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RE-1J TO REINSTATE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEES, INTERVIEW TWO APPLICANTS FOR DISTRICT A DIRECTOR SEAT



Among the RE-1J school district offerings is the new Outer Range Classroom area, located near the Uncompahgre River and the Early Childhood Center, for outdoor learning and instruction. Mirror file photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All director seats but one were filled for the Aug. 23 work session of the Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education. Present were RE-1J Board President Sarah Fishing, Vice President Eric Kelley, District B Director Jacob Suppes, District C Director Alice Murphy, District D Director Tom West and District G Director Stephen Bush. The District A seat formerly held by Jeff Bachman remains open.

Fishing gavelled the work session to order. Following approval of the agenda the Board and staff spent time discussing the open District A seat.

UPDATE-DISTRICT A DIRECTOR SEAT

Though the original deadline for applications had passed, two letters of interest were received in the past two weeks, Administrative Assistant Laurie Laird said. The Board agreed to

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"When you look for a CEO, don't just look outside" CITIZEN COMMENTS NOTE STRONG DMEA LEADERSHIP UNDER INTERIM CEO

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Aug. 23 Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors meeting, held in the Black Canyon Board Room, was called to order at 3 p.m. All board members were in attendance.

During meetings the board of directors hears verbal summary reports of their monthly meetings and activities; however, neither the co-op membership nor the media have access to the written reports submitted for board approval. The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening meeting prayer, determination of a quorum, and approval of the consent agenda (Membership Report and Minutes from the July Regular Board Meeting). DMEA co-op members are afforded an opportunity to speak during Member Comments, which were scheduled for 5 p.m.

Introductions:

Community members present

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Delta resident Kent Cloward and Paonia resident Mike Atwood took part in member comments at the Aug. 23 DMEA meeting, above. Atwood said, "If you hire [new CEO] by the end of the year you will have had five regular and interim CEO's [since March 2021]. Members have noticed that from the outside. I'm hoping you find a long-term solution." Photo by Gail Marvel.

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SAN MIGUEL COUNTY HONORED FOR MATTERHORN MILL PROJECT

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SAN MIGUEL COUNTY-In a ceremony delayed for a few years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the USDA Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Region presented their Regional Forester's Awards with the theme of "Rising Up to the Challenge and Leading through Adversity." San Miguel County was recognized for the Matterhorn Mill project (2020) for its achievement in sustaining forests and grasslands. Also recognized were the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS).

"San Miguel County is proud to receive the Regional Forester's award for working with the USFS on the first phase of the Matterhorn Mill project," BOCC member Lance Waring said. "When the project is completed, residents and visitors will enjoy learning about our region's mining history when they visit the restored mill site."

The Matterhorn Mill located south of Telluride on Highway 145, a 102-year-old flotation mill, has been inactive since 1968. Prior to restoration efforts with the Matterhorn Mill's non-time-critical removal action by the USFS, DRMS and the County, the site was contaminated with heavy metals, as well as tailings piles and a tailings pond. Cleanup of contaminants followed stabilization of the structure. Future plans for the Matterhorn Mill include the potential for heritage tourism, allowing Telluride visitors a glimpse of the historic mining legacy of the San Juans.

Janet Kask, San Miguel County's Director of Parks & Open Space, manages historic preservation and the County's Historical Commission. "The Matterhorn Mill is one of the last iconic historic mining structures still standing and the County is honored to be recognized with an award for our collaborative efforts with the USFS and DRMS to preserve its history and legacy," Kask said. "Preservation and protection of the Matterhorn Mill continues to be a priority for San Miguel County and the County's Historical Commission. The County is

thankful to work with the USFS in pursuing conveyance of the structure to the County, and we look forward to the acquisition." The awards ceremony acknowledged those who demonstrated a commitment to restoring, sustaining, and/or enhancing forest and grasslands and natural resources throughout the unprecedented challenges of 2019, 2020 and 2021. For more information regarding the Matterhorn Mill Project, please contact Janet Kask, Director of San Miguel County Parks & Open Space at 970-369-5469.



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REMOVAL ACTION AT ABANDONED/INACTIVE IRENE MINE SITE IN OURAY COUNTY

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OURAY— The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests, in coordination with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety initiated a removal action at the abandoned/inactive Irene Mine Site in Ouray County, Colorado. This action involves the cleanup and disposal of lead-contaminated soil and

waste rock on Federal land and is expected to be completed in September 2022.

The Site encompasses approximately 2 acres of land within the boundaries of the GMUG. The Site is accessible from Highway 550, at the Richmond Pass Trailhead. The Site consists of three piles of hazardous mine waste and a collapsed, seeping

adit. The removal action includes removing and consolidating hazardous waste materials into an on-site repository. The repository will be lined with an impermeable liner and capped with native rock. All disturbed areas will be revegetated. The on-site repository is limited to waste material located on-site only. Hydrologic controls will be constructed to divert precipitation runoff away from the repository and to control adit seepage. This action also includes trailhead and parking area improvements.

The Administrative Record is a file which includes all documents upon which the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service has based its decision to conduct a removal action at the Site. The Forest Service encourages community members to review the Administrative Record and submit written comments during the 30-day comment period, beginning on the publication date of this notice and ending 30 calendar-days later. Copies of the Administrative Record for this removal action will be available for public review at the GMUG National Forests Supervisor's Office during regular business hours.

Written comments may be:

Mailed to: GMUG National Forests Supervisor's Office, Attn: Bryan Barrett –Irene Mine Administrative Record Project Comments, 2250 South Main Street, Delta, CO 81416.

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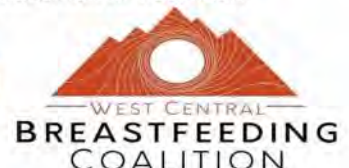
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Classes for the Fall session also be held at the Montrose Field House on Wednesday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m, from Sept. 14 to Dec. 7. There is no class on Nov. 23.

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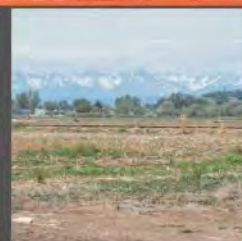
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MONTROSE COUNTY MARKS FIRST WEST NILE VIRUS DEATH OF THE SEASON

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MONTROSE— Montrose County Public Health confirmed its first death of West Nile Virus this year. The person was in their 50s and had underlying medical conditions. It is believed that this person contracted West Nile Virus in the county earlier in August. Currently, the county has eight West Nile Virus cases; however the severity of these cases has been significantly worse this year. West Nile Virus is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. In 2021, Montrose County reported 12 cases of West Nile Virus.

"Montrose County Public Health is urging individuals to protect themselves from West Nile Virus—five of the eight patients who have had West Nile Virus have been hospitalized—that is a concerning number," said Montrose County Communicable Disease Coordinator Lisa Gallegos.

"Several of the patients this year have developed additional conditions such as encephalitis and/or meningitis as a result of West Nile Virus," said Montrose County Public Health Medical Advisor Dr. Joe Adragna, MD, MHA, MGA. "West Nile Virus can cause long-term complications in the young and elderly. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Use of screens, long sleeves and pants, DEET based repellent, and avoiding peak times like the cool morning or evening can help reduce your risk." Most people infected with West Nile virus don't have symptoms. About 20% of infected people will have flu-like symptoms, and fewer than 1% develop a serious, potentially deadly illness. People over age 60 and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk of serious illness. See a health care provider if you develop severe headaches or confusion. Due to the cases reported last year, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Montrose County Public Health urge community members to protect themselves. Stated below are precautions to take this summer while outside and in areas where mosquitos are active. **To protect yourself:**

- Use insect repellents when you go outdoors. Repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, and some oil of lemon eucalyptus, and para-menthane-diol products provide the best protection. Follow label instructions.
- Limit outdoor activities at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus are most active.
- Wear protective clothing (long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and socks) in areas where mosquitoes are active. Spray clothes with insect repellent for extra protection.

To mosquito-proof your home:

- Drain standing water around your house at least once every week. Empty water from tires, cans, flowerpots, clogged gutters, rain barrels, birdbaths, toys, and puddles.
- Install or repair screens on windows and doors.
- Replace outdoor lights with yellow "bug lights". These attract fewer mosquitos. These do not repel mosquitos, just limit the amount. For more information, visit the department's [West Nile virus web page](#).



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MORE POLITICS ARE BEING PLAYED ON THOSE NOT IN THE KNOW

Dear Editor,

The Democrats need to enroll in a basic economics course. They seem to be trying to write new definitions for recession and inflation.

Recession is two quarters of reduced GDP. Pretty simple and does not require an MBA to determine.

Inflation is too many dollars, chasing too few goods. Again this is a pretty simple definition and does not require much discussion.

President Biden now wants to bow to the "Squad" and either eliminate all student debt or a portion of student debt. Students go on to further their education with the hope of making more money or having a better life.

Why should people that either did not attend college or trade schools or those of

us that worked multiple jobs through high school, summers and school breaks; have to pay for those that put their handout for government money and promising to repay the money? Those that took the money agreed to pay the money back and have a responsibility to follow through. They have already benefited from deferred payment dates.

When I was in college, many fellow students had newer cars or enjoyed their summers; then received grants and so called scholarships. Scholarships based on need are grants, not scholarships. My Dad told me he would pay my expenses through high school and to save my money as when I went to college, it was my turn to pay. Many of those other students received grants, when since I saved money, I did not qualify.

Recently, spring breaks have become expensive vacations for students. When I was in school, I went to visit a buddy a couple hundred miles away for a few days, ate fast food and returned to work the other half of the break. Why should students who took a fancy spring break do so at the cost of the rest of us?

With the above in mind, forgiving student debt means more inflation. The Democrats are trying to buy votes in the mid-terms.

This is very similar to Colorado's Governor Polis pushing up state tax refunds based on TABOR prior to the election. Those payments would have occurred by law, but an early payout buys more votes. More politics are being played on those not in the know.

Ed Moreland, Montrose

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

TWO NEW DESIGNATIONS ADDED TO COLORADO ELECTRIC BYWAYS PROGRAM

Special to the Mirror

DENVER— The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission designated Guanella Pass Scenic and Historic Byway and Alpine Loop Backcountry Byway as new additions to the Colorado Electric Byways Program. The Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado Tourism Office, and Colorado Energy Office have partnered with the Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission to achieve the goal of electrifying all 26 of the state's Scenic and Historic Byways.

Colorado Electric Byways must have sufficient charging infrastructure in place for electric vehicle travelers to complete a journey along the byway. The specific requirements for designation as a Colorado Electric Byway include:

Dual-port DC fast charging stations located at least every 100 miles within the start and terminus of the byway.

When byways are less than 100 miles, a dual-port DC fast charging station must be available within 15 miles of the start or terminus of the byway.

Guanella Pass Scenic and Historic Byway includes four stations in Georgetown and runs 22 miles. The Alpine Loop Backcountry Byway also includes stations in Lake City and Ouray, and is 63 miles long.

The Alpine Loop requires four-wheel-drive capable vehicles with high clearance. This is the perfect byway to check out for those driving newly released and available vehicles, such as the Rivian R1T or Ford F150 Lightning, as they meet all necessary vehicle requirements to complete this route. The addition of these two new designated byways brings the total count up to 10.

The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways that are currently designated as Colorado Electric Byways include:

Alpine Loop (high-clearance and 4WD vehicle required)

Collegiate Peaks

Colorado River Headwaters

Flat Tops Trail

Grand Mesa

Guanella Pass

Lariat Loop

Silver Thread

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Trail Ridge Road

"Traveling in an electric vehicle on Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways not only improves air quality in these beautiful

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DELTA HEALTH WEST ELK HOTCHKISS WELCOMES NEW PHYSICIAN

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DELTA—The Delta Health West Elk Hotchkiss Clinic is excited to welcome its newest Family Practice with Obstetrics Physician (FPOB), Katherine Rose, DO.

Rose went to college in Seattle, Washington where she met her husband. She went to Medical School at the Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Parker, Colorado and then attended her Pre-Doctoral Fellowship of Osteopathic Principles and Practices in Denver, Colorado.

"The reason that I got into medicine is

personal to me," said Rose. "I am the first physician in my family, so I didn't grow up around physicians, but as a teenager, I got pretty sick and went through a long diagnosis and treatment process. It turns out it was celiac disease, which isn't a bad disease, but 16 years ago no one knew what it was. Through that process, I learned a lot about healing and what it means to be healthy."

