster are those Trump hating "conservatives" who helped the Democrat Party foist upon the American people a person unfit to be president. Without these RHINO malcontents, it is entirely conceivable that Trump would currently hold the office to which many believe he is entitled --- and the world would be a much safer, saner, and prosperous place.

These pseudo-Republicans are nothing more than political opportunists seeking political offices where they can carry water for Democrats under the guise of "reaching across the aisle", or seeking lucrative positions in the leftist media. This group of useful idiots is even more dishonest than the Leftist elites, the Democrat party leaders, and those who still believe their party cares about anything other than absolute power. These RINO collaborators aren't so much a reflection of distaste for an unorthodox pro-American outsider, but a complete betrayal of conservatism and our national interest.

Ed Henrie, Montrose



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ABOUT THE MONTROSE SKATE PARK

By Jack Switzer

MONTROSE—I've lived in the humble town of Montrose, Colorado my entire nineteen years of being alive, and as long as I have existed, the Montrose skate park has existed longer. I don't know exactly how old

it is, or when it was built, or the people who helped make it a reality, but despite not knowing how to skate or do cool bike tricks I have been to that park more times than I can count, and I knew a lot of the people who enjoyed it. Kids would go to



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that park every day instead of going to class, they'd spend their days there when being at home wasn't an option, and that was also where all of their friends would be. On hot summer days when you'd think you could just die, they would still be there practicing that new trick they just got the hang of, or even during thunderstorms when everyone else at the park would hide under the gazebos. That single park has become a big part of our lives, the only place in town that feels like it's really truly for kids or teenagers alike. My generation is starting to move away from this town now, however. We're moving away and starting our own lives, we don't have to be at the same park every day anymore. And now that we're moving on, it will be inherited by our younger brothers and sisters.

They also need somewhere to be when there's nowhere else in town that really belongs to them, however when I said before that the skate park has existed longer than me I was being serious. You can see years and years of graffiti that have been painted over, the rust and age that has settled on the steel parts of the course, and cracks that have subtly appeared under the ramps where skaters drop their boards. Corners of rails are crumbling out from beneath themselves, and there are patches where kids themselves have filled cracks with wet sand to act as imitation concrete. The skate park is undoubtedly showing its age after carrying the days of so many enthusiastic skaters, and it needs some attention from the city itself if it wants to stay safe for the future skaters who want to use it.

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REPUBLICAN WOMEN CAN DO A BETTER JOB OF PROMOTING ALL GOP CANDIDATES

Editor:

A funny thing happened at the Montrose County 4th of July Parade. The band played, the community got involved, and the Republican Party put their candidates (both Federal, state and local) on their float.

As I watched the passing parade I noted that the GOP float included signs and people who are seeking office this coming November. They included 3rd District Congresswoman Lauren Boebert, Sheriff Gene Lillard, Assessor Brad Hughes, County Commissioner Sue Hansen, Treasurer Rosemary Murphy and State Representative Mark Catlin. The County Republican website includes Rep. Boebert, an advertisement for the upcoming Lincoln-Reagan Dinner, Republican candidate for Governor Heidi Ganahl, State Treasurer candidate Lang Sias, and U. S. Senate candidate Joe O'Dea. Republican Women also had a patriotic float covered with red, white and blue, American flags and only one Republican candidate sign. That sign touted the candidacy of State Representative Mark

Catlin. All well and good, but what about the rest of the Republican ticket from Governor all the way down to the local races? NADA! It certainly seemed like the Republican Women's float was out of Sync with the GOP float. An oversight ?? or by design as a not so subtle way to express displeasure with the primary result?? The Website for the Republican Women is also a bit strange. Their website touts Greg Lopez, Ron Hanks, Tina Peters, Geno Campana, Mayor Dave Frank, Coroner Rick Fellabaum and a gentleman by the name of Mike Trickey. Strangely absent was Rep. Boebert. Again, oversight ?? or by design?? The mission statement of the Republican Women states: "To foster and encourage loyalty to the Republican Party and to the principles for which it stands." Their Vision Statement further states: "To develop an interactive relationship with the Montrose County Republican Central Committee and the Montrose County Young Republicans through joint activities and participation."

The words are nice, but after viewing

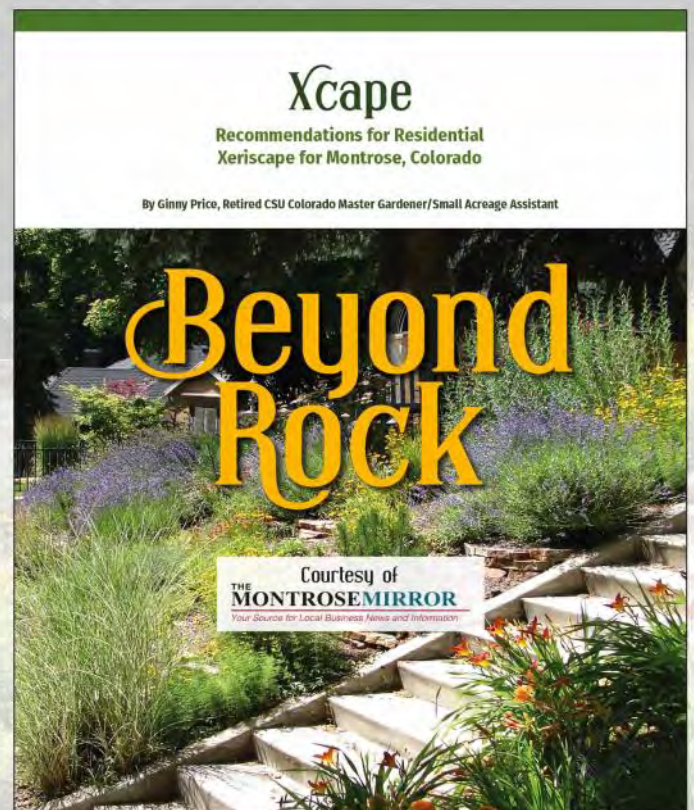
their performance at the 4th of July Parade, their actions speak much louder than words. After the primary election whittled down the candidates to one per office for the November election, the Republicans had fifteen viable candidates (both Federal, state and local) whose signs could have been placed on the Republican Women's float. Republican Women – one sign. One wonders what party loyalty really means to them, and one can wonder about the relationship, or lack thereof, with the County GOP Central Committee. It is somewhat difficult to contemplate how and why our sitting Republican Congresswoman here in the 3rd District, a woman to boot, had no place on the Republican Women's float. That in my opinion, was certainly by design, and seems to indicate a post-primary sour grapes attitude that has no place in moving ahead toward the November election. With the Fair parade coming up, I certainly hope the Republican women do a better job of promoting ALL GOP candidates!

