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Fresh News for Busy People!

BOCC APPROVES FIRST MAJOR SUBDIVISION SINCE 2007



At the request of citizens, above, commissioners re-scheduled a Feb. 22 special use hearing to 6pm.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners met on Wednesday, Feb. 1. All commissioners were present. BOCC Chair Sue Hansen called the meeting to order, Vice Chair Roger Rash led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Jeremy Sandeno of Grace Community Church delivered the invocation. "Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name...Give us this day Lord our daily bread, forgive us our debts as we forgive those who trespass against us. God deliver us from evil...thank you for each and every one who is here today...we give you thanks and praise..."

Before welcoming public comment, Hansen took time to thank county staff for their kindness and support.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

John Brooks asked that a hearing *Continued pg 21*

WESTERN COLORADO SOIL HEALTH, FOOD AND FARM FORUM

Story and photos by Lauren Hall Ruddell, Ph.D.

MONTROSE-A gasp from the audience. Someone shouts, "There it goes!" A theater showing of Fast and Furious 10? Nothing so large as that. It's a soil protozoa on the hunt for prey. It speeds past a bumbling flagellate that is staggering like a drunk lurching from a piece of organic matter over to a fungal spore.

These thrilling scenes of real time soil drama were just one small part of the Western Colorado Soil Health, Food and Farm Forum, which welcomed a sold-out crowd of more than 300 agricultural amateurs, new and old professionals, and hobbyists the last weekend of January at the Montrose Pavilion.

The Forum theme focused on soil health, with sessions on wide ranging topics such as maximizing regenerative crop and livestock production, innovative marketing and financial management strategies, seed and crop planning, no-till gardening and farming techniques, and labor and water issues. Speakers included producers, educators, and researchers with practical knowledge and regional experience.

Four keynote speakers anchored the schedule: Jim Howell, CEO of Grasslands LLC; Dr. David Johnson, molecular biologist at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM; Dr. Lucinda Stuenkel, owner/manager of Sunny Day Farms Grass-Fed/Grass-Finished Beef and Stuenkel Farms Cow/Calf; and Zach



Soil Health, Food & Farm Forum event coordinators.

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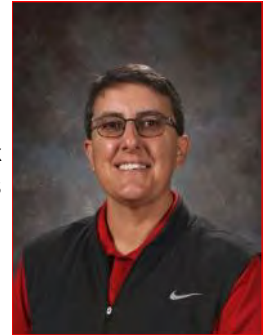
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HEIDI VOEHRINGER NAMED PRINCIPAL OF MHS

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MONTROSE-
 Montrose County School District RE-1J Announced last week that after serving this school year as the Interim Principal, Heidi Voehringer has been offered and accepted the full-time continuing position as the Principal of Montrose High School (MHS).



MHS Principal Heidi Voehringer.

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CPW COMMENT FORM LIVE UNTIL FEB. 20

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DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife is considering changes to policies and regulations that direct the distribution of big game hunting licenses in Colorado. To help inform this process, CPW is looking for input from residents and nonresidents interested in big game hunting in Colorado. CPW is encouraging the public to complete this comment form and share their thoughts on the current big game license distribution process. The comment form will be open through February 20, 2023. Results from this comment form will be shared with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to inform their decision-making process on big game license distribution.

Changes that are being considered:

A preference point banking system

Averaging group applicant preference points

Updating the high-demand hunt code split from 80% to residents and 20% to nonresidents to 90% for residents and 10% for nonresidents

An across-the-board license allocation of 75% to residents and 25% to nonresidents

These topics under consideration were requested by the CPW Commission. The results of the comment form will be discussed with the Commission at its March 15-16, meeting.



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CONGRESSWOMAN BOEBERT'S OFFICE RELEASES FEB. STAFF MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

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WASHINGTON, DC-Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's Office announced mobile office hours in the coming weeks.

Congresswoman Boebert stated: "Serving the people of Colorado's Third Congressional District is the greatest honor of my life. If you are having issues with a federal agen-

cy or want your voice to be heard, please come to one of our mobile office hours, and a member of my team will be happy to assist you."

Staff from Congresswoman Boebert's office will be available to help constituents who aren't getting answers from federal agencies, like veterans seeking to get the care

they earned from the VA, travelers that need expedited assistance to receive a passport on short notice, taxpayers being harassed by the IRS, and senior citizens having issues with the Social Security Administration or Medicare. Additionally, constituents are invited to come to the office hours to express their viewpoints on legislative issues or request special Congressional Commendations from the Congresswoman recognizing outstanding public achievements.

Congresswoman Boebert's office has hosted mobile office hours in every county in the District and returned more than \$2,025,972.46 to constituents.

Mobile office hours will be available at the following times and locations:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

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11am-Noon

Moffat County Mobile Office Hours
Craig Chamber of Commerce
775 Yampa Ave., Snowboard Room
Craig, CO
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

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Mancos Community Center
130 Grand Ave.
Mancos, CO
3-4:30pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023

La Plata County Mobile Office Hours
Ignacio Community Library, Community Room
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3-5pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

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REGIONAL-Scouting BSA on the Western Slope of Colorado has inaugurated this new year with planned activities for youth of all ages.

This last weekend's Order of the Arrow (Scouting's honorary brotherhood) held its Winter Fellowship at the Glenwood Springs Pleasure Park.

Although various Scouting units on the Western Slope keep active with their own activities, many are planned on a District-wide basis, as well. Coming up are such traditional things as things as the Klondike Derby, Biathlon. Pinewood Derby, camporees, merit badge rallies, and various training events.