Rose also learned how healing affects the family unit and the importance of having great providers. Her physicians provided hands-on manipulation and osteopathic

medicine that helped her healing journey.

"My specialty is family medicine with obstetrics," said Rose. "I love women's health and taking care of the entire family. I have a special desire to integrate osteopathic manipulative medicine into that process. Labor goes a lot better and pregnancy can be relieved with gentle manipulation of the hips and back. I do have the extra training in osteopathic manipulation and obstetrics and that's where my passion is."

In residency, Rose was known for delivering her fellow residents' babies or their spouses, and she was also known for her osteopathic manipulation skills and would get asked to help adjust backs or necks.

Rose was born and raised in Colorado Springs and grew up around the mountains. Her father had a cattle ranch where she enjoyed spending her time and being outdoors. After Rose's husband received a Wildlife Research job in Montrose, the two fell in love with the area.

They knew they wanted to make their way back to the Western Slope eventually and were thrilled when the opening at the Delta Health West Elk Hotchkiss Clinic opened up.

"We love this area so it didn't take much convincing," said Rose. "We love the access to the outdoors and the public lands and the smaller community setting."

Rose and her husband love the outdoors and enjoy hiking, skiing, snowboarding, and fishing. They have two Goldendoodle dogs named Cooper and Aspen and they love taking them to explore the outdoors.

"I am very excited for the view I'll have of the West Elk mountains working at the Hotchkiss clinic," said Rose. "I am excited to work at Stork's Landing and to deliver babies, and I am ready to get to know this community better."

Rose is currently scheduling new patients. To schedule an appointment, call 970.874.1400 or visit deltahealthco.org/west-elk-clinic-of-hotchkiss/.



Katherine Rose, DO.
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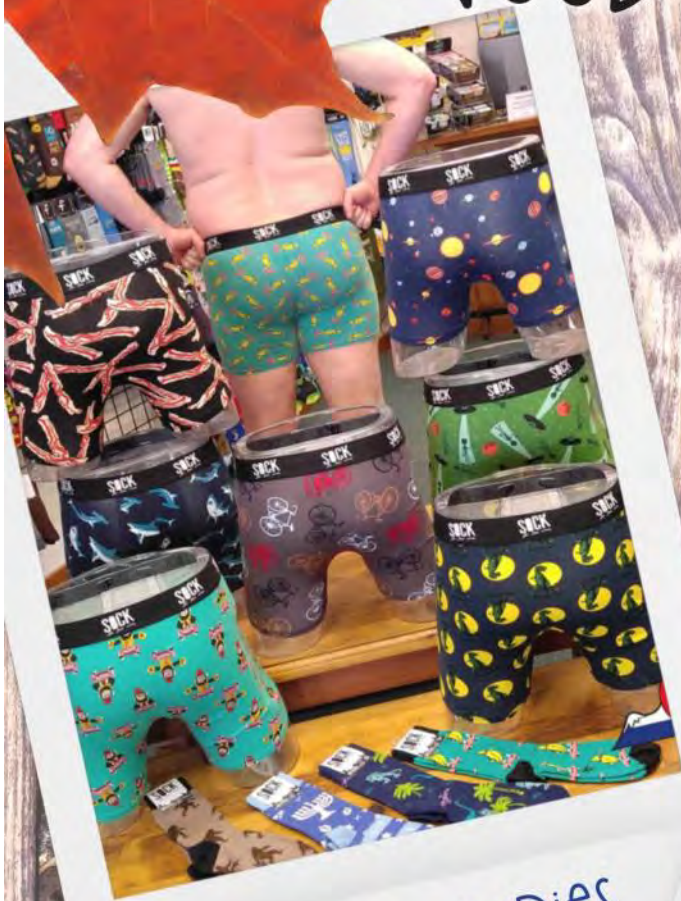
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MONTROSE-The San Juan Healthcare Foundation (SJHF) and the Montrose Medical Alliance are accepting applications for scholarships for training in the healthcare field. These scholarships financially support those individuals who desire a career in healthcare. The scholarships are open to any student who has been accepted and is participating in a health-related program. Preference will be given to applicants from the Montrose area who plan to return to this area to offer their healthcare talents to the residents of Montrose and the surrounding communities.

Applications are available online at www.sanjuanhf.org or by contacting the Foundation office at 970-252-2580. You may also send an email request to acchavez@sanjuanhf.org.

Applications are due by September 16, 2022, and recipients will be announced

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

BANNING ABORTION WILL ONLY PUSH IT BACK UNDERGROUND

Response to Sandy Anderson:

Sandy, how much of your life have you spent living paycheck to paycheck, or even welfare check to welfare check. Too high a percentage of people, including women, do.

The estimate is now that it takes \$300,000 to raise a child. From where do you expect these people to find enough to care for an infant or a youngster? When the parent lives in poverty and misery, so does the child. That doesn't make for a happy, well-adjusted person. It is likely to lead to crime, drugs, and jail.

Welfare is not a right, it is a stop-gap measure by the State. Perhaps, if we required all child-bearing age people on wel-

fare to be on birth-control, we would drop the number of abortions dramatically. If we made it free to anyone on medicaid or a certain level above the poverty level, we would drop it even more. In neither case is that forced sterilization; it is a choice for the person to make of which form of help is best for themselves. My choice of birth control would be something like a quarterly Norplant. It would be difficult to forget and have an accident.

Would there still be unwanted pregnancies which would force the parents into an untenable life? In those (few) cases, abortion may be preferable. It is the woman's choice as long as the baby is within her body.

But abortion is generally the wrong answer. The answer is societal changes where children are born into two-parent homes and are loved and cared for. Further we must change attitudes to praise the mother, unwed or not, and find full support as is necessary. That will require making adoption a praised choice, and one in which the State no longer erects as many barriers as possible.

Banning abortion will only push it back underground where many women are maimed, sterilized, or even die, because the conditions were unhygienic and the performer unqualified. Please read your history to confirm the above statement.

Rick Bleier, Montrose

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RE-1J TO REINSTATE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEES From pg 1

hold interviews prior to the Board Meeting of Sept. 13. To allow time for the interviews, the meeting will begin at 5:30pm.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Fishing opened a discussion of [Board Advisory Committees](#), allowing the board to focus on current assignments as well as standing committees. The Allergy, Safety, and Technology committees are not as active, RE-1J Superintendent Carrie Stephenson said.

The Allergy committee may have served its purpose and no longer be necessary, Fishing said. "I would personally recommend we don't stand that committee back up." Safety remains a concern, said District B Director Jacob Suppes. "...I know the general public is probably concerned about safety to a certain extent."

Fishing said that Safety and Curriculum matters should come before the board in work session, to allow discussion by the entire board, as no more than two members of the Board of Education may serve on any one Board Advisory Committee.

Director of Operations James Pavlich said that safety is of interest to every community member. Pavlich reports safety and security issues directly to the Board of Education on a quarterly basis. "We want folks to know what we're doing...we need people to trust that when they have concerns, we're going to follow up on it."

Superintendent Stephenson said that she

will present on school safety at the [Forum](#) at the Colorado Mesa University (CMU) Cascade Room on Sept. 7.

A Safety committee can be convened at any time as needed.

Technology staff will present information to the Board of Education on a regular basis as well.

The Finance Committee meets regularly and is very important. Fishing and District C Director Alice Murphy are presently serving on the Finance Committee. District D Director Tom West said that the Finance Committee should be involved in teacher salary negotiations. Fishing agreed that board members who serve on the Finance Committee should attend at least a portion of the negotiations.

Curriculum is a hot topic, Fishing noted, and said she would prefer to have curriculum discussions come before the board in work session. Superintendent Stephenson agreed. All curriculum is available for viewing.

Accountability Committees will be reinstated, at each school and at the district level. The District Accountability Committee will have representation from all district schools. All schools have received the school accountability handbook, Stephenson said. Committee members are being actively recruited. Chairs of school accountability committees will serve on the District committee, which will meet four times during the school year. Murphy

and Busch will serve as Board of Education representatives on the District Accountability Committee.

West and Kelley will serve on the Building and Grounds Committee. The Committee has done a lot of work over the past year, building a master plan for facilities. "This is obviously a committee that has played a very big role," Fishing said, "...I really appreciate your participation on that committee."

While spending money on curriculum is critical, it is the buildings that keep kids dry and warm, West said.

"I thoroughly enjoy that committee," Kelley said.

Stephenson led a [Strategic Plan](#) Update and Discussion. "This is a work session, so I am going to make you work."

[The Strategic Plan](#) is a living document, Stephenson said. Every school was asked to have one academic goal and one cultural goal. She asked directors to spend time looking at each of the plan's three components, [Instruction](#), [Culture](#), and [Systems](#), working in pairs. The pairs were asked to complete three statements for each section, starting with, "I like," "I notice," and "I wonder."

Following the exercise, Fishing adjourned the work session and thanked those present for attending.

The next meeting of the Montrose County School District Board of Education will be held on Sept. 13 at 5:30pm.

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MONTROSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING: THE BUILDING OF THE HISTORIC MONTROSE METHODIST CHURCH: 1882-2022

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MONTROSE-Montrose County Historical Society meeting, Sept. 7, 2022, will be held at the Montrose Methodist Church, 19 South Park Avenue, 7 PM.

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COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HEARS, DENIES CITIZEN PETITIONS



The Montrose County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) met as the Montrose County Board of Equalization to hear citizen petitions on Aug. 24. Meeting screenshot.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—All commissioners were present for the special session of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Wednesday, Aug. 24. Montrose County Assessor Brad Hughes led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners voted to leave regular session to reconvene as the Montrose County Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Commissioners opened a hearing and considered Senior Property Tax Exemption Schedule #R0019265, involving a citizen petition to challenge the findings of the Assessor's Office by a financially struggling senior citizen, Mr. Dimmick (sp?), who is building the property in which he resides. "I'm having a hard time, struggling...I don't know if you guys are trying to drive me out of the area or what."

Hughes said that the components to qualify for a senior property tax exemption include being over age 65, owning the

property as a primary residence for over ten consecutive years, and occupying the property as a primary residence for ten consecutive years. The start of that ten-year occupancy period is determined by the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (CO). There is no active building permit on the property as it has been cancelled, Hughes said, although the owner

has been occupying the residence. The request for exemption had been denied based on the third component. The County's records could be audited by the State, Hughes said, and the County would then owe the taxes as the applicant does not qualify for the exemption.

The applicant continued to plead for the exemption. "...I don't know what to do." Said Commissioner Roger Rash, "We do feel for your situation...but we are obligated to follow the statutes of Colorado State Law..."

"It seems to me the law was set up to help people who are having a hard time. I'm having a hard time," the applicant said. "It doesn't quite do what it's supposed to be doing." He said that a survey has shown that County Road 9 is within his property boundaries.

BOCC Chair Keith Caddy said, "That's a whole different subject which is not part of this hearing."

Caddy said he would speak to the County

Manager, who would communicate with the county engineer about the road issue.

The Board of Equalization voted to deny the citizen petition.

The Board also heard a petition on behalf of Rex Gibbs, for a Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption Schedule #R002259.

Hughes said that there is no residential structure to qualify Gibbs for the exemption. "He has vacant land...I don't really have anything to qualify him. I can't give him the veteran exemption on vacant land, because he needs a qualifying residential structure on the property."

Hughes said he has communicated with the applicant that if there is a structure approved for residential habitation the exemption could be reconsidered. The applicant does not have the funds for a septic system; he bought a place in the desert to be alone and live off the grid and does not want to be disturbed.

"You can see that he's running a hose from the camper, I don't know where it's going to," Hughes said. "I guess if our land use department is going to allow that, that's fine, but I can't grant him an exemption for this particular property."

BOCC Vice Chair Sue Hansen said that the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans might be able to help Gibbs. "I will make that connection."

The Board of Equalization voted to deny the petition.

The Board of Equalization left the session to reconvene as the Montrose Board of County Commissioners. With no further business the BOCC voted to adjourn.



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BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS SEPT. 1

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MONTROSE-NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP-Beginning Sept. 1st, NFP will be hosting a Breastfeeding Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. This is a great opportunity to come talk to Montrose County NFP nurses Jodi Hyatt, RN, BSN, IBCLC and Kim Cook, RN, IBCLC and get support from fellow moms. An infant scale will also be available to check your baby's weight. **WHAT:** Breastfeeding Support Group (Bring your questions and your family!) **WHERE:** Montrose County Event Center (1036 North 7th Street Room 3) **WHEN:** 10am - 12pm. Questions? Please call 970-252-5015.