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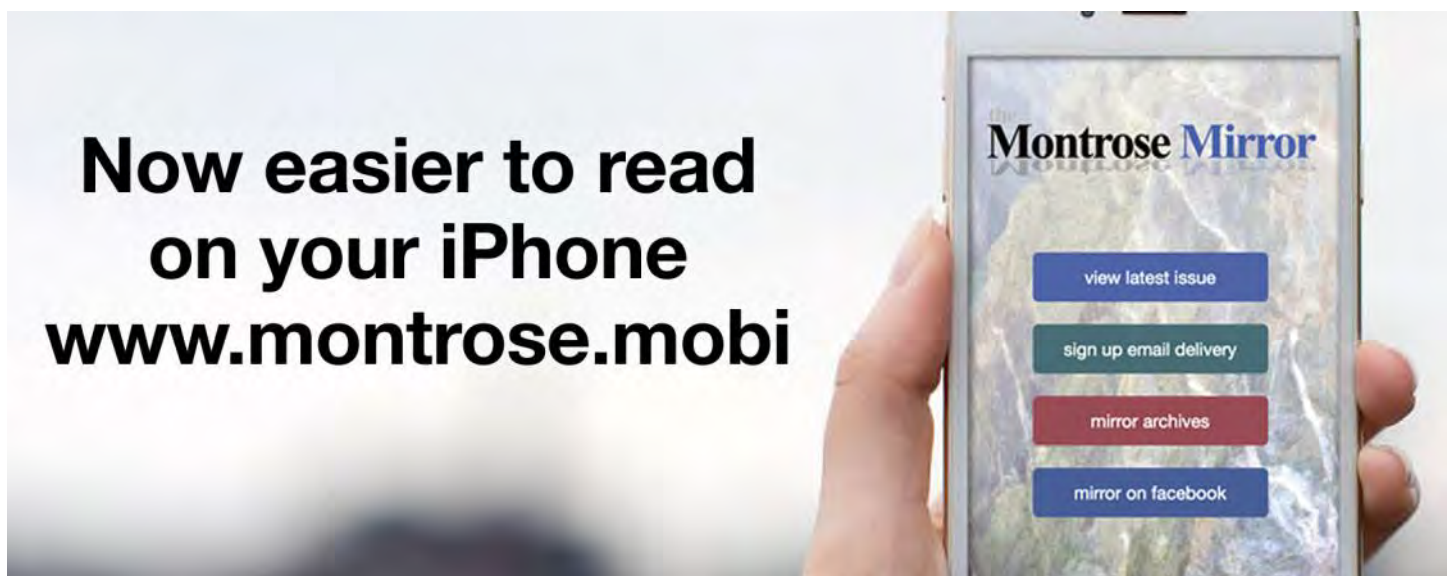


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Deb Reimann snapped this photo of a field of wildflowers near Ophir Pass. "No matter how chaotic it is, wildflowers will still spring up in the middle of nowhere." —Sheryl Crow

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING AND MONEY LAUNDERING

Special to the Mirror

DENVER – The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado announces Omar Briceno-Quijano, age 31, of Montrose, Colorado, was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and heroin and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

According to the plea agreement, between January 1, 2019, and December 18, 2019, Briceno-Quijano was mainly located in Mexico and was involved in sending illegal narcotics from Mexico to the western slope of Colorado, to include Montrose, Colorado. Once the narcotics were in the United States and Colorado, the defendant would receive telephone calls from drug customers. Once the defendant had the drug order, he would contact a drug courier, who would deliver the narcotics to the customer. One way the defendant received drug proceeds was through electronic wire transfers of funds from Colorado to Mexico.

Judge Christine M. Arguello sentenced Briceno-Quijano on July 14, 2022. In addition to 14 years in prison, he will serve a term of five years of supervised release.

"This defendant was a ring-leader in a major drug trafficking operation, impacting a small community in Colorado," said U.S. Attorney Cole Finegan. "This was a lengthy prosecution that involved 13 defendants. This significant sentence demonstrates our commitment to work with our law enforcement partners to keep offenders from dealing drugs on our streets."

"IRS:CI special agents are uniquely trained to trace financial transactions and use this expertise to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking organizations," said Andy Tsui, Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation, Denver Field Office. "Omar Briceno-Quijano's sentence reflects the seriousness of his crimes and IRS:CI's commitment to work with our law enforcement partners to stop the flow of drugs into and drug proceeds out of the United States."

"This sentencing proves that DEA and our law enforcement partners are aggressively committed to disrupting the flow of dangerous drugs into our communities by stopping it at the source, whether here or abroad," said Brian Besser, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Admin-

istration Denver Field Office. "I applaud our Agents and Task Force officers who were able to stay the course on an extensive investigation and successful prosecution, as well as the U.S. Marshals who ultimately apprehended Briceno-Quijano in Mexico."

IRS-CI, DEA Rocky Mountain Division-Montrose Post of Duty, the Montrose Police Department, the Montrose County Sheriff's Office, and the Seventh Judicial District Drug Task Force, and the United States Marshals Service investigated this case. Assistant United States Attorneys Alexander Duncan and Zachary Phillips handled the prosecution.

This prosecution is a result of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles high-level drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs, and transnational criminal organizations that threaten communities throughout the United States. OCDETF uses a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach that leverages the strengths of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies against criminal networks.

Case number: 19-cr-00535



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Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The 2022 Montrose Wine & Food Festival, sponsored by Alpine Bank, will be held Saturday Aug. 27 from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Montrose County Event Center. All proceeds from the event benefit the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club. Tickets and sponsorships are available now and information can be found online at <https://www.blackcanyontickets.com/tc-events/2022-food-and-wine-festival>.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

LEE WILFRED BROWN *March 18, 1956 - July 16 2022*

LEE WILFRED BROWN, age 66, passed away July 16th 2022 at the Ferris Hospice Care Center in Grand Junction. Born March 18, 1956 at Montrose Memorial Hospital, to Lyle W. and ZillaMay Brown, Lee was a longtime resident, growing up in the area, attending Montrose County Schools, participating in 4-H and other youth activities, and graduating with the class of 1974 from Montrose High School. Lee enlisted in the U.S. Army following graduation and after basic training, received advance education in Diesel Mechanics at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, graduating second in his class. He followed this occupation the remainder of his life.

He served in Germany and various military bases in the United States.

Lee married Lisa Marie Swanner on Sept. 17, 1977 in Montrose. Two daughters were born to this union, Joanne in 1979 and Sarah in 1980. He was later married to Cherylann Katsch, who survives.