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About the event organizer - Dango & Company (also known as Dango Burrito) is a locally owned mobile food operator based in Mesa County. The soul of Dango consists of three acts. Striving to use locally sourced ingredients grown by our family farm or local producers. A focus on fusion of different amazing flavors. Most important, bringing people and smiles together through our food. About the venue - The Redlands Community Center is a local event center and beautiful, historical building that hosts private events, weddings, and business meetings. This nonprofit organization is currently seeking donations to support funding a new roof. For more information, visit redlandscommunitycenter.org

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CHIPETA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS MOAB'S ANCIENT ASTRONOMERS

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MONTROSE-Moab's *Ancient Astronomers* is the topic of the Chipeta Archaeological Society presentation on Feb. 15 at 7 pm. Rory Tyler, a dynamic researcher with 30 years in the Moab area, will present his interpretations about four Basketmaker rock art sites near Moab with astronomical significance. The public is always invited, no charge. United Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose.



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DELTA— Winter on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests brings snowy adventures and many outdoor activities to enjoy. Winter also brings avalanche warnings, high winds, extreme cold temperatures, changes in road and campground status and new safety considerations. Visitors need to be aware of challenges and prepared for changing conditions. We want everyone to be able to enjoy this incredible time of year safely. Here are a few resources and tips to help you prepare and stay safe when you head out to the forest.

Plan Ahead: Know before you go and choose your destination wisely. Have a backup plan in place in case you arrive to find a crowded trailhead or unsafe conditions. Be certain that you have the proper safety gear for your winter adventure, including extra layers, a shovel, food and water. Consider your vehicle as part of your winter emergency gear. Be sure that

your tires are ready for the snow and carry extra clothing and a sleeping bag in case you get stuck.

Winter Backcountry Recreation: Trails can be tricky to navigate in the winter months. Prepare by researching the trail before you go. Avalanches can strike even the most prepared winter recreationists. Visit [Colorado Avalanche Center](#) for current conditions in Colorado's high country during periods of elevated avalanche danger before venturing out. Remember that avalanche equipment is only as helpful as your training and decision-making in avalanche terrain. Know how to use your gear, practice avalanche rescue skills in your group and respect your physical limitations. Let people know where you are going. Never go alone. Get avalanche educated or hire a guide before you visit the backcountry.

Winter Camping: Most GMUG campgrounds are closed and inaccessible during winter. Campers are reminded to practice Leave No Trace principles, be

prepared for limited services and pack out all garbage and human waste. Limited services means there will not be camp hosts, trash pickup, water, power or available bathrooms. The stay limit on the GMUG is 14 days.

Roads: Most GMUG motorized trails and roads are closed for the season. These seasonal closures protect the road surface from damage as well as protect critical wildlife habitat. You can find out the status of a road by visiting the [Forest Motor Vehicle Use Maps](#) and [Road Conditions](#) webpages. Remember—winter weather can change quickly and travel conditions can vary greatly from the time you leave your home until you reach your destination, especially in mountain passes and at higher elevations. It's important to check road conditions before heading out and make sure you have the right gear in your car in case you run into delays. Tire chains may be required. Slow down when driving in winter conditions and use extra care while driving and parking.



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Photographer Deb Reimann snapped these photos. At left, "Red Mountain's historic Yankee Girl headframe cloaked in her winter coat. This famous mine was discovered in 1882 and was considered the mother load as it became the richest silver mine in the history of the U.S."

Below, Delta's ice-covered Sweitzer Lake hosting Canada Geese. "The Elk Mountains provide a beautiful backdrop," Reimann said.

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BIDEN'S DECISION TO ALLOW CHINESE SPY CRAFT TO MANEUVER ACROSS THE BREADTH OF OUR COUNTRY SHOULD RAISE GRAVE CONCERNS FOR EVERY AMERICAN

Editor:

For two years now we all have watched the slow demise of our country due to Biden's policies on the domestic front. On the international front we got our first insight into his inability as Commander and Chief during the disastrous Afghan withdrawal. Those actions highlighted his weakness for the world to see and emboldened our enemies.

This week's incursion by the China spy balloon and Biden's decision to allow that spy craft to maneuver across the breadth of our country, should raise grave concerns for every American.

The State of the Union address is set for Tuesday night. If you are concerned with Biden's apparent inability to protect this country as Commander and Chief, you can go to [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov) and immediately express your concerns directly to the President which is our right as American citizens.

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RIDGWAY-Ridgway Family Dentistry is being recognized as February 2023 Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce Member of the Month. The Member of the Month program is an ongoing effort by the Chamber to provide the community and visitors with information about businesses and organizations in the area and promote patronage of our local resources and small, independent companies.

Dr. Michael Thomas, owner and practitioner of Ridgway Family Dentistry, has been practicing since 1983 after graduating from the Dental School at Washington University in Saint Louis. Michael opened his first practice in Denver with the philosophy that "I am here to serve my patients, for without them, there is no reason for me to be here."

Michael discovered Ridgway after being encouraged by his son to take a vacation on the Western Slope. During his vacation, Michael and his wife came across Ridgway on a beautiful bluebird day and fell in love with the town. He later learned that the reason his son encouraged him to visit the Western Slope was because he had just visited Ridgway and knew his parents would love the area. Months after finding Ridgway, Michael and his wife relocated to the town in 2007 and he started a new chapter in his dental career with Ridgway Family Dentistry.

Moving from the big city to a small town allowed Michael to return to a smaller practice where his relationships with his patients are much more personal. When he isn't working, he and his wife enjoy road biking many routes, Highway 62 to Placerville, High-

way 550 from Colona to Montrose, or Colorado National Monument. During the cold season, they enjoy snowshoeing in Ouray County, such as Iron-ton Park.

Ridgway Family Dentistry accepts most dental insurance programs and has an accounting staff to prepare all the necessary forms for their patients' dental benefits. CareCredit, a financing program for treatments and procedures, is also provided. The program helps patients pay for treatments and procedures that their insurance does not cover. Ridgway Family Dentistry will pay the interest rates the first 12 months of the program.

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GMUG SEEKS INPUT ON PROPOSED ALTA LAKES PROJECT

Special to the Mirror

NORWOOD— The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Norwood Ranger District is seeking public comment on a proposal to continue site improvements at the Alta Lakes Recreation Area. Located in a high-alpine basin approximately 13 miles south of Telluride, Colorado in San Miguel County, the project area includes Alta Lakes, Gold King Basin, Wild Boy Lake and National Forest System Road #632—Alta Lakes

Road.