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AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID OF THEIR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Editor:

Montrose recently had the honor of visits from Democrat Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper who sang the praises of the Democrats' hilariously titled "Inflation Reduction Act". Don't be fooled – the Left is still gaslighting. The nonpartisan Tax Foundation ran the numbers and – shock! – the act will increase taxes, eliminate jobs, lessen economic activity, lower wages, and definitely not decrease Biden's runaway inflation. It's all about expanding the scope and size of the federal government to increase its control over our everyday lives. Bennet and Hickenlooper's defense of the act were such that even Montrose Daily Press publisher Dennis Anderson, who is usually only critical of Boebert and Trump, had to point out the absurdity of increasing taxes that will ultimately be borne by working class Americans -- who are already suffering from Biden's reckless policies.

I don't imagine Bennet or Hickenlooper mentioned that the act will more than double the IRS by adding 86,000 new agents, some of whom will be required to "carry a firearm and be willing to use deadly force" There aren't enough millionaires or billionaires in the world to keep 86,000 new agents busy. Spare us the nonsense about the IRS expansion focusing exclusively on "high earners". That is a blatant lie. Democrats actually voted down a Republican amendment that would have prevented the new agents from going after lower income individuals and small businesses. (Presently, those making less than \$25,000 are audited at a rate five times higher than everyone else.) If one wanted to shut down small businesses, doubling the size of the IRS to invade the privacy of every business and every American, and inflict costs on them to lawyer up and hire tax accountants to protect themselves would be the way to do it. Remember also that this is the same IRS that unlawfully targeted and harassed conservative organizations during the Obama years.

The American people should not be afraid of their federal government. Yet a new army of IRS agents will be used to audit middle-class Americans, while a corrupt and partisan DOJ and FBI routinely ignore leftist violence and corruption while attempting to destroy anyone brave

enough to resist the Left's destructive agenda. The FBI/DOJ did nothing when Hillary Clinton clearly violated the law by destroying subpoenaed data and using a home based server to hide her corrupt antics from the public, which even the intelligence agencies admit was almost certainly hacked by the Russians. The FBI was also willingly used by the DNC and the Hillary campaign during the 2016 election to launch an illegal spy operation against Trump and his campaign. Of course, the whole "Russian collusion" theory was proven to be a total hoax and the "dossier" upon which it was based turned out to be all lies and distortions – facts the FBI/DOJ/Hillary campaign were totally aware of from day one. When a disgruntled Democrat activist attempted to assassinate Republican congressional members, the FBI totally lied and said it was just a failed "suicide by cop". During the 2020 election, the FBI actively covered up Hunter Biden's laptop and his (and Joe "Big Guy" Biden's) many crooked and profitable business dealings with China, Russia, and Ukraine. Meanwhile, the DOJ looked the other way as BLM and Antifa rioted in city after city leading to about 30 deaths and over \$2 billion in destruction. Then there was Jan. 6, the supposed "insurrection" that was little more than a day-long temper tantrum thrown by citizens angry over voting irregularities. They caused little property damage and killed no one, yet they have been declared such a threat to the republic over trespassing that they've been denied fair and speedy trials and held in jail for over 18 months. As reported by the ultra-liberal NYT, "There were a ton of FBI informants among the people who attacked the Capitol" on Jan 6th. Merrick Garland cannot explain the use of FBI undercover operatives. Twelve of them were the architects of the plot to kidnap Michigan governor Gretchen Whitmer. They hatched the plot, served in key leadership positions of the militia group, trained them, actively recruited participants, and funded most of the activity. Their corrupt entrapment plot is one of the reasons two of those charged were acquitted and two others were not found guilty due to mistrials. I could go on (demonizing journalist James Rosen by falsely claiming he was a terrorist collabo-

rator, FBI evidence supporting acquittal of Kyle Rittenhouse mysteriously disappearing, inflating the number and extent of extremism cases to fit Biden's false narratives, lies about Anthony Weiner's laptop, targeting journalist James O'Keefe, ignoring threats to Supreme Court justices and their families, disregarding leftist groups attacking dozens of pro-life pregnancy resource centers in multiple states, and much much more.)

In short, the FBI and DOJ's history since Obama's presidency shows a pattern of gross corruption aimed at not only destroying Trump, but completely intimidating anyone standing in the way of the Democrat party – meaning at least half of the nation's voters. This two-tier system is not a justice system, but a totalitarian system reminiscent of the Nazi Gestapo or the East German Stasi. (Although neither of these groups during the height of their power numbered anywhere near the 86,000 IRS agents Biden is adding.) A country that harshly prosecutes people or lets them off Scot-free based on their political affiliation is a banana republic. Conservative voters understand completely that the raid on Trump's Mar-a-Lago home is just another attempt to divert attention from Democrat-led calamities in the run-up to the midterms. Dems are following the same failed playbook used for years in their series of manufactured scandals to bring down Trump and his fellow conservatives. The whole thing reeks of desperation. The raid was an outrageous act, by a rogue federal agency, in service to a corrupt administration. The FBI and the IRS are only two of the agencies with tremendous powers used by the Left to intimidate and control the American people. (The EPA is another.) Democrats are actually hoping for a violent reaction from conservatives because they know that will further their goal of creating enough chaos to enable even harsher police-state measures. Unfortunately for Democrats, what will happen is that more and more independents and at least a few thinking Democrats will realize what the Democrat party is all about and boot them out of office during the next two elections. Only then will Americans no longer have reason to fear their federal government.

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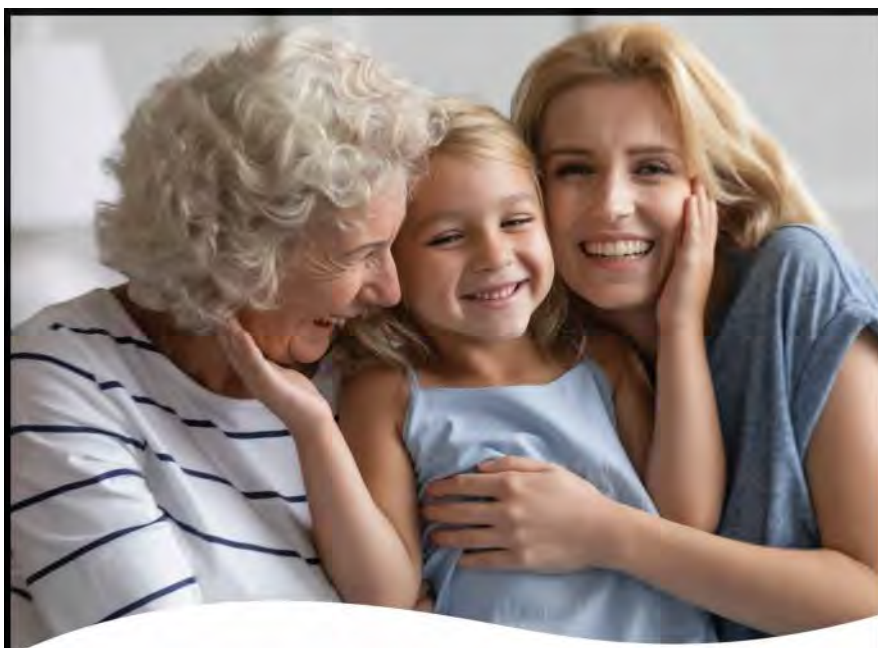
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Saturday, Sept. 3, 7:30pm. "Birds and Fall Migration!" Bruce Ackerman, president of Black Canyon Audubon Society, will give a talk about fall migration and birds that can be seen in the area this time of year. Ridgway State Park, Visitors Center, Dutch Charlie entrance.

Sunday, Sept. 4 7:30p.m. "Geology of the Ridgway Area!" John Mitchell, retired geologist, will talk about the geology of the area and formations seen in the park. Ridgway State Park Visitors Center.



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were Delta resident Kent Cloward and Paonia resident Mike Atwood.

Background: During the July meeting Atwood, who traveled 120 miles round trip to attend the meeting, asked the board to consider two requests, (1) make board packets available to the membership, (2) make meetings available on Zoom to serve members who cannot travel.

Addressing Atwood's requests, Board President Kyle Martinez stated the board will look into making some of the packet information public. Martinez said, "Mike, a Zoom meeting for everyone...we don't have quite the technology. But, with the budget meeting we will talk about the cost of setting up for Zoom."

Board Committee Reports:

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

Watson said, "We did not meet. We're scheduled for a meeting on the 9th of September."

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

Cannon said, "We did not meet. The 19th of September we are scheduled for a meeting."

Member Relations Committee – Bill Patterson, Chair.

Patterson said, "Did not meet."

Executive Committee – Kyle Martinez, Chair.

Martinez said, "We have met a few times; two or three times. Related to the CEO search and interaction with the search firm. The firm had interviews with each board member and we will go over those in executive session. We'll have further details in executive session."

Non-Privileged CEO Report – Interim CEO Kent Blackwell.

Blackwell said, "It's been three-weeks [appointed as Interim CEO]. Many know that the Delta County Commissioners approved the Garnet Mesa Solar Project. The day after [that] Senator Hickenlooper held a victory lap for his part in the Inflation Reduction Act. We will watch that piece of legislation that has been signed into law. We held another Spark Session [informal community meetings with DMEA and Elevate staff] to check the pulse of the com-

munity. Most questions were about Elevate and when it is coming to me. There was a handful asking about Garnet Mesa. Most were supporters, the voices of concern were from those living in the area."

Reporting on safety Blackwell said, "There was one near-miss. A member of the public [a contractor] hit one of our power poles and a powerline was dropped across his equipment. He was told [by a dispatcher] to stay put. It was high risk if he got off his equipment, but he got off. He was lucky. We need to remind people, do not put yourself at risk."

Referring to the System Average Interruption Index (SAIDI) Report Blackwell said, "There were 74 outages. We are trending more in line with last year. We've had 71 new meter installations and we're six-weeks out for design."

Between Sept. 8-9 there will be a systems upgrade for database management of both DMEA and Elevate. Blackwell said, "We are merging into a new platform. During the transition a lot of our system will be frozen, but the system will be back to normal on Monday [Sept. 10]. There is no impact to billing, we just take payments. The office will be open to answer questions." DMEA will inform membership of the transition through social media, press releases, and the website.

Jock Fleming said, "Where do we stand on hydro generation compared to last year? Is this a normal year for hydro?" Staff confirmed hydro generation is average year-over-year.

The board was given an update on Information Technology and network security, which included internal vulnerabilities, such as the need for patches and updates to programs and devices. Chief Information Officer Bob Farmer said, "We had 12,737 open [vulnerabilities] and 11,288 closed [handled]. The thing for the board to keep an eye on is that there is not a dramatic gap between open and closed. Security patches were sent out for Apple last week. It's a hard thing to remember that there may be 150 iPhones. I'm confident we are doing all we can to eliminate that [cyber-attack] in the future. We have third-parties that test our network."

Farmer encouraged everyone to practice cyber-hygiene — keeping sensitive data secure and protecting it from theft or attacks.

Blackwell said, "The numbers can get enormous because of the number of devices and switches."

Fleming said, "I didn't get an update. Is that something that's done automatically?"

Farmer, who has only been on the job about a month, chuckled. He said, "It was right before this meeting that I learned the board members all have iPads. We will get those updated."

Blackwell continued with the CEO report. He said, "We currently have five job openings we are trying to fill. We'll have another Spark Session on September 14th at the Lazy J Coffee Shop in Crawford. We'll have Member Appreciation Day on October 9th — Movie Night Out. There will be a free movie and a \$5 snack voucher at the Fox Theater in Montrose and Paradise Theater in Paonia."

In the area of customer service, it was reported there were 5,338 telephone calls, of which 4,700 were handled (93 percent). Currently 40 percent of DMEA members use autopay. The two DMEA vegetation crews are doing more work than that of contract employees; however, safety and insurance are a component and play a role. Referring to the in-house vegetation program Blackwell said, "These are non-hot [no work under high voltage lines]. Their scope of work is below the safety zone, like fallen trees."