A longtime employee of the Colorado Department of Transportation, Lee retired in 2018 and devoted his time to raising cattle, tending his farms, helping his neighbors and providing repair services for friends and acquaintances.

Lee was preceded in death by his father, Lyle and one sibling, Billy.

He is survived by his mother, ZillaMay; a sister, Adell Heneghan; both of his daughters and three grandsons. He is also survived by three special aunts: Thedus Castle, Thelma Smith and Joyce Wedeward, as well as extensive family

members, numerous cousins and other relatives.

To his many friends and colleagues, Lee was widely known as a generous and caring friend, a dependable co-worker and a reliable, helpful neighbor.

As Lee requested, no formal funeral services will be held.



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

S. DONNA JACKSON

December 1, 1937-May 31, 2022



S. DONNA JACKSON passed away on May 31, 2022, peacefully in the Elk Ridge Care Facility in Montrose, Colorado. She was 84 years old and had her five children Cathy Seibel Bayfield, Ron Barnes of Montrose, Emmett (Karin) Barnes of Montrose, Crystal (Dan) Wandell of Montrose, and Mike (Debbie) Jackson of Montrose by her side.

Donna was born December 1, 1937, to Foster Vernon Ellis and Francis Pauline Ellis (Hagan) in Sylvia, KS. Donna and her family moved to Colorado when she was 10 years old.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Keith and Larry and her son Thomas Barnes.

She made her home in Montrose, CO where she worked at Colorado Ute/Tri State and retired in 1997 and raised her six children. Donna is survived by five children, 14 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild and one sister.

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

DALLAS RAY HOFFMAN SR.

September 16, 1932 -July 13, 2022

Our beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great-grandfather Dallas Ray Hoffman Sr.'s, love of life did not come to an end with his death. He passed away peacefully in his home in Montrose, CO on July 13th at the age of 89 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by loved ones near and far, who will continue to honor his legacy and example by living their lives so "there are no empty chairs" in Heaven.

Master Sgt Dallas R. Hoffman Sr., was born on September 16, 1932 in Idaho Falls, ID to James & Ruby Kinghorn and later adopted at the age of 18 months by Clarence & Ida Hoffman. He enlisted in the National Guard in at the age of 16. He served in the Korean & Vietnam wars with the courage of knowing that the armor of our Heavenly Father would protect him and let him return with honor to his family

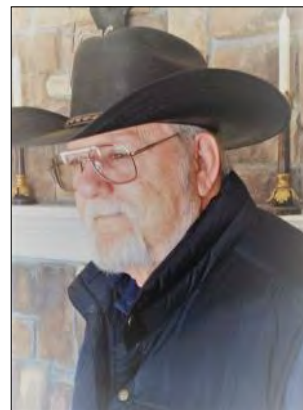
and friends. He retired in 1980 after serving for almost 30 years and moved to Mesa, AZ where he and his wife owned a pest control business. He then retired in 2005 and made one last move to Montrose, CO. Dallas enjoyed fishing and the beautiful mountains of CO along with many friends and family. He loved woodworking and also building models of military vehicles. He found joy in "just living." He touched whomever he came in contact with. His humor was what he lived by and was contagious to everyone. Dallas was an outstanding member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and has served valiantly in all of his callings.

Dallas is survived by his wife, Eleanor of 65 years. They were blessed with five children: Dallas Jr, Jolene Wilson (Daniel), James C (Rebecca), Russell D (Lorene) & Terri Lynn Galvan (Valentin). and four girls

from Dallas's first marriage: Sherri Lynn, Kristi, Karen, Leisa. His posterity includes; 26 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren with one on the way.

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

The family would like to give heartfelt thanks to all who were involved with his care in the last days. In lieu of flowers a donation to Hope West would be greatly appreciated. Their skilled & tender care brought peace to the family.



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ART & SOL

GRAND JUNCTION INDIAN SCHOOL, 1886-1911

By Dorothy Causey

COLORADO-In the 1800's many people, particularly those in the West, felt "The only good Indian is a dead Indian." Influential people in Washington, D.C., thought otherwise.

Legislators felt the answer to the "Indian Problem" was to assimilate the tribes, starting with the children. They advocated boarding schools where English would be taught and there would be vocational training. They reasoned that the youngsters would/could work in the English-speaking world and would want their own piece of land instead of sharing the reservation. Eventually the Indian culture and reservation life would fade away.

In 1887 the Dawes Severalty Act was passed, giving the government the ability to section land on the reservations into acres that American Indians could farm. It was hoped that action would force Native Americans to give up communal living and force them to adopt American farming practices.

In 1893 Congress gave the Bureau of Indian Affairs the right to withhold food rations and supplies from Indian parents who refused to enroll their children in boarding schools.

In 1905 the commissioner of Indian affairs said, "The aim of the department is to take the younger Indians away from the tribal reservations and plant them among the

white people, where they become good citizens. The local prejudice that wherever the Indian is he is a nuisance, must be dispelled, and the only way to do this is to give him a chance to prove that he can be turned into a good citizen. Of course, all this applies to the younger people. There is no use in trying to teach an Indian well up in years. His place is with his tribe."

Thus, around 25 off-reservation schools were started, primarily in the West.

There were three in Colorado:

at Ignacio for eight months a year and at Durango and Grand Junction year round. The Grand Junction school was to serve the Ute Indians who had been forcibly removed from Colorado to Utah. That included hundreds of Utes who lived near Montrose, including the famous Chipeta.

Starting the schools as an attempt to wipe out the Indian way of life was a terrible injustice to the Native Americans, who were forced to send their children to the schools where many of them were required to live year-round.

SCHOOL HAD A SLOW START

The Grand Junction school was also known as the Teller Institute. It was named after local lawmaker and U.S. Senator Henry



Grand Junction Indian School students, circa 1900. Historic photo shared on by Denise and Steve Hight of the [Fruita Historic Preservation Board](#).

Teller, who greatly influenced the school's creation.

The school was off to a slow start. The first class was to start there in the fall of 1886 but the Utah Utes for whom it was designated would have none of it. There were several reasons for their feelings:

-In 1883, a year after the Albuquerque, NM, Indian School started, over half the 27 Ute children attending the school had died, prompting parents to demand the rest of the children be returned.

-A Ute hunting party crossed the border from Utah into Colorado. A posse chased them back and the word was put out that any Utes caught in Colorado would be killed.

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-The Native Americans had heard stories of mistreatment of Indian children at the schools.

Before school started in the fall in the fall of 1886 representatives of the school went on a recruiting trip to Utah. The parents, fearing their children would be taken by force, hid them. They were right to be fearful. "According to the research of History Professor Don Mackendrick, recruiters resorted to 'hogtying' students and bringing them to the school."