The purpose of this proposal is to address present and future impacts from recreation. The proposed improvements will reduce natural resource degradation by managing visitor impacts and sanitation issues. Proposed site improvements include, the construction of two dispersed camping loops and day-use parking areas, vault restrooms, trail and road improvements, visitor sign enhancement and riparian habitat restoration.

"The combination of significant year-after-year increases in visitation has created a situation that under our current management strategy is not sustainable," said Norwood District Ranger Megan Eno. "Our goal is to maximize recreation opportunities while minimizing unwanted impacts to the sensitive, high-alpine environment surrounding the Alta Lakes Recreation Area."

For detailed information on the proposed site improvements visit the [project website](#). Public comments must be received by March 2, 2023.

Comments may be:

Submitted online at: [Alta Lakes site improvement commenting platform](#)

Mailed or hand delivered to: Norwood Ranger District, Attn: Megan Eno, P.O. Box 388, Norwood, CO 81423

Emailed to: Megan.Eno@usda.gov

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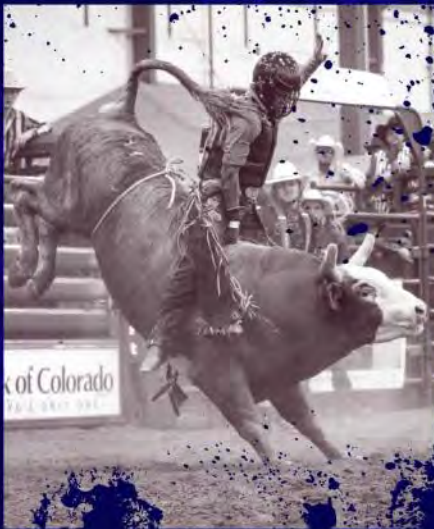


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WESTERN COLORADO SOIL HEALTH, FOOD AND FARM FORUM From pg 1

Wright, soil health educator at Living Compost Labs LLC. Zach Wright was the microbe wrangler who illustrated the biotic differences between healthy vs. impoverished soils contained in several local samples. A high tech microscope gave the audience a real time peek at an otherwise invisible world through a spiffy, high powered microscope that projected the action onto a large viewing screen in the main auditorium.

Regenerative soil practices are one of the best ways that humans can help save the planet. But even better, these new understandings of soil as a living organism help producers grow more nutrient rich foods and fodder, with fewer inputs and more benefits for the farm's bottom line.

For instance, speaker Lucinda Stuenkel lost her rancher husband in a tragic accident twelve years ago. Her neighbors didn't think she'd be able to hold on to her ranch. She wasn't sure either for a while, especially since her husband's forefathers had chosen some of the least fertile land in the Kansas county where she lives. She quips that there was a betting pool on how long she would last. After creative cattle and pasture management using regenerative techniques of cover cropping and grazing rotation, she is now more solvent than most of her neighbors, and her acreage is some of the healthiest and most productive in that same county.

Regenerative practices that were discussed at the forum included crop cover species and timing for soil protection. Properly applied and managed cover crops can reduce soil temperature at least 20 degrees in summer, retain far more soil water than annually tilled ground, reduce or eliminate subsoil hardening called a 'plow pan,' and many other benefits.

In addition, the fine points of composting for fun and profit were illustrated in sufficient detail to give novices a solid start. The crucial role of biodiversity on any acreage large or small was stressed by almost every speaker, from soil biota, to multi-species pasture mixes (and even weeds), to multi-species livestock rotational grazing and herd integration. The critical role of mycorrhizal fungi in the breakdown of nutrients essential

for plant growth, drought and disease resistance, was fascinating, and the numerous free samples of compost rich with fungi and handed out by the vendors will be a tremendous help to those attendees just getting started with regenerative, organic, and sustainable agricultural practices.

The crowd was enthusiastic, engaged, and quite varied. From wizened old ranchers to young new age couples, people mixed and shared stories and wisdom. The forum organizers were quite pleased and encouraged by the outcome of this event, which combined different agricultural groups and interests into one venue for the first time. Camaraderie was facilitated by the excellent food included with registration, and the cash bar and door prizes offered at closing on day two didn't hurt either. This writer won a thick book on eco-farming from the Acres USA pop-up bookstore set up in a back room. It's helping me figure out the best use for all of the mycorrhizal fungi permeated compost samples that I scored for free from The Fun-guy, Paonia Soil, and other vendors.

This event is a proven way for Colorado producers to connect and build even stronger regional relationships without having to travel across the country.

"We want to bring the educators to the producers, not the other way around," says Steve Hale, co-chair of the planning committee and Shavano Conservation District Board member. "We received great positive responses from our guests, who are already looking forward to next year."

And the educational opportunities don't stop with the in-person conference: 45 people participated virtually, and recordings of the sessions will be available for purchase in mid-February at soilfoodfarm.org.

The Western Colorado Food & Farm Forum started more than 10 years ago as a way to support beginning farmers and ranchers and encourage innovation by bringing together those crucial to the future of Colorado agriculture. In that same year, the Western Colorado Soil Health Conference began bringing people together to showcase soil health education and implementation techniques designed specifically for economic and geophysical conditions in this region. Now in



Dr. David Johnson (left) father of Johnson-Su bioreactor. Zach Wright, microbe wrangler and soil health educator (right).

2023, these two agricultural events joined forces to bring one, two-day event with a common mission: *the promotion of land stewardship and development of our most precious resources - people, soil, and water - with the aim of advancing viable farms and ranches.* Increased profitability case studies and planning advice were woven throughout most presentations, in keeping with the vision of promoting more economically stable agriculture to encourage younger farmers, help older ones enjoy a better quality of life, preserve agricultural lands for multi-generational management, and prevent desertification of otherwise highly productive farm and pasture lands.