The leadership team just completed a 10-day NASH Training program which is designed to equip leaders, engage employees, and improve organizations. Blackwell said, "It was very well attended by participants from all over the organization. Department heads that are implementing the training are getting quite a bit of feedback." During the upcoming quarterly meeting DMEA will introduce 15 new employees.

Financial Report with Variance Report – Gayle Gouker, CFO.

Gouker's report covered June and July. She said, "We are still

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reconstructing statistics lost during the cyber-attack. With high temperatures in May [11 days] and June [28 days] air conditioning loads increased sales. We are under budget for the year."

Gouker implemented a way to generate funds through three-week rolling investments. She said, "It's not high risk. It's CFC [National Rural Cooperative Finance Corporation] short term commercial paper. It's leapfrogging every week. We've earned \$210,000 in interest based on the investment program."

Non-Privileged Legal Report – Jeff Hurd, Attorney. Hurd said, "We've had discussions with landowners on rights-of-way. We resolved issues with landowners through understandings and agreements. There are no litigations. With FERC [Federal Energy Regulatory Commission] we are still waiting for it to be dismissed. We are watching the Tri State rates procedures to see that it doesn't spill over onto us." Hurd touched briefly on CO2 emissions, the rate charging process, the CEO transition, and out-of-state-entity requests for search warrants and subpoenas. Hurd gave kudos to DMEA Customer Service Representatives (CRS) who flagged issues with landlords who wanted to turn off power on tenants who had not paid their rent. Hurd said, "Service is not going to be disconnected. It has to be resolved according to State law. If you want to evict a tenant, there is a process. The proper way is through the judicial process."

Representative Reports

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

Fleming said, "We're meeting on Thursday."

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

Lockhart said, "We met in Durango. It was a good meeting with managers and directors. They don't yet have a Safety Director; they're still trying to hire. They have an increase in health insurance. They are happy with the legislative components and are working hard to keep informed on

legislation. We'll [DMEA] have increase in dues coming; could be nine percent".

Conference, Webinar, etc. Attendance Reports

Action Item(s)

Cannon, Gray, and Patterson attended webinars.

Resolution Confirming Interim CEO Appointment

Previous authorization was given to the Executive Committee. As CEO Interim, Blackwell was authorized to sign documents. CarterBaldwin Executive Search will conduct the search for the CEO.

Update Banking Signatories

Resolutions 2022-14 and 2022-16 formalized items for banking. Approved unanimously.

Retirement Security Plan (RS) Resolution

Resolution 2022-15 makes no change to the RS plan or the pension plan. Approved unanimously.

Grant Resolution

Resolution 2022-17. Formally RUS and Reconnect Three. Blackwell said, "We will be issuing a press release soon. We don't want to create excitement long before then." Approved unanimously.

Future Meetings

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 27.

Member Comments:

Delta resident Kent Cloward attended the Delta County Commissioners meeting concerning the Garnet Mesa Solar Project. He said, "There were no outbreaks. With the presentation you did a great job. An excellent job. Kent [Blackwell] was conciliatory. When you look for a CEO, don't just look outside. There might be someone good who is already familiar. I would hope you look internally as well as externally."

Blackwell said, "We want to be good neighbors [in the Delta agricultural community]."

Paonia resident Mike Atwood also attended the Delta County Commissioners meeting. He said, "It was a good presentation. You have some really strong people. In spite of losing the last CEO, you are still

strong. If you hire [new CEO] by the end of the year you will have had five regular and interim CEO's [as of March 2021]. Members have noticed that from the outside. I'm hoping you find a long-term solution."

Executive Session

- Privileged CEO Report
- Privileged Legal Reports: Corporate, Litigation, and Regulatory Matters
- Discuss Potential Pause to Revised Strategic Plan
- CEO Search Update

Action Items (from Executive Session)

Executive Session Summary – Executive Assistant Amy Taylor.

In an email Taylor summarized the executive session: "At 5 p.m., upon motion from Director Cannon, seconded by Director Lockhart, the board unanimously determined to go into executive session to: receive a privileged Interim CEO report; receive a privileged legal report regarding corporate, litigation, and regulatory matters; discuss a potential pause to the revised strategy plan; and address the CEO search. Upon motion from Director Watson, seconded by Director Fleming, the board unanimously exited executive session at 7:34 p.m. With no further business to discuss, the board meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. There were no action items from executive session needed."

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

UNDER BIDEN, AMERICAN PEOPLE LOSE, SPECIAL INTERESTS WIN

Editor;

Amazing...."With this law, the American people won and the special interests lost". Coming from Joe Biden's mouth guarantees just the opposite is true. The American people will be the loser and special interests will be the winner. After almost a half century of lies, corruption and malfeasance, Biden continues to make a mockery of integrity, honesty and decency. He lies so much he even believes them! He was bragging about the passage of his "Bilk Beyond Belief" massive tax and give-it-away assault on the American taxpayer. So once again he aligns his self with his Chinese Communist comrades at the expense of hard-working families. He sells our oil from our strategic reserves to Communist China after telling America the oil will be used here to lower gas prices. What if Trump had a "China first" policy? What if Trump lied like that? Sure, there is a compromise in the "Bilk Beyond Belief" scam about expanding oil drilling, but the catch is a new tax on each barrel of crude oil and a deluge of new regulations. You will pay at the pump. Biden giveth and Biden taketh away! What if Trump scammed America like that? \$370 billion in the scam will buy a lot of tax credits for Democrat special interest groups and Chinese Communists. What if Trump launched corruption on America like that? And what if Trump was in bed with the Chinese Communists like that? Would there be an impeachment? We all knew the cards were stacked against President Trump! The Chinese have control over the global supply of rare earths. Wind turbines require massive amounts of rare earths for their generators and motors. A single wind turbine eats up tons of rare earth metals and that mining is carried out in China at massive destruction to the environment. What if Trump was a hypocrite on environmental destruction and approved the purchase of those turbines from China? The Amazon rain forest in South America will be ravaged by the demand for balsa wood to make wind turbines. Where is Biden pro-

testing that environmental damage? Or is it okay since it will contribute to charging EVs? What if Trump approved that environmental destruction for any reason?

Biden has said he was in the top half of his class in law school....he was not. He said he has three degrees from college.....he does not. He said he was named outstanding student in the political science department.....he was not. (and it shows!) Newsweek says Biden ended near the bottom in his class and won only one degree, not three. YouTube videos even show Biden sniffing little girls' hair and fondles them and women. Extremely dumb in front of a news camera! His own daughter even talks publicly about taking "improper" showers with her dad(Joe)! What if Trump did that? President Harry Truman said you can't get rich in politics unless you're a crook. Democrats have done quite well in the "riches" department. Look at Obama and his \$ multi-million mansions. Look at the \$millions the Biden crime families are raking in from corrupt business deals with Communist China, Russia, and Ukraine. And the Democrat party had the nerve to accuse President Trump of doing what they were doing, colluding with Russia!!

Joe Biden owns three homes worth in excess of \$5 million. Yet, he's never done an honest day's work in his life! His home on Rehoboth Beach, Delaware is worth \$3 million. How does that happen on government wages? And why aren't they worried about their beach-front mansions being flooded by rising oceans they claim is caused by they themselves from burning massive fossil fuels in their private jets? 80-year old Nancy Pelosi makes obscene \$ millions on defense contracts from insider trading. Same with 87-year old Diane Feinstein having \$ millions from corruption she can't ever spend. Strange, Democrats never are investigated for their corruption, insider trading, influence pedaling, or any other offenses. Now let's look at the sacrifices President Trump made because of his love for America. Have any Democrats ever said they love

America? When Trump campaigned for his first run for president he paid for all his expenses out of his pocket. That included flying his personal plane all over the country. Do Democrats do that? Then when elected president he donated all his salary to charity. Do Democrats do that? How about Biden? Obama? Then after repairing many of the nation's Democrat-created problems, the Democrats created Biden's bragged about voter fraud. Then it was clear why Biden didn't campaign. He knew he would win by fraud. He couldn't draw more than a few cars in a parking lot for a speech. They knew Trump would win re-election by a landslide in a fair election because it was known Biden couldn't win on the issues. When Trump left office his net worth was considerably less than before. He sacrificed that because of his love for all Americans. Trump is still traveling around America at his own expense to campaign for Republican candidates for the mid-term election and as of today, the Democrats are still maliciously trying to frame him with hateful, despicable malevolence because they are still afraid he will run again and win again. Biden cowardly waited until Trump was out of town and then had the FBI illegally raid his home in violation of Trump's Fourth Amendment rights and ransack through Melania's underwear looking for anything...just anything they could blow up completely out of shape to keep Trump from running for president again. That must have created some mighty high fives! And then Biden lied and said he knew nothing about the raid when the liar-in-chief his self is the one who gave the order for the raid!

In 1855, Frederick Douglass declared, "I would unite with anybody to do right; and with nobody to do wrong." I would suggest Biden and his Democrat cult take a college course in decency and honesty. Sadly, we already know how Biden does in colleges. Martin Luther King jr. once gave a speech on, "I had a dream", but since then, Democrats have turned it into a nightmare!

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose



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"We've designed this program so that it not only provides the necessary hands-on training and experience for those who

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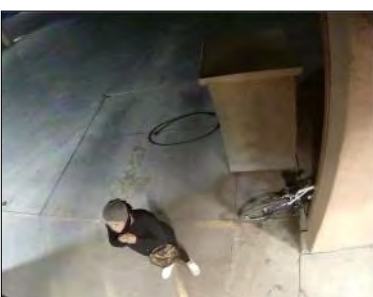


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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA COUNTY AWARDED THE COLORADO FOUNDATION GRANT FOR FAIRGROUND PLANNING PROCESS

Special to the Mirror

DELTA – Delta County is pleased to share that Denver-based, The Colorado Health Foundation, has approved the county's application that focuses on the equitable development built environment planning at the Delta County Fairgrounds, for a 12-month, \$35,000 planning grant. Delta County plans to utilize a portion of these planning grant funds by assembling a diverse group of residents to assist with input on the design of the new playground area of the Delta County Fairgrounds.

"The Colorado Health Foundation is excited to support Delta County in their efforts to focus equitable design and community engagement practices for the comprehensive re-imagining of their County Fairgrounds," said Sean Dollard, Program Officer with the Foundation. "This funding opportunity has a compelling trajectory

toward ensuring all physical activity spaces are designed with community members' intent top of mind, which will always culminate toward the most equitable activation of public spaces."

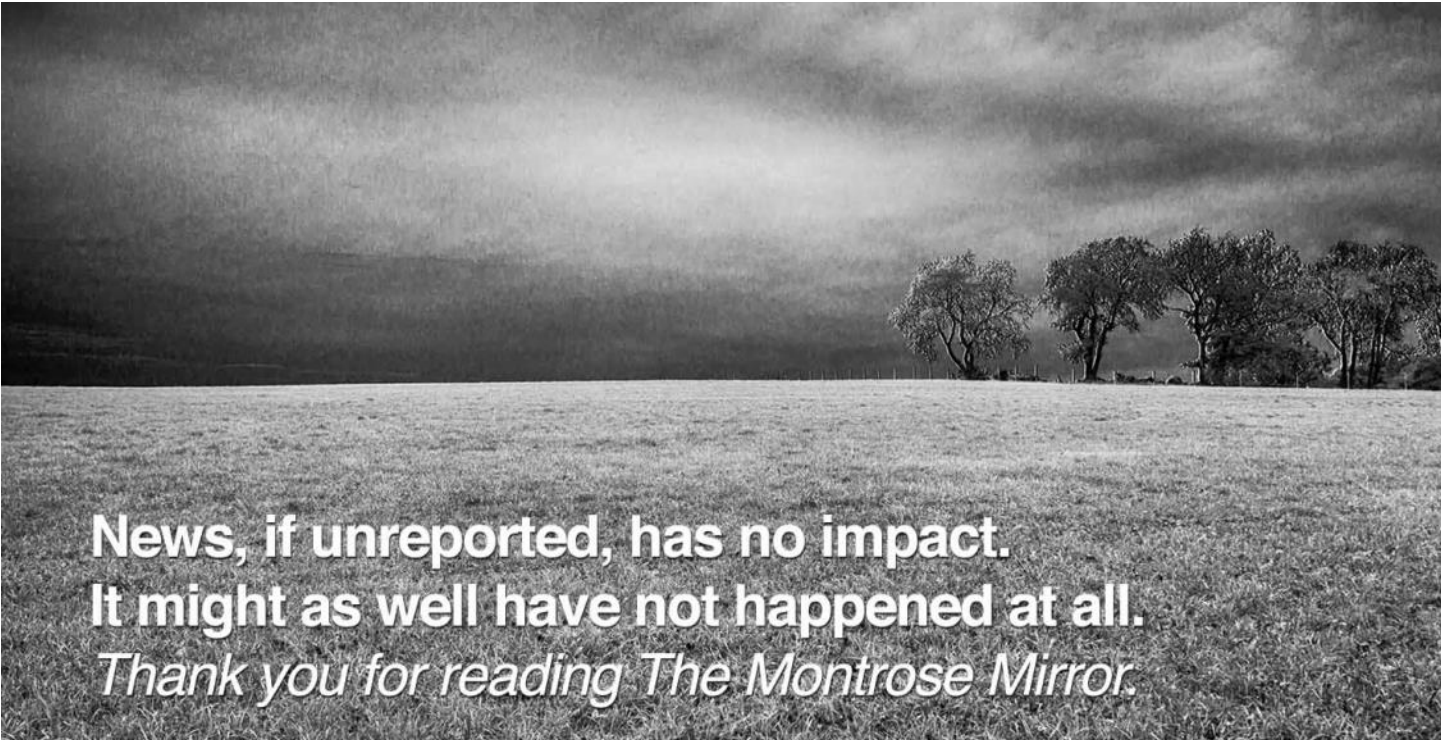
"Our hopes are that we can recruit an underserved population of residents, of many different ages and backgrounds, to participate in these focus group type meetings whose voices are not normally heard when it comes to the development of community spaces," said, Lindsay Mitchell, Public Information Specialist for Delta County. "This area of the fairgrounds is going to be a carefully designed space that meets the needs of many different residents in the county, so it is the County's priority to make their voices heard and their ideas taken into consideration throughout the process."