The Grand Junction school started with only seven students, all of them Utes. A few months later another Ute child entered the school. Eventually school authorities gave up on recruiting young people among the Utes and instead recruited in neighboring states. By the end of the school year in 1897 there were 25 students enrolled, most of them from out of state.

In October 1888 there were only 21 students enrolled, and a special agent visiting the school reported five left while he was there and 12 more had petitioned to leave. By 1889 the average daily attendance had fallen to 17.

In 1890 the superintendent was instructed to draft plans for trade shops and when the school began strongly emphasizing vocational training the enrollment increased. By 1900 the school had an enrollment of about 200 students, mostly from Arizona and New Mexico. In 1902 there was one Ute Indian of 166 students enrolled. In the 1904-1905 school year there was an enrollment of 216 students from a number of different tribes and states.

The school started with one building, a two-story brick that housed a dormitory and classrooms. By 1907 the school campus had been expanded and included a jail for those who committed transgressions.

JAIL AT THE SCHOOL

In October 1899 the *Denver Times* printed a scathing article about conditions at the school. The *Grand Junction Daily Sentinel* quickly rebutted it. "From his own knowledge the writer knows that these conditions do not prevail at the institute" "but the article charges that the buildings

are in a most filthy condition" "and altogether there has been gross neglect."

The Grand Junction paper printed extracts from the Denver paper's article, and included this:

"Exploring the grounds to find the source [of a terrible odor] we found a little frame house. The door was ajar and we peeped in. If a pig pen could look much worse the man who kept those pigs should be arrested for cruelty to animals. Old filthy clothing, blankets covered with dirt and grease and evidence of recent sickness told an emphatic but terrible tale of the care of prisoners...The prisoners are kept in this hole until they are ill and then allowed to go free."

An article in the *Daily Sentinel* on March 9, 1908, told of three older boys who left the school campus and went to Grand Junction. When they returned to the school at 9 p.m. they were drunk and created an uproar at a social event that was going on.

The school's discipliner was summoned. [Discipliner was a paid position at the school.] One of the students escaped but two of the boys were sent to "the school jail." Later in the evening the boys pried up the lining in the jail walls and set the building on fire. Apparently it burned to the ground but the boys were rescued before they were killed.

After the fire the boys were taken to the Mesa County jail. Other articles said students from the school were then jailed in Grand Junction after that.

TREATMENT OF STUDENTS

When students started at the school their long black hair was cut and they were issued uniforms. It was the first step taken to assimilate them and destroy their culture by removing the outer features such as hair and clothes.

The school worked hard at teaching English to the Indian children and when the students reached a certain level of competence, they were forbidden to use their native language. Failure to speak English meant the student was punished (some said beaten.)

A Ute boy, Taroose, frightened by treatment at the school and by a teacher who

taught with a loaded pistol on his hip, escaped the school and headed back to Utah. He was captured and taken back to Grand Junction at gunpoint, and was threatened with imprisonment or hanging.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING; EXTRACURRICULAR

The Native Americans had lost faith in the school when it failed to teach trades and the school had its greatest success when it began emphasizing vocational training.

The original plan had been to teach farming skills but the 160 acres housing the campus was "of as miserable adobe land, strongly impregnated with alkali, as can be found in this valley," so that was abandoned. The school also had troubles with sewage and drinking water. A project called "outing" was instituted where, during the summer, students worked for neighboring farmers. Boys learned farming techniques and the girls learned domestic skills.

The money they earned was held by the school for the students, and it was probably a good idea except for one instance. An audit of the books one year could find no record of the money and it was learned that the superintendent had used the money the students earned for his personal needs. Regardless, he continued in his job for several years.

Over the years the school bought dairy cows and produced milk and butter; it's believed there was a milk depot in Grand Junction. There was a large poultry yard; a bee house; a blacksmith shop; and a vocational building to house carpentry, shoe making, a harness shop; and a sewing room. The girls were taught domestic science --cooking, sewing, darning, laundry, dairy work and general housekeeping. The boys were taught agriculture, scientific irrigating, shoemaking, carpentry, and harness making etc. A 1916 aerial photograph shows at least 16 buildings on the school grounds.

An 1890 report on the school said, "The small number of girls has necessitated the detailing of boys to do what naturally belongs to the opposite sex. They have taken turns at washing, cooking, sweeping, etc., quite readily, and as a rule their work

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has been satisfactory.”

A report in to the Department of the Interior in 1897 showed the school produced 17,453 gallons of milk and 1,282 pounds of butter; 299 pairs of shoes; 12 pairs of boys' pants; 206 pairs of drawers; 19 window screens; 1 washroom; 1 privy; and many other items.

There were many extracurricular activities for the students as well.

There were winning football and baseball teams and track competition too. There was a cornet band for the boys that performed throughout the state and the girls participated in a mandolin band. There was a school newspaper as well.

INDIAN SCHOOL CEMETERY

It's believed up to 23 students died at the school between 1886 and 1911. Find A Grave showed 16 children were buried at the school, based on obituaries. They died from a variety of causes: drowning in a nearby river or canal; a broken leg that became infected; typhoid; pneumonia; and other illnesses. They were buried at the school, apparently in unmarked graves without headstones.

Dr. John Seebach, assistant professor of archaeology at Mesa State University, used cadaver dogs in 2019 to try to find the cemetery at the long-closed school. The cadaver dogs detected something in an area near what had been the school chapel. Dr. Seebach said an article in the *Daily Sentinel* reported after the funeral people walked to the cemetery, which indicated the cemetery was close to the

chapel.

Dr. Seebach said, "I have not yet found the cemetery. The Regional Center campus has not yet been closed which limits our ability to do substantive research out there. We will be employing ground penetrating radar soon if all goes according to plan."

CLOSING OF THE SCHOOL

By about 1909 legislators were questioning the success of the Indian schools, which were expensive to run, and in July 1911 the Grand Junction school was closed. Many students returning to their tribes weren't accepted and whites wouldn't hire them.

The buildings and property were turned over to the State of Colorado with the understanding that they would be used for education and Native Americans would not be charged.

The buildings were unused until 1921 when the state opened the State Home for Mental Defectives. The name was later changed to the State Home and Training School. By the 1960's upwards of 800 people lived at the State Home, where some went to school and others worked on a dairy farm within the plot of land owned by the State.

In the 1970s the name was changed to the Grand Junction Regional Center. In 1999 the State gave 25 acres to be used as a veterans' cemetery. The Regional Center is now being phased out and the land and buildings offered for sale.