Host Organizations for the event include: Valley Food Partnership, ColdHarbour Institute, CSU Extension, Shavano Conservation District, and Rocky Mountain Farmers Union. Many hands were required to make this event the success that it was. "We were thrilled with the turnout and the feedback we received on the event," says Food and Farm Forum founder Carol Parker. "This new combination of the Food and Farm Forum and the Soil Health Conference has been a great success and allows us to reach more people over two days."

Many attendees already seemed to be looking forward to the next one, which will be held Jan. 26-27, 2024. Tickets will go on sale in November 2023.



BOCC APPROVES FIRST MAJOR SUBDIVISION SINCE 2007 From pg 1

planned for Feb. 22 at the event center on Special Use Application 013 for the Farm Road Source Pit be moved to 6pm. "So all parties that are involved can communicate their concerns regarding the same."

Carey Simon, who lives within a quarter mile of the proposed special use, said that he could not make the scheduled 9am hearing and asked that the time be changed.

"This is important to people."

Also speaking in support of the time change was John Cossick.

Chair Hansen said, "It is never our intent to set a meeting at a time where people can't be present... We will certainly take that into consideration and make that adjustment."

Note-The time for the Special Use Application 013 hearing is now set for 6pm Feb. 22 in the county's Planning & Develop-

ment Citizen Portal.

COUNTY MANAGER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners voted to approve Consent Agenda items, with Resolution 5-2023 assigned to Consent Agenda Item 11.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The BOCC unanimously approved Resolution 6-2023, to accept the maintenance of 0.17 miles of Fawn Lane. The agenda notes, "Fawn Lane is a gravel road extending east from 6400 Road that was constructed in accordance to County standards. Upon acceptance of County maintenance of the Fawn Lane, staff will add the 0.17 miles of Fawn Lane to the list of County roads that receive State Highway Users Tax Funds. The approval of this item

is dependent upon the approval of the Fawn Meadows Subdivision Plat, which is a separate item on this agenda."

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Also approved unanimously was the Fawn Meadows Subdivision Final Plan [MA22-006] proposal: Final Plat to create eight residential lots at Parcel 372120103002. Fawn Meadows is the first major subdivision since 2007, Planner Tallmadge Richmond said.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The BOCC entered Executive Session with County Manager Jon Waschbusch, County Assessor Brad Hughes, County Treasurer Rosemary Murphy, Project Manager Emily Sanchez, and Deputy County Attorney Julie Andress for legal advice regarding real and personal property acquisition.

Upon returning to regular session, the meeting was adjourned.

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE SENDS NOTICE OF PROPOSED ELECTION RULEMAKING

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-The Secretary of State's Office issued a notice of proposed rulemaking to consider preliminary draft rules to implement House Bill 21-1071 (Ranked Choice Voting In Nonpartisan Elections).

The preliminary draft rules regarding Elections are intended to ensure uniform and proper administration, implementation, and enforcement of Federal and Colorado election laws; improve elections administration in Colorado; increase the transparency and security of the election process; and implement amendments required by House Bill 21-1071 concerning the tabulation, reporting, and canvassing of results for a coordinated election using instant runoff voting conducted by a single county.

A public rulemaking hearing is scheduled for March 7, 2023, at 1 p.m. to receive testimony concerning the preliminary draft of permanent rules. This hearing will be conducted in-person and via webinar. The in-person hearing will take place at the Secretary of State's Office in the Red Rocks Conference Room. Online registration for the hearing can be found at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4218658319040372313>. Public comment opportunities will be provided to all participants, whether in person or online.

This rulemaking webpage can be found [here](#), and the Notice of Rulemaking can be found [here](#).

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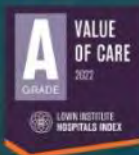
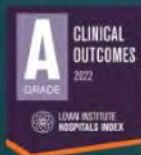
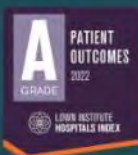
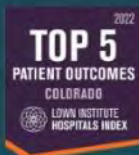
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MORE THAN 31K ROAD RAGE DRIVERS REPORTED IN COLORADO IN 2022



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COLORADO-Since the *CSP (*277) program was implemented in July 1998, Colorado motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians have reported thousands of "real time" aggressive drivers and suspected DUI drivers. Last year, the Colorado State Patrol's *CSP calls for aggressive drivers surpassed calls regarding suspected impairment. In 2022, Colorado State Patrol emergency dispatchers answered 57,899 total *CSP calls with 54% (31,760) related to road rage or aggressive driving. Aggressive driving reports through *CSP were up approximately 4.5% over 2021 (30,347 road rage reports in 2021).

"If someone cuts you off, tailgates or makes a rude gesture, you may be tempted to get even but just don't. No one ever thinks anger will turn to violence, but it can and it does," stated Chief Matthew C. Packard, Colorado State Patrol. "Your best response is to keep your composure, let the aggressive driver move on and do not engage. It's simply not worth your energy or the risk."

While there are many behaviors that indicate aggressive driving or a road rage situation, some of the most notable behaviors include:

- Tailgating
- Honking in anger
- Making angry gestures
- Passing on the right
- Showing a weapon
- Excessive Speeding
- Weaving in and out of traffic
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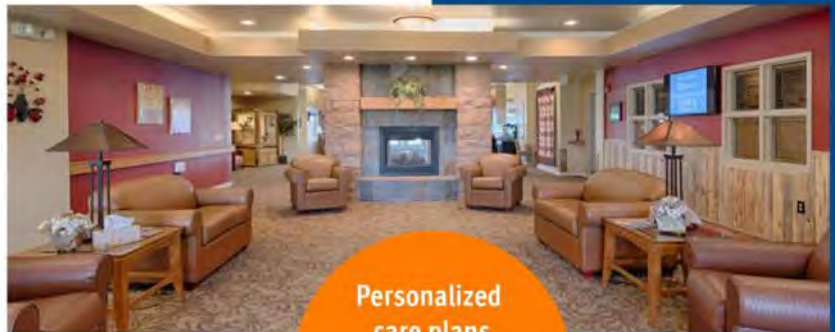
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SEVENTH TRIBUTE TO AVIATION SEPT. 16-17

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MONTROSE—The much-anticipated Tribute to Aviation, the signature event hosted by Montrose Regional Airport, is officially set for Sept. 16-17, 2023. This crowd-favorite event is back this year after a break for a major airport construction and remodel project at Montrose Regional Airport. Tribute to Aviation is one of the largest static displays in the western United States featuring both military and civilian aircraft.