Delta County will be working with local

organizations, schools, and health providers in the next month to assemble this group of residents. Residents who agree to actively participate will be compensated for their time and travel expenses, provided food and beverages, and child-care as needed. "We are also talking about other exciting ideas of unique ways to compensate the group," said Mitchell "such as partnering with The Nature Connection to do active workshops in nature, giving away outdoor gear, and even bringing in the rock climbing wall for some of the gatherings."

This grant is one step closer to preparing Delta County for the application for the full grant later this year that could potentially fund the construction costs of the new playground area.

For information about Delta County, please visit www.DeltaCounty.com.



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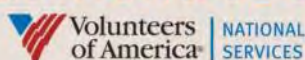


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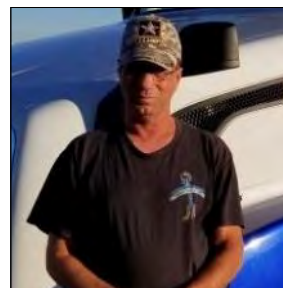
JOHN WAYNE CASEDY

April 7, 1964-August 21, 2022

JOHN WAYNE CASEDY, age 58, passed away on Sunday August 21st at his family home in Montrose, Colorado. He was born April 7th, 1964, in Wheatridge, Colorado to Dave and Pat Casedy.

Sgt. in the U.S. Army served in the Iraq Freedom Campaign with the 5th special forces unit. HVAC technician in Colorado and Texas. He was an Over the road truck driver, and Owner of American Eagle Taxi Company in Montrose. He enjoyed working on cars and motorcycles as well as many other hobbies.

He was survived by his Parents Dave and Pat, His sister Jill, His son Kurt, His beloved dog Pete. Many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Johns family.



RICHARD E. COOK



RICHARD EUGENE COOK was born September 17, 1929, in Vici, Oklahoma to Robert and Myrtle Cook (nee) Canfield. Richard was the third child; his brothers Leslie and Alfred preceded him. After Richard was born, Margie and Edward followed.

The Cooks moved to Colorado in the fall of 1937 after his father had hitchhiked to the Western Slope of Colorado to look things over. Richard knew he wanted to



be a farmer from an early age. He graduated from Montrose High School, Montrose, Colorado in 1948. While in high school, Richard played football, was on a boxing team, ran track and especially enjoyed wrestling. He was class representative to Student Council his Senior year as well as Vice President of the FFA. Richard attended Colorado State University in the fall of 1949 for two semesters but then decided he "really did not care for school that much."

He was drafted into the US Army at the age of 21, served in the Korean War where he received a Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged in 1953.

Richard ran sheep and farmed for years in western Colorado. He once said one of the highlights of his life was belonging to the National Reining Horse Association in the 1990s. He was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge and enjoyed volunteering there.

Richard married Betty Lou Ferguson in

1953, the marriage produced three girls: Tressa, Tammie and Beverly. Richard and Betty Lou were later divorced.

Richard was predeceased by his companion Marilyn Hunter, who passed in March 2022.

Survivors include his sister, Margie Ahlberg, daughters: Tressa Flowers (Guy), Tammie Jordan (Levi) and Beverly McNamara (Jimmy). Grandchildren include Beau Flowers (Jan), Shannon Flowers (Aaron), Melody Westcott, Kimberly Byrket (Jeff), Mitch Jordan (Cami), Jolene McNamara, and Bailee (Dusty) Moore. There are also eight great grandchildren, Mikayla (Gabriel) Leaverton, Tyler Flowers, Aubree Hamblin, Kaden Byrket, Emilee Hamblin, Colten Jordan, Cassidy Byrket, Larissa Roberts, Sage Hilgenfeld, Tessa Simmons and Brinlee Moore. Richard was predeceased by his grandson Tyler McNamara in 2015. Richard loved his family, his greatest joy in life was his kids, grandkids and great grandkids. He was always smiling when they were around.

Services will be held at Crippin Funeral Home, Montrose, Colorado, on Tuesday, August 30 at 2 pm. Graveside service following at Valley Lawns.

Arrangements are under the care of Crippin Funeral Home in Montrose, Co.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

CHRIS N. MARTINEZ

January 15, 1940- August 23, 2022

CRISTOBAL NICOLAS MARTINEZ, 82, known by most as "Chris Sr.", passed away in his home on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, after a long battle with lung cancer. He will be missed and will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Chris was born in Durango, Colorado on January 15, 1940, to Juan and Delfinia (Archuleta) Martinez.

Chris was raised in the Ridgway area and graduated from Ridgway High School in 1959. Chris worked as a uranium miner for many years. After he was hurt in this line of work, he then started doing residential handy man construction. Chris married Olivia (Lopez) on April 16, 1966. They have shared their lives together for 56 years.

Chris was a true outdoorsman. He loved fishing and hunting. He also had a love for playing bingo, playing cards and gambling at the casinos. He also loved sports and watching his Denver Broncos. Chris loved to attend any event that his grand-

children were involved in.

Chris is survived by his wife, Olivia; his daughter, Valerie Bogdan; his two sons, John Martinez (Sandra), and Chris Martinez (Aimee), all of Montrose, CO; his sister Jean Chavez (Don), his brother, Anthony Martinez (Gina), all of Grand Junction, CO, and sister Dorothy Reed (Doug) of Montrose, CO. Chris has eight grandchildren (Raymie, Kassandra, Kolby, Klay, Kreed, Camie, Jaron, Austin) and five great grandchildren (Carson, Kaysen, Traxtyn, Teigan, and Alina), whom he adored.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ken and Rudy Martinez; three sisters, Mary Martinez, Lucy Garcia, Flora Barrientos; and his son-in-law, Gerry Bogdan.

A Memorial Service in loving memory of Chris will be held at Crippin Funeral Home Chapel, Friday, Sept. 2, 2022 at 2 PM. Light refreshments will be served with family and friends at Montrose



Events Center, 648 S. 1st Street, Montrose, immediately following the service.

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ART & SOL

SHADY LADIES & SALOONS

A story about the notorious boomtown American West

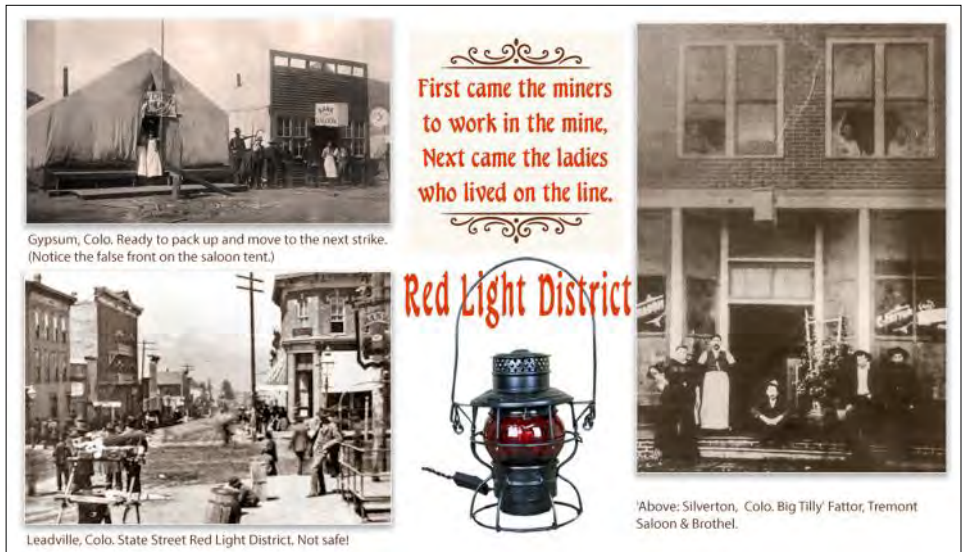
By Kathryn R. Burke

Red Light Districts

The name itself has various origins, although your guess is as good as mine as to where that actually came from. Red-light districts are mentioned in the 1882 *Minutes of a Woman's Christian Temperance Union* meeting. (The proper ladies were trying to rid their towns of shady ladies, but having a hard time of it, because "fines" from prostitution and gambling were a major source of municipal revenue.)

Paul Wellman, author of *The Trampling Herd: The Story of the Cattle Range in America*, suggests it came from the Red Light House Saloon in Dodge City's flourishing prostitution district. Maybe, but we don't really know. A widespread, but unfounded (according to Snopes), folk tale suggests that early railroad workers took red lanterns with them when they visited brothels so their crew could find them in the event of an emergency. A more probable origin is Amsterdam, a seaport in the Netherlands, where ladies of the night, waiting for sailors to buy their favors, carried a red lantern. The rosy light served two purposes: disguise unsightly sores from poor hygiene and act as a guiding beacon to alert customers of their presence.

In the mountain mining towns of the old west, the Red Light District was more



than just a sex-for-sale place. It was also a social center, perhaps the *only* social center for miles round. After weeks, maybe even months, of cold, hard labor and no one to talk to but a marmot or a mule, a miner rode down off the mountain to a place where he could replenish supplies, catch up on local news, gamble a little, drink a lot, and, if he got lucky, maybe engage in a little female companionship.

He could find it all in the closest Red Light District. In the early mine camps, the district was often just a collection of easily transportable wagons and tents. Saloon keepers and shady ladies followed the latest bonanzas hoping to cash in on the

hopeful miner's pay day and get a piece of the pie when/if his claim came in. When it did, they built bigger. When it didn't, they headed to the next strike.

For both men and women, "heading west" offered an escape from a life they had no interest in pursuing. Many grew up on farms and had no desire do what their parents did. A lifetime of plowing a field, milking a cow, or cooking for a bunch of farmhands held no joy. Others grew up big-city poor where money was scarce and employment opportunities in an emerging industrial economy were dim at best. Men (and boys) could work long hours in dark, dirty factories. Jobs for women, until and

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unless they landed a husband, were mostly sewing or household service (maids, cooks, nannies), pretty much the same activities as their married sisters

So, seeking a better life, they headed west.

Once there, it was easier for men. A man could pack a mule with a shovel and pickaxe and a few basic provisions, then head up into the mountains, where he could pitch a tent by night and dig by day. Those men who were more enterprising (and had no desire to dig) would load up a wagon with whiskey and haul it to the nearest mining camp, where payment was often with nuggets of gold or silver, the only tender miners had.

Men could mine or run businesses that supplied the mines and miners. Opportunities for women were not so good. In the early days, when miners were single men and lived in tents or rough cabins, there was no need for maid service or childcare. Later, when miners lived in boarding houses at the mine, which employed cooks (male), there was still no need for "proper" services women traditionally provided.