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SATURDAY, JULY 23

8am Horse Test (Event Center)
 9am Jr. Working Ranch & English Horse Show (Indoor Arena)
 12pm My Little Pony (Indoor Arena)

SUNDAY, JULY 24

8am Jr. Horse Show/ Western/ Gymkhana (Indoor Arena)
 8am Vendor Setup (Friendship Hall)
 9am - 2pm Open Show Entries & Mutton Bustin' Entries (Event Center)

MONDAY, JULY 25 -

7am - 10am Swine Check/ Weigh In
 9am - 6pm Open Show Entries & Mutton Bustin' Entries (Event Center)
 10am - 12pm Rabbit Check/ Weigh In
 10am - 12pm Beef Check/ Weigh In
 12pm- 2pm Sheep & Goat Check/ Weigh In
 2:30pm Jr. Participant Meeting (Show Ring)
 2:45pm Contestants T-Shirt Picture (Beef Barn)
 3:45pm Black Canyon Gymnastics (Friendship Hall)
 7pm Parade (Main Street)

MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR PARADE

"Country Roots, Dirty Boots"

Monday, July 25 at 7pm

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SCHEDULE

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TUESDAY, JULY 26

7am-10am Open Show Flower & Food Entry Drop Off (Event Center)
 8am Royalty Horsemanship (Outdoor Arena)
 8:30am Peter Rabbit Show (Show Ring)
 9am Jr. Rabbit Show (Show Ring)
 9am Jessica Frey Kids Read Aloud & Craft (Friendship Hall)
 9am Open Judging Food, Wood Working & Legos (Friendship Hall)
 11:30am Puppy Pals (Indoor Arena)
 12pm Dog Show- Showmanship & Agility (Indoor Arena)
 12pm Brown Bag Lunch & Learn - Montrose Historical Society (Event Center)
 6pm Community Night (Outdoor Arena)
 6pm US Tractor Kiddie Tractor Pull (Outdoor Arena- Track)

BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARN

At the Event Center!

- **Tuesday, July 26 at Noon- Montrose Historical Society**
- **Wednesday, July 27 at Noon- Steve Pope with Uncompahgre Valley Water Users**

KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL

Tuesday, July 26 at 6pm
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

8:30am Kids with Kids (Show Ring)
 9am Jr. Goat Show (Show Ring)
 9am Open Judging Art & Living Arts
 9am Mustang & Burro Show Preliminaries (Outdoor Arena)
 12pm Brown Bag Lunch & Learn - Steve Pope UVWUA (Event Center)
 1pm Royalty Modeling (Friendship Hall Stage)
 3pm Fashion Revue (Friendship Hall Stage)
 4:30pm This Little Pig (Show Ring)
 5pm Jr. Swine Show (Show Ring)
 6pm Antique Tractor Pull (Outdoor Arena- Track)

THURSDAY, JULY 28

8:30am Merry Little Lamb (Show Ring)
 9am Mustang and Burro Freestyle Preliminaries (Event Center)
 9am Jr. Sheep Show (Show Ring)
 12pm Brown Bag Lunch & Learn - Valley Food Partnership (Event Center)
 3:30pm Ferdinand & Friends Show (Show Ring)
 4pm Jr. Beef & Dairy Show (Show Ring)
 6pm Mustang Nights (Outdoor Arena)
 7pm Mustang Maddie (Outdoor Arena)

BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARN

At the Event Center!

- **Thursday, July 28 at Noon- Valley Food Partnership**
- **Friday, July 30 at Noon- Ann Duncan with CSU Extension about Food Preservation**

MUTTON BUSTIN'

FRIDAY, JULY 29 & SATURDAY, JULY 30

Enter at the Event Center!

ENTRIES:

SUNDAY, JULY 24 9AM TO 2PM
MONDAY, JULY 25 9AM TO 6PM

Friday, July 29

10am Small Animal Round Robin (Show Ring)
 11:30am Large Animal Round Robin (Show Ring)
 12pm Brown Bag Lunch and Learn - Food Preservation with Ann Duncan CSU Extension (Event Center)
 2pm No Limits Show (Show Ring)
 6:30pm Mutton Bustin' (Outdoor Arena)
 7pm Royalty Presentation (Outdoor Arena)
7:30pm Buck It Bull Riding (Outdoor Arena)
\$15 for Adults, \$8 for Kids 12 and under.
Available at the gate

BULL RIDING

FRIDAY, JULY 29 AT 7:30PM

\$15 Adults - 13+

\$8 Kids - 12 and under

Tickets sold at the Gate!

SATURDAY, JULY 30

8am Rodeo Slack (Outdoor Arena)
 9am Jessica Frey Kids Read Aloud & Craft (Friendship Hall)
 10am Royalty Experience
 12pm Jr. Livestock Auction Buyers Lunch (Event Center Indoor Arena)
 1pm Jr. Livestock Auction (Event Center Arena)
 6pm Mutton Bustin' (Outdoor Arena)
 6:30pm Crowning of Royalty (Outdoor Arena)
 7pm San Juan Sparkles and Spurs Performance (Outdoor Arena)
7:30pm CPRA Rodeo (Outdoor Arena)
\$15 for Adults - \$8 for Kids 12 and under
tickets available for purchase at the gate.



JR. HORSE SHOW EVENTS

The Jr. ranch horse show, gymkhana, and traditional horse show are all part of our 4H program. Each participant has spent the year training his or her horse for each level of the competition. The ranch horse show includes cutting, horsemanship, cow work, and trail (obstacle course). The gymkhana includes barrel racing, pole bending, flag race, and keyhole race. The English portion of the horse show includes equitation, control, hack, and hunter hack. The western portion of the horse show includes horsemanship, western riding, reining, western trail, and showmanship. Spectators are welcome and admission is free.



JR. POULTRY SHOW

The Jr. Show is for 4H and FFA members with their poultry projects. Unfortunately due to the Avian Flu the poultry show was cancelled for the year. Participants are still able to complete their project for the year by completing record books.



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JR. RABBIT SHOW

The Jr. Rabbit Show is limited to 4H and FFA participants. The show includes showmanship and market classes. Rabbits may be shown as a meat pen (group of three) or as a single fryer or roaster. Awards are given for the Champion Showman, Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show, and Champion and Reserve Champion Market Rabbit. The public is welcome to attend. No dogs are allowed.