"Tribute to Aviation is the largest annual event in Montrose County," said Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold. "In the past, we have been fortunate to host B-52s, Ospreys, many fighter jets, the U.S. Army's Parachute Team the Golden Knights, and more.

\ This year's event will also provide the community an opportunity to see the public spaces of the newly redesigned airport terminal and parking that helps facilitate



Photo courtesy Montrose County.

better traffic flow and parking. I am looking forward to yet another fantastic event this year."

A static display of aircraft is a unique event where spectators have the opportunity to tour aircraft, meet and talk with the pilots and crew, and get up close and personal with nearly every aircraft in the

military's fleet. At this time, event organizers are requesting aircraft and engaging sponsors to bring this event to our community.

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persons from across
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ing with Regional

Manager Cory Chick and staff to hear up-
dates regarding angling, hunting and other
topics within the region.

The meeting will be conducted both in-
person and virtually from 6 p.m. to 7:45
p.m. Monday, Feb. 13. Those who want to
attend are welcome to the Eolus Room at

the Durango Community Recreation Cen-
ter, located at 2700 Main Ave. in Durango.
The meeting will also be streamed live on
Zoom. Those interested in the virtual for-
mat should register online.

"It is another big year ahead for CPW, and
we enjoy these opportunities to hear from
the public and meet with our communi-
ties," Chick said. "This will provide us the
opportunity to hear from our two caucus
representatives and provide updates on
several programs."

The caucus will feature Mia Anstine and
Roger Cesario, who represent the CPW

Southwest Region as delegates to the
statewide Sportsperson's Roundtable.

Among the many topics covered, CPW
Aquatic Biologist Dan Brauch will provide
an update on the newly designated Gold
Medal sections of the Gunnison and Taylor
Rivers.

CPW staff will also discuss the five-year
big-game hunting season structure and
license allocation, the draft of the gray
wolf reintroduction plan and an update on
the Keep Colorado Wild pass.

The full caucus agenda can be found on
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CONGRESSWOMAN BOEBERT ANNOUNCES SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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MONTROSE-As a Member on the House Committee on Natural Resources, Congresswoman Boebert was selected to serve the people of Colorado's Third District on the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries, and also on the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. Additionally, as a Member on the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Congresswoman Boebert will serve on the Subcommittee on Eco-

nomic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs and on the Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce. Congresswoman Lauren Boebert stated, "Water and American energy remain two of my top priorities, and I am thrilled to be a voice for rural Colorado as a member on these two critical subcommittees. I will keep working on effective policies to unleash American energy, protect water rights, fight western drought, prevent wildfires, and steward our natural

resources in a way that puts rural Colorado first. Creating an environment for economic growth, supporting American energy production, cutting burdensome regulations, and holding the federal government accountable will be my priorities on these two vital Subcommittees of the Committee on Oversight and Government Accountability. For far too long, rogue, government bureaucrats have ignored and infringed on the freedoms of the people of Colorado's Third District."

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BUSINESS FILINGS IN COLORADO SURGE IN Q4

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DENVER – Colorado ended 2022 with continued strong job growth and is outperforming the nation in many areas, according to a report released by the University of Colorado Boulder and Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold.

The Quarterly Business and Economic Indicators report is prepared by the Leeds Business Research Division (BRD) at CU Boulder in conjunction with the Colorado Secretary of State's Office. The latest report for the fourth quarter 2022 shows that Colorado recorded 48,806 new entity filings, posting the largest quarter in the report's history. Filings increased year-over-year by 37.2% and 11.8% quarter-over-quarter.

However, delinquencies and dissolutions also were up year-over-year. There were 13,293 dissolutions in Q4, up 17% year-over-year and 14.5% from the previous quarter.

Existing renewals remained positive, increasing 2.9% (171,210 renewals) in Q4 year-over-year and 4.5% quarter-over-quarter.

"Colorado has continued our upward economic trajectory," said Secretary Griswold. "With another strong year of employment gains and continued job growth, new business entity filings growing at a record pace and inflation diminishing faster than the national average, Colorado continues to lead when it comes to owning and operating a business."

Inflation in the state continued to improve but remained high. In the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood region, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 6.9% year-over-year in November 2022, compared to 7.1% nationally. December 2022 employment growth in the state increased 3.7% (104,700 jobs) year-over-year, good for eighth best in the nation. The largest annual percent increases came from other services, professional and business services and leisure and hospitality.

The state's high labor force participation rate is driving down the unemployment rate and pushing up wages. Colorado's unemployment rate fell to 3.3% in December, below the national rate of 3.5%.

Colorado per capita personal income of \$75,557 ranked seventh nationally, and per capita personal income growth (7.9%) ranked first for the second consecutive quarter.

Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Colorado grew 3.2% year-over-year in Q3, sixth highest in the nation. Real GDP in the nation also grew 3.2% in Q3.

Retail gasoline prices continue to yo-yo in the state: Prices began to normalize in late 2022 after spiking earlier in the year, according to the Energy Information Administration. In January 2023, prices were down \$1.22 per gallon in the state compared to the June peak, but prices in mid-January were up \$0.92 per gallon from the end of December.

You can find monthly information on key economic statistics and trends that impact the state on the Colorado Business and Economic Indicator Dashboard, launched by the Colorado Secretary of State's office in conjunction with BRD.