When they needed a woman or an entertainment break, they came into town and visited the Red Light District. Where they also liked to drink, dance, and gamble... and spend all their pay. The resident

working girls were there to take care of all their needs.

Like the mines that funded them and the patrons who populated them, bars, bordellos, and gambling places tended to follow the boom and bust cycles.

The economy of the frontier mining community was based on a depletable resource that had a variable geologic depth and composition. When a mine came in with a rich vein of ore, and the money started flowing, mine owners and miners prospered. And so did the residential and business community. Camps became towns. Towns became cities. In less than a decade, tent-city bars and brothels were replaced by more permanent structures made of wood. Decent whiskey replaced rotgut "firewater." And a new class of "working girls" moved to town and set up business. Soon, sturdy, fireproof stone and brick structures replaced ramshackle wood shacks (which were neither). Two- and three-story buildings housed well-appointed gambling parlors, saloons with custom bars and gaming tables and machines, opulent and luxurious bordellos. . . and often some combination of all three. And, of course, the more money, the fancier the place that offered adult entertainment. Along came Parlour Houses, then Opera Houses. Fine dining, expensive cigars and whiskeys, and Fancy Ladies kept

the men happy. Red Light Districts glowed with abundance. ("Adults" by the way, were men over 15, sometimes even younger.)

As the districts grew, so did the chasm between the "respectable" business community and the area considered disreputable. Restrictive segregation occurred. This helped to separate the populace from the seamier part of the district, which was often dangerous and dirty. In the big cities, like Leadville and Denver, robbery and murder were common. The girls were often indentured and lived in poverty. If they lived in a "crib" (one of the small, one-room shacks at the low-rent end of the line), their rent was still so high they often had to turn as many as 50 tricks a week to pay it. So, disease was also a problem, for them, and for the men.

The district's location was loosely based on who could afford what, and when. Or in today's terms, the quality and quantity of the services provided depended on disposal income and disposable time. The location could also be influenced by proximity to a railroad. Wealthy travelers and lowly railroad workers had easy access to Red Light Delights. Maybe they even practiced the red lantern custom? Hard to say, this is, after all, a 'her'story tale.

Next: Brothels & Bordellos

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

CAROLYN WONDERLAND TO PERFORM LIVE IN TELLURIDE

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE-Award-winning Texas guitar slinger, singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist Carolyn Wonderland will perform at the Telluride Blues & Brews Festival in Telluride on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022. Wonderland's latest release is her Alligator Records debut album, *Tempting Fate*. The album, her 11th, was produced by famed master roots musician Dave Alvin, and features Wonderland's signature, blistering six-string and lap steel playing, her intense vocals and her original songs melding blues, rock and Americana. Wonderland recently won two top 2021/2022 Austin Music Awards. In addition to winning for Best Blues Artist, she took home the award for Best Guitarist.

Concert information is as follows:

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022

Event: Telluride Blues & Brews Festival

Venue: Telluride Town Park - Main Stage

Address: 500 E. Colorado Ave.

City: Telluride, CO

Showtime: 3:00pm

Ticket price: \$95-\$3,750

Website: www.tellurideblues.com

*See website for complete festival information
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Music video for "Fragile Peace And Certain War":

www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTh-rIPpSY

Tempting Fate is the next chapter in Wonderland's remarkable career, one that is already overflowing with countless, colorful, once-in-a-lifetime experiences. She spent the last three years as lead guitarist in blues legend John Mayall's Blues Breakers, and has now joined the Alligator Records family as the first female guitar hero in the label's storied 50-year history. But that's not all. Her spine-chilling, soul-deep singing matches her guitar prowess note for note. And she has a knack for writing songs that sound like instant classics.

Tempting Fate finds Wonderland delivering ten riveting songs, including five fiery originals and one co-write. Her vocals range from raw and fierce to subtle and gentle. Her guitar work, on both six-string

and lap steel, is often explosive and always melodic. According to Dave Alvin, "Carolyn is unique, strong, soulful and sincere. She can pick and belt out the blues with the best of them, but her powerful, melodic vocals and six-string stylings are truly her own. Traditional yet innovative, tough yet tender, Carolyn always sounds like no one else but herself."

Wonderland has been performing professionally since the age of 15. Her music is a bold mix of timeless original songs and reinventions of some of her favorites, ranging from blistering electric blues to deep, heartfelt ballads to cosmic country to soulful Tex-Mex. Every song is fueled by Wonderland's forceful yet melodic Texas-flavored guitar work and her full-throated, heart-on-her-sleeve vocals. She has been a road warrior for over 20 years, and has played all over the U.S. and in Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Panama, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Spain, Italy, Austria, Slovenia, the Canary Islands, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Japan. She just concluded a three-year stint as the lead guitarist in British blues master John Mayall's iconic Blues Breakers.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

PREMIER GUITAR ENSEMBLE RETURNS TO OURAY

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OURAY-The Ouray County Performing Arts Guild presents guitar ensemble New West Guitar Group for a return performance in Ouray on Saturday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Wright Opera House at 472 Main Street.

New West Guitar Group has a reputation as pioneers in the realm of guitar ensembles, combining acoustic and electric guitars performing classic pop covers, jazz standards and exciting originals. Their signature sound comes from an innovative style that highlights rhythm, beauty and virtuosity. They have been praised as "sharp and refined" by the *Seattle Times* and "A rare chemistry...shimmering arpeggios, collectively strummed chords, tight cracking interplay and complementary playing" by *Metronome Magazine*.

"They're masters of their caressing, cascading sound, best categorized as chamber jazz...dexterously peppered, now and again, with Gypsy fire, flamenco zest and steel-string twang." – Jazz Times

The group features guitarists John Storie, Perry Smith and Will Brahm, graduates of University of Southern California Thornton School of Music. Founded in 2005 by Storie and Smith, each of their projects features their unique style of laid-back virtuosity through expert arrangements crafted by the members of the group. Their music



New West Guitar Group returns for a return performance in Ouray on Saturday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Wright Opera House at 472 Main Street. Courtesy photo.

is regularly featured on NPR and jazz radio stations, and the trio travels throughout the United States and abroad. The group has also released seven full-length albums since 2005.

Advance tickets are \$25 per person, \$28 at the door, students 18 years and under are \$5. More information and tickets may be found at www.ocpag.org.

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WALKING TALKING GOURDS PRESENT FINAL LIVE SHOW SEPT. 1

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE-After a two-year hiatus due to Covid-19, live poetry has returned to town. The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Program has teamed up with Telluride Arts to present an in-person

outdoor reading series on ArtWalk's first Thursday of each month: the Walking Talking Gourds.

After successfully kicking off live readings this summer, the Walking Talking Gourds will wrap up the series at the Transfer

Warehouse for the final live show, Thursday, Sept. 1st at 5:30pm during ArtWalk. Uche Ogbuji & Wendy Videlock will be headlining. The event is free and everyone is encouraged to bring a poem to share.

MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS CAMPAIGN RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR ENTERPRISE TAX ZONE CONTRIBUTION

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Magic Circle Players building renovations has recently been approved for the Colorado Enterprise Zone Contribution Project. Earlier this year, Magic Circle Players announced the Building Toward Our Future Campaign, a \$1 million fundraising campaign that will renovate the exterior and interior of the 63-year-old theatre company.

As part of these incentives, the Enterprise Zone Contribution Tax Credit provides a tax credit to Colorado taxpayers that contribute to the targeted enterprise zone (EZ) projects:

- Cash donations of \$250 or more are eligible to receive state income tax credits
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- The amount of this tax credit is capped at \$100,000 per taxpayer per tax year
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Magic Circle Players has a dream to create

a theatre that invites everyone to come inside and experience the magic that is our community theatre!

Lisa Rediger, Theatre Manager for Magic Circle players states, "We are thrilled to have our renovation project approved for the EZ Tax Credit. We see this approval as a significant gift back to those that choose to donate."

Leadership at the theatre has imagined a well-appointed, thoughtfully designed interior that caters to the needs of patrons and providing upgraded and expanded men's and women's restrooms. Moreover, a larger, more efficient concessions area with an extended bar counter enables guests to enjoy intermission libations. Seating booths reminiscent of a classic theatre venue adds to the charm and whimsy.

Additional seating both inside and outside allows guests to linger and socialize. The theatre also plans to add a streaming audio-visual presentation, archiving the more than six-decade history.

An outdoor seating area creates a welcoming space that fosters community

while the exterior plan mirrors the nostalgia of traditional theatre architecture. Additional windows give a glimpse of a welcoming interior that reflects a rich history of quality live theatre on the Western Slope.

As a valued part of the Montrose Community for more than 6 decades, the success of the Build Toward our Future campaign will:

- Promote the Community
- Invite Growth and Expansion
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- Support our Mission to Entertain and Engage our Community
- Continue our 63 Year Tradition of Quality Live Theatre

To support this historic capital campaign, the theatre invites all interested parties to contact Magic Circle Players or the Montrose Community Foundation. In addition to donations of cash, checks or credit card, the theatre can also accept gifts of appreciated stocks, mutual funds, and vehicles of all kinds (anything with wheels and a motor, working or not).

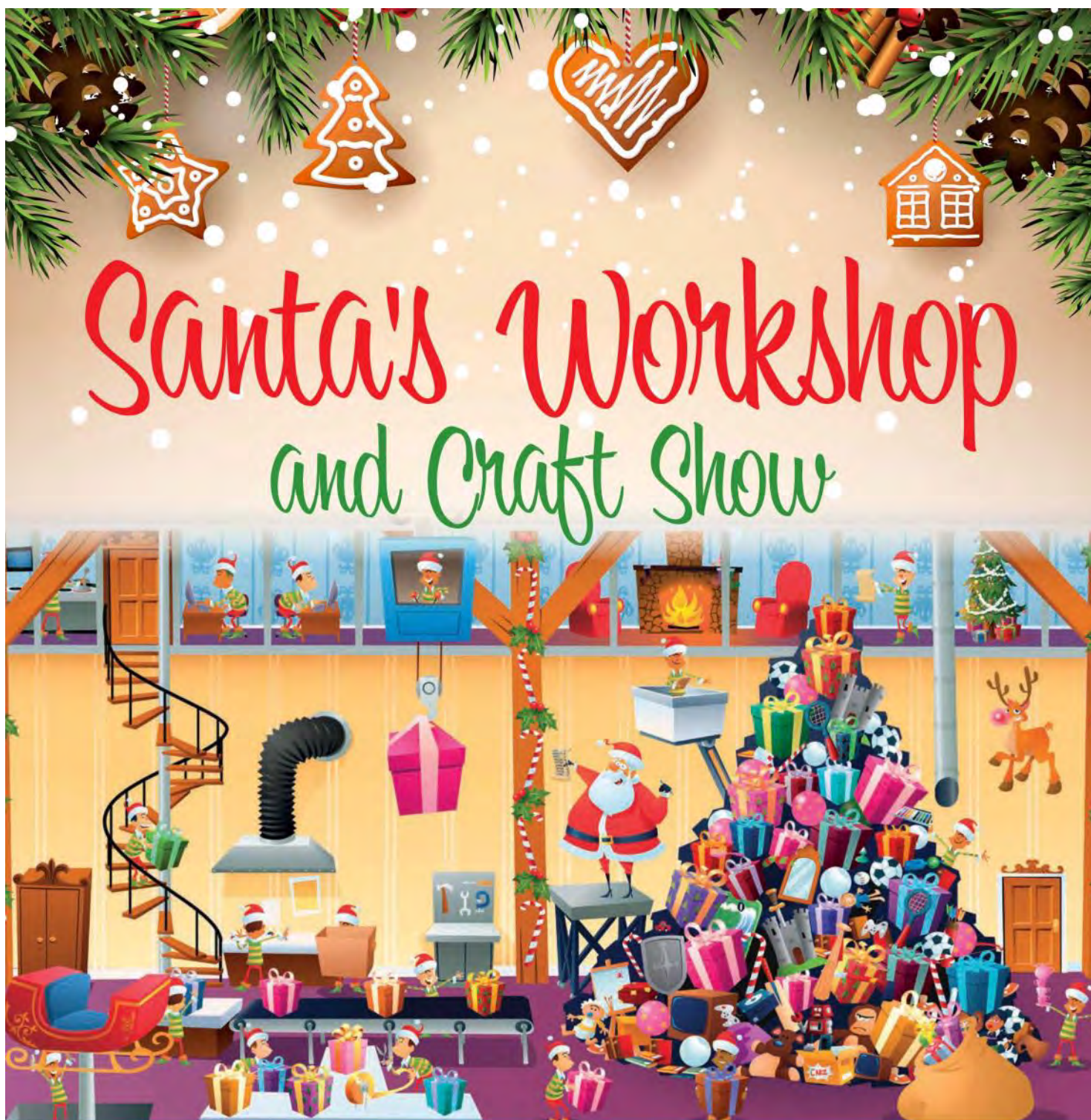


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LOOKIN' FOR ITALIAN? PAHGRE'S HAS IT COVERED

By Carole Ann McKelvey

MONTROSE — Hadn't been to Pahgre's in awhile so invited my son and granddaughter to join me Friday night. We were celebrating my grandbaby's entry into middle school. Now, how did that happen?