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JR. DOG SHOW

The Jr. Dog Show is for 4H or FFA members. The show consists of dog showmanship, obedience rally, and agility competitions. Dogs are placed in classes based on their level of experience and progress. The showmanship class tests the member's ability to showcase their animal while testing their knowledge of dogs and particular breeds. The obedience rally portion of the show tests the level of obedience. The goal is to complete the course in a controlled fashion with few or no mistakes. Finally, in the agility competition, the member leads their dog through a timed course filled with obstacles including a tunnel, weave poles, A-frame, jumps and more. Spectators are welcome, and should sit in the grandstands. Admission is free. No outside dogs allowed.



JR. GOAT SHOW

The Jr. Goat Show includes dairy goat, showmanship, and a market goat show. Market classes are broken down by weight. The first place finisher in each class participates in the drive to select the Grand Champion Goat and Grand Champion Bred & Fed Goat. Spectators welcome.

JR. SWINE SHOW

The Jr. Swine Show is for our 4H and FFA members. The show consists of a showmanship and a market show. Showmanship classes are broken by age into a junior, intermediate, and senior divisions. The market classes, are broken down by weight. The first place finisher in each class participates in the grand drive to select the Grand Champion Swine and Grand Champion Bred & Fed Swine. Spectators welcome.



Ashes to Ashes

JR. SHEEP SHOW PET CREMATION

The Jr. Sheep Show is for our 4H and FFA members and consists of a showmanship, market and breeding show. Showmanship classes are broken down by age into a junior, intermediate, and senior divisions. Market classes are broken down by weight. The first place finisher in each class participates in the drive to select the Grand Champion Lamb and Grand Champion Bred & Fed Lamb. Spectators welcome.

JR. BEEF & DAIRY SHOW

The Jr. Beef Show is for our 4H and FFA members and consists of a showmanship, market, dairy, and breeding show. Showmanship classes are broken down by age into junior, intermediate, and senior divisions. Market classes are broken down by weight. The first place finisher in each class participates in the drive to select the Grand Champion Beef and Grand Champion Bred & Fed. Spectators welcome.



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SMALL ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN

The Small Animal Round Robin brings the best showmen together to compete for the champion title. There are three divisions; junior, intermediate, and senior. The champion showman from each animal qualifies to compete. Each participant is asked to show each animal including dog, poultry, and rabbit. Spectators welcome.



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LARGE ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN

Large Animal Round Robin brings the best showmen together from the large animal breeds to compete for the top award. There are three divisions; junior, intermediate, and senior. The champion showman from each large breed animal qualifies to compete. Each participant must show every other large animal including horse, goat, sheep, swine, beef, and dairy. Spectators welcome.



LITTLE KID SHOWS

The Little Kid shows are for children 8 years of age and younger and who not currently participating in a 4H project. Each show is geared toward getting kids interested in a future 4H project. It also gives them the chance to be part of a show. Entries are \$10 per participant and are due July 1 to the Colorado State Extension office. Entries are limited to either 10 or 20 kids depending on the show. Spectators welcome. Shows offered include:

- My Little Pony
- Chicken Little
- Peter Rabbit
- My Puppy Pals
- Kids with Kids
- This Little Pig
- Merry Little Lamb
- Ferdinand & Friends



OPEN SHOW ENTRIES

The open show highlights our community members' many talents. For just \$1 you can enter your favorite cookie recipe, photo, flower arrangement, prize vegetable or ceramic. Classes are listed in the Fair Book available online at montrosecountyfairandrodeo.com, and include a wide range of crafts and age groups, so everyone from your toddler to your grandparents can participate. Entries will be taken at the Event Center on Sunday, July 24th and Monday, July 25th. If you are preparing a food item, have a floriculture or horticulture entry; be sure to enter on entry day and drop off your entry between 8am and 9am on Tuesday, July 26th at the Event Center for judging.

ENTERTAINMENT

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GENERAL PROJECTS Alpine Bank

Have you ever noticed the array of sewing articles, decorated cakes, scrapbooking, and leather crafted items on display in Friendship Hall? 4H is much more than just animals! General projects encompasses everything from baking and cake decorating to rocket building, leather craft and woodworking. Projects are judged based on the final product itself as well as an interview with the 4H member who crafted the item. All general project entries will be on display inside Friendship Hall. If you would like to compete but are not a 4H member, check out the Open Show information.



PARADE

The Fair parade kicks off the week-long celebration. Community and 4H members are encouraged to enter parade floats that depict the Fair theme "Country Roots, Dirty Boots." The parade lineup begins at 5:45pm in the Fairgrounds parking lot. The official parade starts at 7pm and routes down Main Street from the corner of Pythian St to Rio Grande Avenue. The best youth float and best overall float will be selected for cash prizes. There are no entry fees and the public is encouraged to come downtown and pick their favorite float.



KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL

Thanks to US Tractor, the kiddie tractor pull is a staple of the Montrose County Fair & Rodeo. Kids from 3 to 11 years of age are encouraged to compete. The objective is to pedal the tractor along the track to the end marker, as it gets harder and harder to pedal. There is no fee to participate, entries are limited to the first 20 in each age division. Participants can sign up 15 minutes prior to the competition in the Show Ring.

BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARN

Beginning Tuesday, July 26 through Friday, July 29, the Fair Board is offering a series of education classes. Participants are encouraged to either bring their lunch or drop into one of the Fair food vendors. Classes will be one hour and take place at the Event Center in Meeting Room #1. Visit montrosecountyfairandrodeo.com for the full class schedule.

All Classes will be held at Noon

- Tuesday July, 26 - Montrose Historical Society
- Wednesday July, 27 - Steve Pope with Uncompahgre Valley Water Users
- Thursday July, 28 - Valley Food Partnership
- Friday July, 29 - Ann Duncan with CSU Extension

KIDS READING & CRAFTS AVIENT

Tuesday and Saturday at 9AM on the stage inside Friendship Hall, kids will be treated to a story time followed by an associated craft. This is a free activity, however, there will be a limited number of crafts each day. Children under 12 should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL

The Thunder Mountain Flywheelers present the Antique Tractor Pull. A competition to see whose rebuilt antique tractor can pull the furthest and most efficiently. The event takes place on the racetrack directly in front of the outdoor grandstands. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

FASHION REVUE

Fashion Revue is part of the 4H General Projects, and is an opportunity for those members who chose to participate in the sewing projects and have created beautiful dresses, outfits, accessories and more to highlight their work. During the Fashion Revue is their opportunity to show off their hard work by modeling their items in a fashion show. The show is free to attend.



NO LIMITS SHOW

Persons with disabilities are given a one-on-one opportunity to interact with the 4H and FFA members livestock projects. Fair Board members and Superintendents assist the participants in showing. Entries are free and the show is limited to 15 participants.