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BOX TRUCK DRIVER LEAVES LANE AND SIDESWIPE TROOPER



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COLORADO – A Colorado State Patrol vehicle sustained moderate damage when a company box truck driver, based out of Colorado Springs, failed to properly hold his lane position and struck the cruiser on the driver's side as it was traveling in the right lane. At 7:10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 31, a box truck traveling westbound on Meadows Parkway (Highway 85) was in the center lane when the driver veered to the right sideswiping a vehicle traveling in the same direction one lane to the right. The vehicle was a Colorado State Trooper going to work in an unmarked cruiser. While both vehicles were estimated to only be driving at 10 mph at the time of impact, moderate damage occurred to the cruiser when the box truck temporarily hooked onto the car and then separated. Fortunately, both the trooper and other driver were not injured in the crash. The other driver was cited for careless driving due to being distracted. Lane violations can be switching lanes in an unsafe manner, driving too close and subsequently crossing over lane boundary lines.

"We find a variety of reasons people fail to drive in their designated lane, but some of the most common are driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, driving aggressively or being distracted behind the wheel," stated Sgt. Troy Kessler, Colorado State Patrol. "In this case the driver wasn't paying attention to where he was headed. He was looking at his GPS because he was unfamiliar with the area and his truck moved into the adjacent lane. No road, weather, or other extenuating circumstance contributed to the crash."

Colorado State Troopers made over 12,650 proactive traffic stops for lane violations in 2022. Driving distracted has consistently been one of the top causal factors for serious injury and fatal crashes in Colorado for the last five years. As a reminder, a driver's primary or "default" position in normal circumstances is to drive so that your vehicle is in the center of the lane with equal amounts of space on both sides. (CSP Courtesy photo)

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1:00-1:45 What is CCIOA- Dave Firmin

Learn more about why to have a management company.

1:45-2:30 HOA Reserve Studies - Bryan Farley

The Purpose & Importance of HOA Reserve Studies

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-3:45 Panel

Panelists: Aaron Clay - Attorney, Steve Pope - Executive Director of UVWUA, Dave Firmin - Altitude Community Law, Marti Whitmore - County Attorney

Moderator: Tina McFarlin

Concerns from HOA Members including Code Enforcement, Irrigation Factors, Subdividing in an HOA, The Do's and Don'ts of an HOA

3:45-4:00 Questions and Discussion

MEET THE SPEAKERS



David Firmin

David A. Firmin is the shareholder in charge of Finance at Altitude Community Law. David is a longtime resident of Colorado and attended the University of Denver for both undergraduate and law school. Out of law school, David's legal work concentrated on real estate law and development issues including formation and creation of homeowners associations. Prior to entering the Homeowners association world, David worked with Ryland Homes and K. Hovnanian Homes handling land acquisitions, land entitlements, corporate governance and special districts. David has also worked with the Wheat Ridge Housing Authority and the Douglas County Housing Partnership setting up homeowner associations for income qualified housing developments. An active volunteer with the Community Association Institute, David has served on the CAI-RMC Spring Showcase Committee, Mountain Conference Committee and Colorado Legislative Action Committee. He has also been a frequent presenter for CAI at both a local and national level, presents for HOA Leader on nationwide topics and is recognized as an industry leader.

Bryan Farley is the President of Association Reserves, CO and has since completed over 3,000 Reserve Studies and earned the Community Associations Institute (CAI) designation of Reserve Specialist (RS #260). His experience includes all types of condominium and homeowners' associations throughout the United States, ranging from international high-rises to historical monuments.



Bryan Farley



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

FILIBERTO ERNESTO “ERNIE” ABACHICHE JR *June 20, 1936- January 13, 2023*

FILIBERTO ERNESTO “ERNIE” ABACHICHE JR., age 86, passed away on Friday, January 13, 2023. Ernie is one of 16 children born to Filiberto and Josephine (Mondragon) Abachiche in Saguache, CO on June 20, 1936.

At a young age he honorably served in the United States Marine Corps. Upon his discharge he moved to Montrose, CO. Ernie’s work experience was vast, some of his occupations include mining, constructing the Eisenhower-Johnson Tunnels and skyscrapers, and shearing sheep throughout Colorado. Ultimately, he retired as a Control Room Operator for Tri-State Generation.

Ernie was married to Epimena M. Abachiche (Enriquez) for seven years, until her death in 1970. Ernie is survived by his wife of 50 amazing years, Maria E.

Abachiche (Tarango). His surviving children include Cindy (Ron) Sullivan, Debbie (Alfred) Evans, Anthony (Rachel) Abachiche, Paulette Abachiche, Monica (Antonio) Suarez, and Filiberto “Ernie” (Maria) Abachiche III, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren.

Ernie is directly preceded in death by his parents Filiberto and Josephine Abachiche, son Eugene Abachiche, and grandchildren Gregory Evans and Anthony Vincent Abachiche.

Ernie’s graciousness, kindness, and unconditional love is a legacy of a faithful man who will be greatly missed. He was loved and respected by all of those who have crossed his path and he has left a long-lasting impression on every life he has touched.

John 11:25 – “I am the resurrection and

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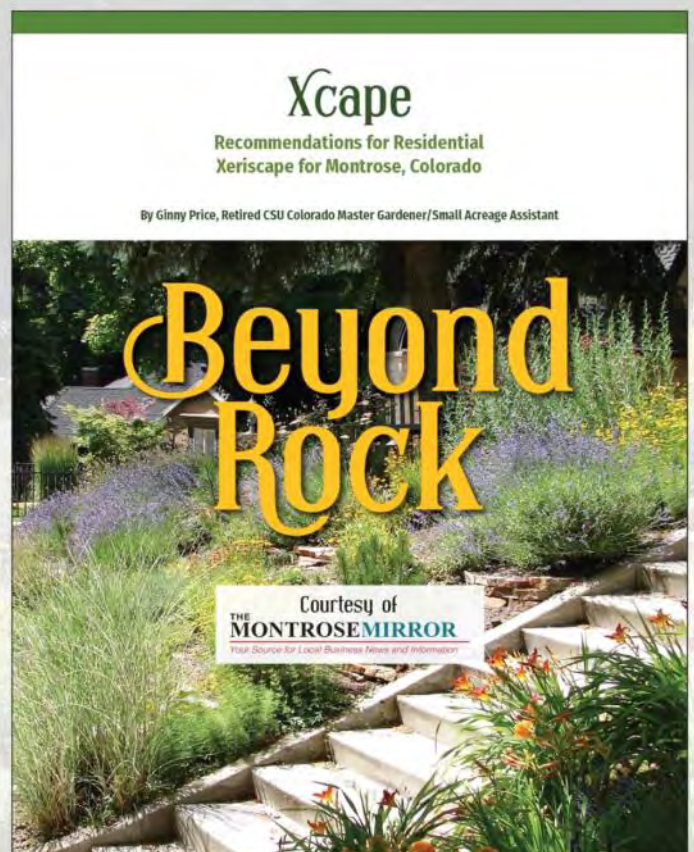
“Husband, Dad, and Grandpa we will always treasure the time we spent with you. We will never forget all of the conversations, laughs, and teachings you’ve shared with us. There will be no goodbyes, only we will meet again.”