As it is with most parents and grandparents, don't they just seem to be growing up overnight? Well, it was a great way to honor her accomplishments. My son, Ian, and I decided to share a pizza -- great choice. But Zane, she went for a layered plate of yumminess, she ordered the Pagrasagna, a hearty meat sauce layered with noodles and stacked with ricotta and other cheeses. She pronounced it "delicious, grandmommy." \$15.

Now before that and while I was waiting for them to arrive (early again!) I enjoyed a beautiful glass of melot and got a head start on the spiniach artichoke dip. Yummy! It's a cheesy blend of spinach, artichoke hearts, onions, garlic and herbs served with celery, carrots and tortilla chips. \$10. I did save some for them!

The spinach dip isn't the only appetizer here, large variety:

Appetizers:

Backcountry Branches (pizza dough breadsticks served with marinara sauce) \$9; Mini Slumgullian Sausage Rolls (Italian sausage, ricotta, peppers wrapped in pizza dough and served with marinara) \$11; Poughkeepsie Gulch Pesto Bruchetta (a crispy baquette slatthered with garlicky pesto topped with mozzarella, provalone and parmesan with a basil chiffnade and tomatos) \$10; and that wonderful spinach/artichoke dip. Aren't the names just the best?

Ian and I ordered a large Grand Mesa Mediteranian pizza. Couldn't have been

better. Large pizza covered in a garlic-infused olive oil sauce and covered with artichoke hearts (artichoke evening), sundried tomatoes, Kalamata olives. Feta cheese, grilled chicken and lots and lots of cheese. Small is \$14.50, large \$26.50.

The pizzas at Pahgre's are handmade and stone baked. Really goes down good with that merlot.

Pahgre's has many varieties of pizza to choose from, or design your own:

Pizza

Basic cheese, small 10-inch \$10.50, large 14-inch \$15.50; Paradox Pepperoni, \$11.50 and \$16.50;

All the other signature pizzas cost \$14.00 for a small 10-inch and \$26.50 for a large 14-inch, there is no medium: Mt Shavano Shrimp and Garlic (yep shrimp and garlic); Sunshine Peak (red sauce, peppers, mushrooms, onions), the Grand Mesa Mediterranean we had; Blue Mesa (yep, Canadian bacon and blue cheese); The Motherlode (generous amounts of sausage, pepperoni, beef, green peppers, black olives, red onions and mushrooms; and what appears to be the house favorite: Ridgway Russler (ground beef, sausage, pepperoni, bacon, onion and a hefty layer of mozzarella and provalone with white sauce: La Garita (Mexican style with ground beef, refried beans, cheddar cheese, onions, crushed tortilla chips and after it's finished it's topped with fresh chopped romaine, tomatoes and served with sour cream and salsa; Buckhorn Barbequed Chicken (yep, BBQ chicken, bacon, corn and chilantro, ceddar and mozzarella); Precipice Peak Pesto (basil pesto, mozzarella, provalone, parmesan, tomatoes, artichokes, garlic and fresh basil); Lizardhead Luau (here's where we go to Hawaii, with BBQ sauce,



pineapple, Canadian bacon, onion -- add jalepenos and roast peppers to add heat to your trip;

There are two more!

Yankee Boy (chicken, bacon & lots of cheese); and Tomboy Cheesestake (you guessed it, layered mozzarella and provalone atop layers of ribeye, mushrooms and green bells alongside red onion and red pepper stripes). Whoh! That's a lotta pizza.

Pasta:

So many choices from spaghetti to alfredo to pesto; from \$13-16.

Panini:

Yes, paninis too. Galloping Goose, Gun-nison Godfather, Cebola Southwest, etc., etc. Panini dinners will set you back \$13-14.

Also on the menu: Campfire Calzones and Pahgre's desserts. If you have room for them. I know my son took home half a pizza and leftover Paghsonia.

Pahgre's is located at 1541 Oxbow Drive, Montrose, call them at (970) 249-6442.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

ANNUAL WESTERN COLORADO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY MEMBERS' EXHIBITION

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-MCA will host the annual Western Colorado Watercolor Society Members' exhibition for the month of September. Nationally known watercolorist, Cindy Brabec-King will be judging the show. You'll have a chance to meet Cindy and some of the participants at the First Friday reception on Sept. 2. WCWS gives all of their members, no matter whether amateur or professional, an opportunity to display their artwork. The WCWS is committed to the promotion of the arts and encouraging their members to be involved wherever they may live.

Cindy Brabec-King will also be giving a one-day workshop at MCA on Friday, Sept. 2, from 9-3pm.

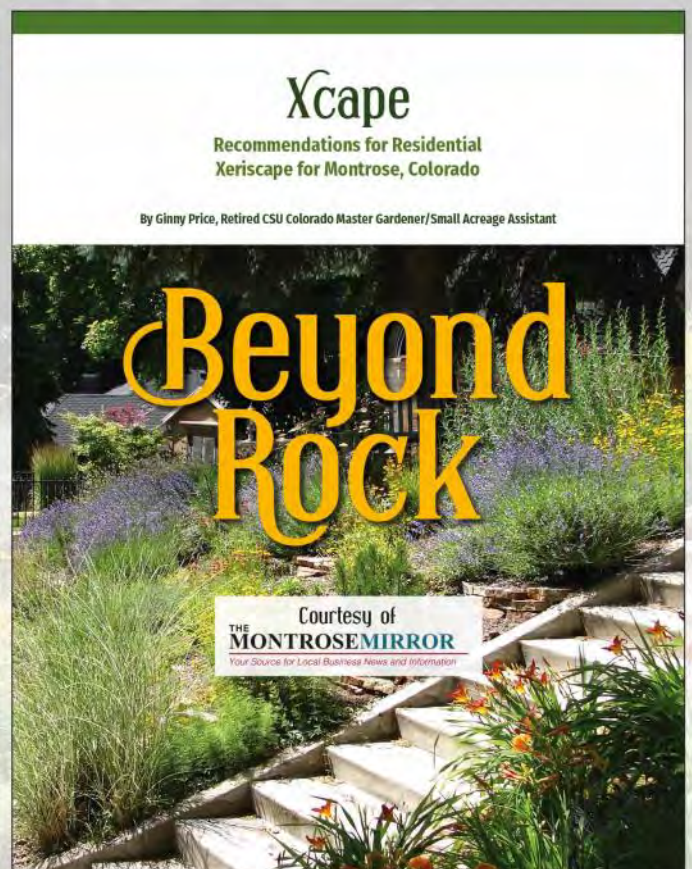
Professional photographer and artist, Susan Humphrey, will have a solo show for the month of September in the Columbine Room featuring ALL NEW work! Susan is a native of Montrose and was raised on a ranch near the Black Canyon National Park. Susan's art records the history, animals and awesome beauty of the area.

MCA's First Friday reception on Sept. 2 will be spectacular! The Gallery artists have all new artwork on display, so don't miss this First Friday. Live music and appetizers too!

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MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Denomination: Christ Lutheran Montrose
Affiliation: Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Address: 1980 N. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401
Contact: 970-633-0226

Website: www.montroselutheran.org
Email: montroselutheran@gmail.com
Pastor: Tim Onnen
Worship: Sundays at 9 AM
 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:15 AM; Women's Bible Study Fridays at 9 AM. At Christ Lutheran Montrose you

will find friendly people gathered in a welcoming environment being comforted and encouraged by the forgiveness and love of Jesus, and sharing that with one another. We are a small congregation of seniors and middle-aged, sprinkled with young children and teenagers.

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:** 970-249-4732, [\[form@fpcmontrose.com\]\(mailto:form@fpcmontrose.com\), \[www.fpcmontrose.com\]\(http://www.fpcmontrose.com\)
Pastor: Jesse Mabanglo
Worship Service times: 9:30AM, Student Worship at 6PM. *We strive to encourage, challenge and support one*](mailto:in-</p>
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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 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.
 Church demographics: HCUCC welcomes all ages to worship with us. (predominately 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, 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. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come discover hope, joy, peace, purpose.

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

Affiliation: Southern Baptist

Address: 1598 E. Niagara Road, Montrose, CO 81401

Office Hours: Tues-Thurs, 9am-4pm

Contact information:

Phone: 970.249.4887

website: www.RosemontBaptist.org

email: office@rosemontbaptist.org

Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson

Worship Service Times: Our engaging and relevant Sunday Worship Service is at

10:45 AM. We also have Bible Study for All Ages Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. We provide a professionally-staffed nursery throughout both.

Rosemont Baptist's desire is to passionately bring people face-to-face with the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.

We are a multigenerational church from different walks of life who love Jesus, love each other, and love our community. Everyone comes dressed in whatever is comfortable. We love meeting new people no

matter what stage of life they are in.

Children's services: *We have a fun Sunday School for children from four years old through youth. We provide Children's Church during the Sunday Worship Services where children four years old through 9 years can learn to be worshippers of Jesus.*

We provide a nursery for children under four years old with paid staff providing excellent care during Sunday Morning Bible Study and Worship Service.