WILD MUSTANG SHOWS

The Montrose County Fair and the Bureau of Land Management have teamed up to offer youth an educational opportunity. The purpose of this program is to increase the adoption of mustangs and burros to good homes and promote positive youth development. Throughout the summer, members will work with yearling mustangs and burros to gentle and train (halter break) them. At the Fair, the participants have the opportunity to showcase their hard work through handling class, leading trail class, and freestyle class. Competitions occur throughout the week with the final performance taking place in the Event Center on Thursday, July 28 at 6pm. The Main Performance will include the freestyle competition for all competitors as well as performances by Mustang Maddy and other mustang trainers. Following the competition, the mustangs will be offered to the trainers or public for adoption. Admission is free to all portions of the competition along with the main performance.



MUTTON BUSTIN

Mutton Bustin is the little wranglers' version of bull or bronc riding. Instead of a horse or bull, kids age 5 - 7 years ride a sheep. Fair Board members act as judges and award the gold buckle to the kid that rides the longest and with the most style. Interested in participating? Entries are limited to the first 20 contestants. Children must be less than 65 pounds and between 5 and 7 years of age. Entries are \$10 and are taken at the open entry office in the Event Center on Sunday, July 24 between 9am-2pm and Monday, July 25 from 9am - 6pm.

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ROYALTY

The Queen and Princess of the Montrose County Fair & Rodeo are the spokespersons for the event. Each year they travel across our great state representing Montrose County. The Royalty contest encompasses horsemanship, speech, modeling, as well as a personal interview. The community is encouraged to attend any of these events. Horsemanship takes place in the outdoor arena, while the speech and modeling happen on the stage inside Friendship Hall. The Queen and Princess are then crowned just prior to the CPRA Rodeo performance on Saturday night in the outdoor arena.

CIRCLE 3 COWBOY FELLOWSHIP



BUCK IT BULL RIDING

\$15 for Adults, \$8 for kids 12 and under, free for kids under 5.

This is the first year the Montrose County Fair will include a bull riding only event. The evening will be full of 8 second thrills! Up to twenty cowboys will compete for the chance to comeback for a short go and the opportunity to win \$1,500 in prize money. **Tickets are available at the gate.**

RODEO SLACK

The rodeo slack is part of the Colorado Pro Rodeo Association (CPRA) Rodeo. Because the actual rodeo performance is limited to 12 competitors per event, a number of competitors will compete in the "slack" outside the rodeo performance. Usually, slack includes breakaway roping, team roping, tie-down roping and barrel racing. The competitor with the fastest time from either the slack or the rodeo performance will win the event, money and buckle.

BUYERS LUNCH

The buyer's lunch is a opportunity for the Fair Board to thank last year's businesses and individuals for participating in the Jr. Livestock Auction. Past buyers are invited to attend the meal starting at 11am on July 31.



JR. LIVESTOCK AUCTION

The Jr. Livestock Auction is the final marketplace for the Jr. Livestock exhibitors as well as the champion rabbit and poultry contestants. Each junior participant is allowed to sell one animal, unless they have won more than one grand or reserve champion title. All the grand and reserve champion animals are sold as part of the auction. The objective of the Jr. Livestock Auction is to encourage today's youth to seek a future in agriculture, and to further their education. Local businesses, community groups, and individuals are encouraged to participate in the auction. Either through purchasing an animal at the auction or by adding money to a junior participant's final price through the "add-on" option.

SAN JUAN SPARKLES & SPURS

The San Juan Sparkles & Spurs are an equine drill team dedicated to entertaining the local community while improving the horsemanship, riding, and team precision of their riders. Decked out in sequins, their productions are timed to music, highlighting their style and horsemanship.

CPRA RODEO

\$15 for Adults, \$8 for kids 12 and under, free for kids under 5.

The CPRA Rodeo is sanctioned by the Colorado Pro Rodeo Association and offers Colorado cowboys the opportunity to compete in rodeo events across the state. Events at the CPRA rodeo include bareback riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping, breakaway roping, mixed team roping, open team roping, saddle bronc riding, barrel racing and bull riding. Although some of the cowboys and cowgirls are local, the majority have traveled across the state to compete. Winners of each event will receive \$1,000 and a buckle. Additionally, each dollar a contestant earns goes toward the year-end total earnings and contributes to their qualification for the Colorado Pro Rodeo Finals. The CPRA Rodeo takes place in the outdoor arena and grandstand area. **Tickets available at the gate.**



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MESA WINDS FARM...WOW!

By Carole Ann McKelvey
HOTCHKISS – As you're travelling up Hwy 92 approaching Hotchkiss, you will notice a sign on the right pointing toward the small town of Lazeur. Now, you don't want to turn right to Lazeur. No. No. No.

Across the street on the left is 1300 Road. If you're smart you will have already made a reservation for an amazing relaxing dining/drinking experience at Mesa Winds Restaurant. Go up the road toward Red Mesa's imposing backdrop and pass the orchards. You may be wondering, as I did, "What on earth is a world-class restaurant doing out here in the boondocks?". Well, I'm here to tell you it's more than worth the drive and the location amidst the orchards is so tranquil and beautiful.

Mesa Winds Winery, orchards and restaurant, are located in the North Fork Valley. You will see sweeping views of the West Elks Mountain Range to the East and Black Canyon of the Gunnison to the South. This orchard cultivates high elevation fruit including grapes, apples and peaches. This farm has been certified organic for more than 25 years and the owners (one family) say they are committed to maintaining that status. In addition, they are integrating new farming techniques to encourage regenerative agriculture, such as animal integration, geothermal greenhouses and crop diversity. This property is more than just a piece of land. We are told it is a home, a community gathering spot, and a provider. Their website states: "We are just one of many hands that help shape that which



makes Mesa Winds. "

The farm is also home to Scottish Highland Cows, Kune Kune pigs, Southdown Baby Doll Sheep and a few chickens. Plus, some impressive looking animal guard dogs.

The animals contribute to promoting soil health, cover crop maintenance and biodiversity of the farm.

The animals also provide natural, humanely raised meat that is a prepared specially with fresh produce in the tasting room. The farm features winemaker Patric Matysiewski of sauvagespectrumwines. The menu at Mesa Winds restaurant (tasting room) changes regularly. Call ahead to see what's cooking the evening you wish to indulge.

The night my girlfriend and I made the trek we got lucky!

At the top of the menu was a Smoked Salmon Board (a Charcuterie board really). It featured a generous slab of home-smoked salmon; pickled red onions and pickled cucumbers; several stuffed eggs; arugula; capers; crispy crostini and a house-made dill cream cheese spread. My friend and I ordered it to share and dove right in! (\$20). So good!