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

VERLAND (LEE) CASEDY

January 12, 1936- January 28, 2023



VERLAND (LEE) CASEDY went to our Lord on January 28 at St. Mary's Hospital, after having a serious fall downstairs at his home on January 11.

Lee was born January 12, 1936 in Brady Nebraska to Leonard and Ardith Casedy. He grew up in Colorado and attended Golden High School. He served in the Navy on the Point Cruz and the SS Hornet.

Lee retired from Jefferson County School as an electrician after 36 yrs. Lee is survived by his wife Emily, daughter Betty Lynn Jones, his brother David, sisters Donna Jacob, Sue Rarick, Sharon, Linda, five grandchildren, and one great grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his nephew John, two brothers Glenn and Gene and sister Joan Edwards.

His great loves were his family, trains (especially model trains, restoring antique clocks.)

Animals were high on his list. He always had dogs and at one time had two monkeys.

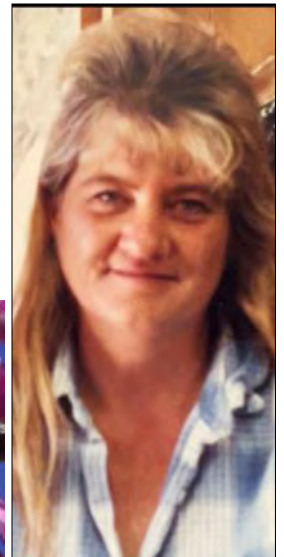
A graveside service will be held at 2 PM on Monday, February 6, 2023, at Grand View Cemetery in Montrose, Colorado

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Hope West Hospice, and animal rescue.

DEBBIE JUNE MADDOX

Debbie passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by loved ones, on January 16, 2023, after losing her battle to cancer. Debbie loved the outdoors, camping, fishing, and spending time with her family. You always knew she would be there for any big event. Debbie loved her kids and the joy they brought to her with grand kids and great grand kids. She always wanted to be first to receive pictures or news of any milestones the grand kids would hit. Debbie was known to be a loving caring Mom, grandma, sister, and friend to all that knew and loved her. Gone from our sight but not our hearts. A celebration of her life will be held at 10 AM on Friday, February 17, 2023 at the Montrose Church of Christ. 1215 Calm Water Drive, Montrose, CO 81401 Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

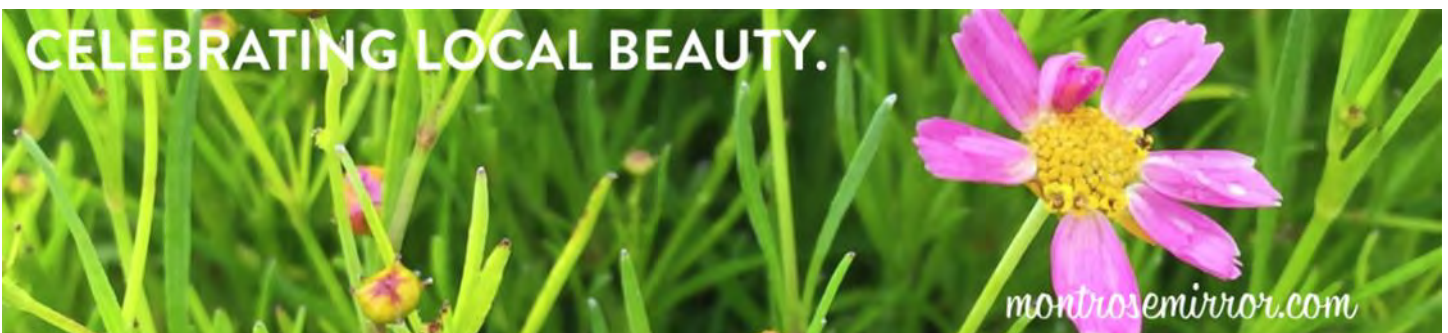


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FRANK O. YOUNG

August 20, 1931-January 25, 2023

Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Agnes and Lorain Young. He lived most of his school years in Delta Colorado where he graduated from high school in 1950. He then went on to University of Colorado in Boulder where he studied Engineering. He attended 3.5 years at university until he enlisted in the US Navy in September 1953. Earning the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade in his 4+ years of active duty. He loved the Navy! He became a pilot and a navigator. He mostly flew Super Constellation class planes and talked of how challenging it was to take off and land on the aircraft carriers, including such memorable names as USS Lexington and USS Midway. He served during the Korean War conflict but true to form for all veterans of that time he downplayed his service and would actually say he didn't serve in the Korean War because he never actually was in Korea. He would talk forever after that how he loved flying and should have stayed in the military.

After his honorable discharge he returned to Colorado where he married Lois Win-

ters from Delta. In 1960, they, along with Frank's parents, bought a 40-acre orchard in Olathe where they raised their two sons, Mark and Mike. Frank was an accomplished horticulturist. He and his parents were true pioneers and visionaries in this field. They even invented a clean natural gas heating system to save the fruit during the spring freezes that was used by many local orchards until the cost of natural gas made it an inefficient means of frost protection. He loved his apples and pears and served a couple terms as the President of the Western Colorado Horticulture Association and was a proud member for 60 years.