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

Denomination affiliation: Independent Interfaith

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

Home Office – 970-252-0908

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

Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn

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

Worship service times: 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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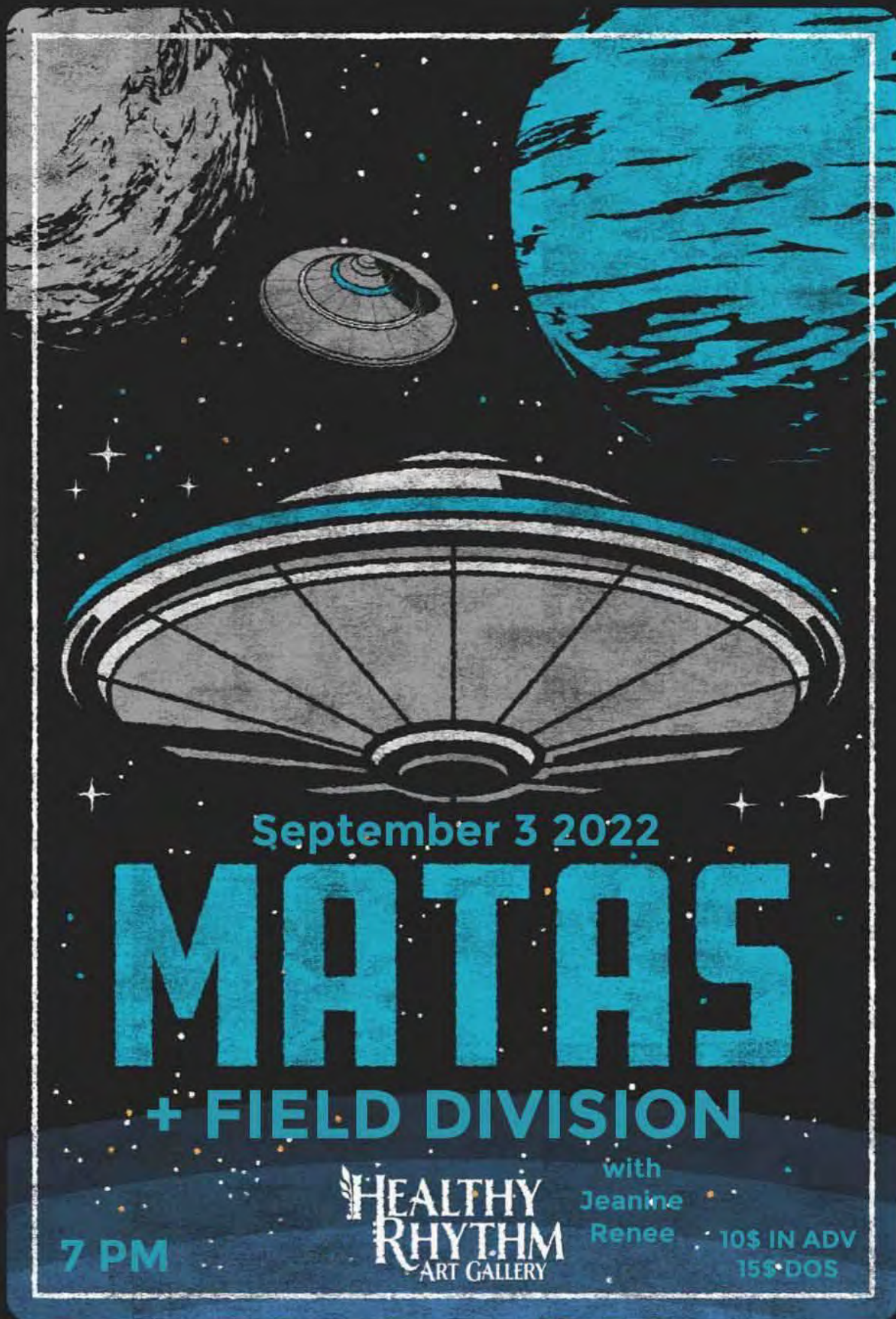
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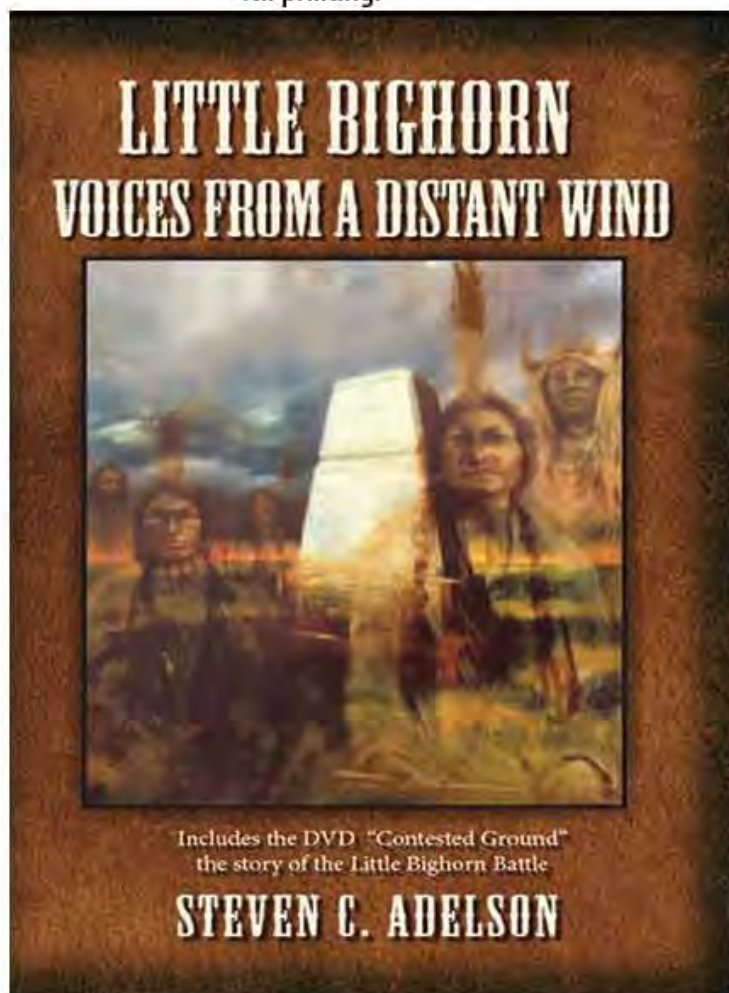
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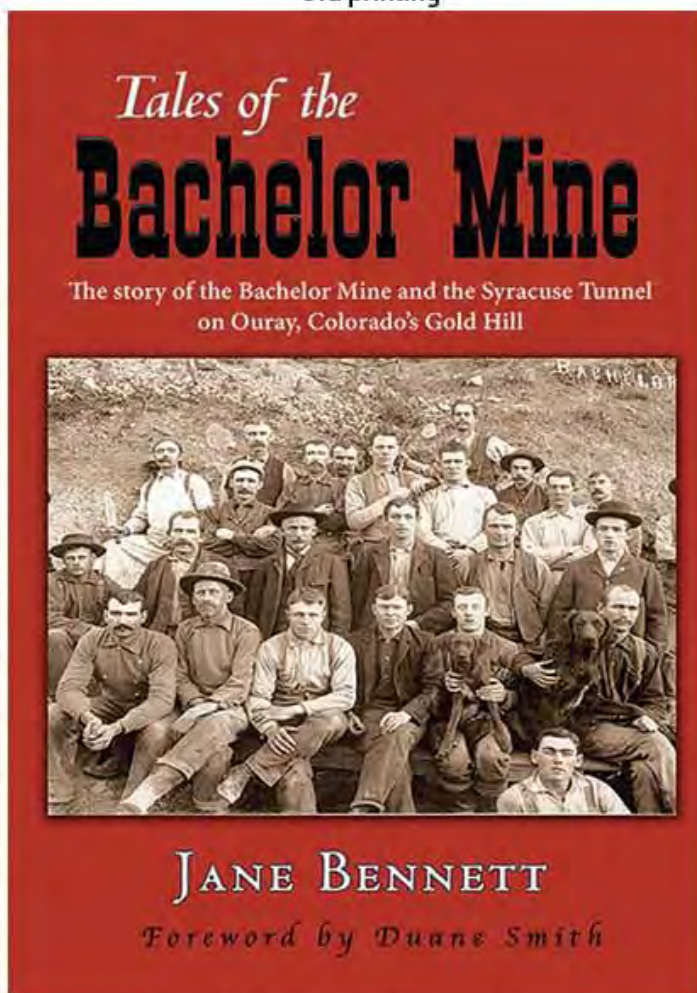
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ONGOING-

NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP-Beginning Sept. 1st, NFP will be hosting a Breastfeeding Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. This is a great opportunity to come talk to Montrose County NFP nurses Jodi Hyatt, RN, BSN, IBCLC and Kim Cook, RN, IBCLC and get support from fellow moms. An infant scale will also be available to check your baby's weight. WHAT: Breastfeeding Support Group (Bring your questions and your family!) WHERE: Montrose County Event Center (1036 North 7th Street Room 3) WHEN: 10am - 12pm. Questions? Please call 970-252-5015.

BINGO EVERY FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY AT 7pm at the American Legion Post 24 Olathe doors open at 5:30 more info call Tom 970 260 8298.

RIDGWAY TRUE GRIT WALKING TOUR Every Friday through September 2.

Arrive Hartwell Park gazebo 2:45pm, depart 3pm.

THE HEALING COLLECTIVE OF WESTERN COLORADO offers local practitioners, who focus on healing the whole being, to attend a free one-hour informative get together every first Tuesday of the month from 12p to 1 pm and every third Tuesday from 6 pm to 7 pm, upstairs at the Mother Earth store on Main Street. We support one another with our practices, business, and personal needs. For more information please contact Erin Easton at ErinKEaston@gmail.com

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

Aug. 31-The New Horizons Band informational meeting will be held at the Montrose Field House, 25 Colorado Avenue in Montrose, 81401 at 9:30 a.m on Wednesday, Aug. 31. Information shared will include how to obtain a quality and affordable band instrument, instrument repair, supplies needed, and rehearsals. Classes for the Fall session also be held at the Montrose Field House on Wednesday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m, from Sept. 14 to Dec. 7. There is no class on Nov. 23. Registration and complete information is available in the Montrose Recreation District Fall Activity Guide in the 50+ activities section or the website.

Sept. 1-After a two-year hiatus due to Covid-19, live poetry has returned. The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Program has teamed up with Telluride Arts to present an in-person outdoor reading series on ArtWalk's first Thursday of each month: the Walking Talking Gourds. After successfully kicking off live readings this summer, the Walking Talking Gourds will wrap up the series at the Transfer Warehouse for the final live show, Thursday, Sept. 1st at 5:30pm during ArtWalk. Uche Ogbuji & Wendy Vide-lock will be headlining. The event is free and everyone is encouraged to bring a poem to share.

Sept. 2-Friday Sept. 2, 7:30spm "The Art of the Horse". Join Alice Billings, artist and horse rescuer, for an evening of learning how to draw horse portraits. She will share some stories and her artwork as well. Ridgway State Park, Visitors Center, Dutch Charlie Entrance.

Sept. 3-Saturday, Sept. 3, 3-5p.m. "Junior Ranger Expedition". Kids, (ages 7 and up) spend time earning your Junior Ranger badge. Along with activities in the Junior Ranger book, there will also be a hike, a craft, and build a fire to make s'mores! Ridgway State Park, Visitors Center, Dutch Charlie entrance.

Sept. 3- Saturday, Sept. 3, 7:30pm. "Birds and Fall Migration!" Bruce Ackerman, president of Black Canyon Audubon Society, will give a talk about fall migration and birds that can be seen in the area this time of year. Ridgway State Park, Visitors Center, Dutch Charlie entrance.

Sept. 4-Sunday, Sept. 4 7:30p.m. "Geology of the Ridgway Area!" John Mitchell, retired geologist, will talk about the geology of the area and formations seen in the park. Ridgway State Park Visitors Center.

Sept. 8-Ridgway Chamber Open, Thursday, Sept. 8, 1 p.m. Shotgun start. 5 p.m. Celebration BBQ. A fundraising golf tournament for local youth programs hosted by Divide Ranch & Club and organized by the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce. Info: info@ridgwaycolorado.com, 970.626.5181 or <https://ridgwaycolorado.com/news-events/events/golf>.

Sept. 10-Saturday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m. – New West Guitar Group - Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray. Advance Adult tickets \$25/ Adult at the door \$28, \$5 students (18 years and under) www.ocpag.org

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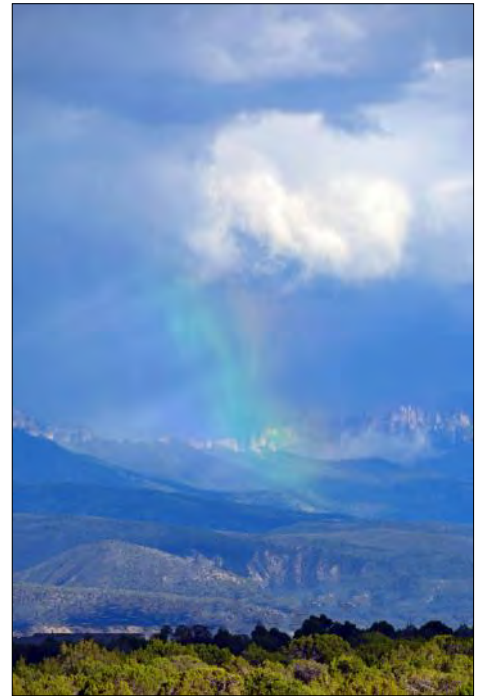
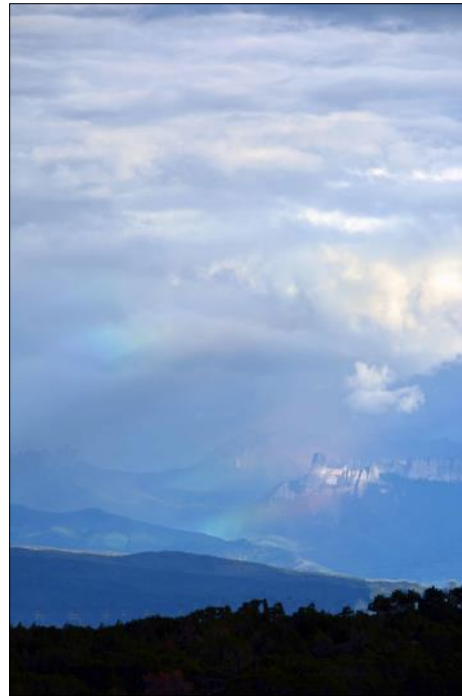
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