After finishing it, and a signature lime, Thai basil, vodka spritzer each, we were



Courtesy photo.

getting pretty full. We eyed the rest of Mesa Winds' menu for the evening and settled on ordering the turkey and fresh mozzarella panini (\$15.00). Cut in two generous pieces, we shared.

The rest of the menu was enticing: Peach and kale salad (\$14); Smoked brisket (\$19); and Apricot Bread Pudding (\$9). Excellent choice of wines (many from the orchards), Red and white (\$10-12 per glass or take home a bottle.); Beers or hard ciders \$7. Cocktails from \$10-14 or order a boozy cider slush. Non alcoholic drinks, \$3-4.

Mesa Winds restaurant is a place to enjoy a quiet and delightful "small plate" and to watch the sun set in a tranquil setting. Tables are limited so make that reservation and look up their website for special events and music venue.

Mesa Winds Farm is located at 31262 L. Rd., Hotchkiss, CO. 91410; call 970- 399-7491. Open Seasonally: Thursday 4-8 pm, Saturday, 11am – 8 pm, Sunday, 10am-7 pm. Brunch is offered Sundays.

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MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

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

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

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

HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Denomination affiliation: United Church of Christ
Address: 611 South Hillcrest Drive, Montrose, CO 81401
Office hours: By appointment
Contact information:

Phone number: (970) 249-9047
 Email address: office@montroseucc.org
 Website: montroseucc.org
Current Pastor: Rev. Wendy Kidd
Worship service times: Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Hillcrest Congregational UCC is a welcoming, open and affirming church, open to all

no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey. HCUCC welcomes all ages to worship with us. (predominantly family, youth, seniors, singles) We offer inter-generational worship with a children's "prayer-ground" and activity packets. A cry room is also available.

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

office@montroseumc.org, montroseumc.org
Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Kevin Young
Worship service times: 8:15 am - Blended Service - Sanctuary & Virtual. 9:30 am - Contemporary Service - Sanctuary, 11:15 am - Traditional Service - Sanctuary
Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully

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

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

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

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

Denomination affiliation: Independent Interfaith

Address: Meeting at Lions Park Community Building, 602 N. Nevada, Montrose
Office hours: Tues-Fri, 9 am to 4 pm,
Home Office – 970-252-0908

Contact information: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, 970-252-0908,
arlyn@spiritaware.org,
www.spiritaware.org

Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn

Macdonald, Senior Minister; Rev. Catharine Gates, Associate Minister. Spiritual counseling available.

Worship service times: In-person Sunday Unity Service at 11 a.m., (Social Time begins at 10 a.m.); Quiet Meditation at 10:30 a.m. Virtual Afternoon Service on Zoom at 2:00 p.m.; Chai Chats, a Wednesday morning midweek informal gathering at 10:30 a.m. at Pun Hill Himalayan Restaurant, Montrose; Thursday Empowerment Circle at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. Everyone is wel-

come. *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 Give-away and Wellness Fair. People of all ages are welcome. There are currently no Sunday School or nursery services provided but craft supplies are available for youth.*

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

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?



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ONGOING-

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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

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

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 1-31. Susan Sanburg Humphrey, Western Landscape and Lifestyle. Museum of the Mountain West Gallery, 68169 Miami Rd., Montrose CO.

July 25-Monday--1 p.m. Local archaeologist Charlie Seevers will present information on two topics "Eagle Rock Shelter" and "Violence and Warfare in the Prehistoric Southwest" at the Warrior Resource Center, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way. All are welcome to this program sponsored by the Montrose Genealogy Center.

July 26 Montrose Historical Museum Director Sally Johnson will host a presentation at the Museum at noon for the fair week on "The history of Farming and Ranching."

July 27-Community Open House hosted by Project 7 Water Authority on Wednesday, July 27 from 5 to 7 pm at 35679 US-550, Mont-rose, Colorado 81403.

July 29-Grand Opening Farnsworth Gallery, 4-7pm. Inside Montrose Center for the Arts, 11 South Park Avenue. Music by Lane Anderson. For information call 970-209-7154.

July 29-Aug. 24-A Moment Suspended in Time, Fine Art exhibition and sale by Stephanie Rody of Montrose will be on display at the Wright Opera House, 472 Main St, from July 29-Aug. 24. An Opening Reception will be held at the Wright Opera House on Friday, July 29, from 4-6 pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

July 29-Jewelry Trunk Show, July 29th, 5-8 PM, Curtis Hall, Blue Sage Center for the Arts. Local jewelers will be displaying their wares. Come stop by and find a treasure!

July 30-Grand Mesa Moose Day at the Grand Mesa Visitor Center located off Highway 65 at 20090 Baron Lake Drive from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Aug. 2-Delta Police National Night Out 2022 at Cleland Park, 6 to 8:30pm. Free food, free games, cotton candy, dunk tank, activities.

Aug. 6-Olathe Sweet Corn Festival returns Aug. 6, Downtown Olathe-10am to 10pm. Kids 12V races at the corn fest are free to enter, winner receives a brand new 12 V car. Race is at 11am. Sign up at the OSCF booth day of the event. Second annual Olathe Sweet Corn Car Show, Start in parade at 10 am and line up after. \$25 dollar entry fee First place best in show : \$200; Second place: \$100; Third place :\$50. All voting will be favorite vote / best in show . All categories welcome! Hot rod, rat rod, trucks, cars etc Email janellmil-ler745@ gmail.com to enter

Playing on the Main Stage from 3-5pm will be Hugh Phillips Band. Narrow Gauge Country Rock Band will be playing from 7-10pm at the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival , Aug 6 2022. Come enjoy the street dance.

Aug. 8-The Giving Club will meet Aug. 8 @ Bridges Golf and Country Club / 5:30. All women welcome. Call 209-9598 for more information.

Aug. 13-FUNC Fest 2022.

Aug. 27-The 2022 Montrose Wine & Food Festival, sponsored by Alpine Bank, will be held Saturday Aug. 27, 2022 from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Montrose County Event Center. All proceeds from the event benefit the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club. Tickets and sponsorships are available now and information can be found online at <https://www.blackcanyontickets.com/tc-events/2022-food-and-wine-festival>.

Aug 28-Fortuna Tierra Club's Log Hill Hustle 5k/10K Fun Run, Divide Ranch & Club, 8 am

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Submitted photo by Donna Flowers
MONTROSE-On July 9 the Frigetto family celebrated two very special anniversaries. Gedo and Beulah Frigetto (pictured on the left) married on July 9, 1955 - and Bill and Florence Frigetto married on July 28, 1959. Bill and Florence pictured on the right!

FRIGETTO FAMILY CELEBRATES TWO ANNIVERSARIES



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