Frank continued to work the orchard until only a few years ago when he just couldn't walk so much. He was known as a guy who could and would fix anything. He once converted a Willy's Jeep into a man lift to prune the orchard.

Just this past June, Frank was able to go to Washington DC with the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight. It was a true delight of his to see the many memorials there. His favor-

ite was, of course, the National Museum of the US Navy where he recognized many of the ships, planes and places represented there. Frank lived a full life in his 91 years!

Frank is survived by his brother Rodney (Martha) Young of Henderson NV, son Mark of Olathe, son Mike (Wendy) of Olathe and three grandkids and one great granddaughter. He is preceded in death by his wife Lois and his parents.

There will be a memorial service to honor Frank on April 15 at 1 pm. at his beloved Mountain View Orchard during the pear bloom.



HECTOR (TITO) LARA

January 25, 1927- January 31, 2023

HECTOR (TITO) LARA, (96), of Olathe, CO passed away on January 31, 2023.

Hector, fondly known as Tito, was born to Augustine Lara and Julia Hernandez on January 25, 1927 in Los Angeles, CA. Hector served in the US Army 187th Paraglider division during WWII while stationed in Japan.

His other occupations include butcher, miner, and a road construction foreman. His favorite things were fishing, yard sale-ing, antique shopping, and watching his favorite teams the Rockies, Broncos, and his hometown team the Rams. Hector was

always willing to lend a helping hand building things or making pork chunks. Boxing was a big part of his life and he enjoyed teaching it to others.

Hector was preceded in death by his wife of 40+ years, Bernice Lara. He is survived by his children Cindy, Stephanie, Mark, Julie, Sandra, Yvonne, and Glorianna, 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and multiple adopted children.

Hector lived a long and happy life surrounded by the love of friends and family. He was a devoted member of the Calvary Church and enjoyed doing activities with

his church family. Church service will be held on February 7th at 1pm at Calvary Chapel of Montrose, 2201 S. Townsend Ave D, officiated by Pastor Ben Garate followed

by a burial at Grand View Cemetery in Montrose. Favorite quote "Ay te miro después!"



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BE MY VALENTINE



Following the passage of the 18th Amendment the Women's Christian Temperance Union focused on other rights and responsibilities of women. This Valentine postcard was referred to in several reports of the W. C. T. U. parties. Used by permission from the Ann Lewis and Mike Sponder Collections.

By Bob Cox

This month is an important one for everyone who has even just a little romanticism in his or her blood. Fancy cards will be purchased, loved ones will be presented with heart-shaped boxes of candy and many will plan weddings; all based on the tradition of celebrating Valentine's Day. Some Christian scholars are quick to remind us that St. Valentine, who is the namesake of the day, was not really a romantic, or even a patron of love. The day, according to some Christian publications, was established as a liturgical feast to honor the decapitation of a Christian martyr. The story is lengthy and really matters little to the modern-day romantic.

The Valentine celebrations in Montrose and the surrounding communities 100

years ago were subjects of many column inches in the local newspapers. In what would be deemed inappropriate today, many Valentine parties were hosted specifically for the young ladies who were just becoming young women. The attendance at the various parties was reported in the local papers, complete with their names. A perfect example of this practice is found in the February 21, 1919 edition of the *Montrose Press*:

MISS EDITH SCOTT HAS VALENTINE PARTY
Miss Edith Scott was hostess at a pretty Valentine dinner Friday night at her home on South Second Street. The home was a picture on the interior with decorations conspicuously reminding one that it was Valentines' Day. The hostess with characteristic charm presided over the dinner and was assisted by her mother, Mrs. W. M. Scott. The guests present were: Misses Mary and Florence Allen, Jessie Hayes, Elizabeth Wilson, Myrtle Ross, Clementine Cramer, Mary Scott King and Mrs. Loala Christie, the latter of Olathe.

Not all parties were given for the girls, although it probably helps if the boy's birthday happens to be February 14. The *Olathe Criterion* had a short note in the February 16, 1922 edition:

Mattie Bragg was hostess at a birthday Valentine party Saturday afternoon, given in honor of her son, Gail, whose 18th birthday falls on Valentine day. There were about twenty guests and the afternoon was spent in games and music. Lovely re-

freshments were served and all departed wishing Gail many more happy birthdays.

The *Criterion*, one week later, acknowledged another boy:

A Valentine party was given in honor of Forest Freeland on February 13th, by his mother, Mrs. H. M. Freeland, assisted by Mr. Roy Roatcap. About fifteen young guests enjoyed a pleasant evening.

The *Olathe Criterion*, in their February 1, 1923 edition announced that the Macca-bees were to host a "lavish masquerade ball" at the American Legion hall on February 14th in recognition of Valentine's Day. The Pea Green orchestra provided the music. At about the same time the *Delta Independent* reported on another party. The party held by Mr. and Mrs. Knight, and was not quite so lavish as to have live music. The article read, in part: *Among other things, a radio furnished amusement. A concert was heard from Los Angeles. All report a most delightful time.* The monthly social of the Baptist Young People's Union, according to an article in the *Montrose Daily Press* was held at the home of Miss Bina Wittmeyer. Part of the article described the evening:

A valentine box greeted the guests, and each one placed in a valentine brought. The house was decorated in valentine colors and favors. During the evening, after the short business meeting, the young people joined the season, and a jolly time was enjoyed playing games suitable to the Valentine Day by all. About

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twenty-five young people were present. Miss Wittmeyer and her mother served a pleasing two-course luncheon at the end of the evening,

Valentine's Day of 1923 saw invitations sent out by the soon-to-graduate Montrose High School class. The Montrose Daily Press printed the invitation, composed in verse, on February 12:

*Turn back the hands of time
To the year of seventy-nine
And to an old-fashioned party
Wend your way at seven-thirty.
At the old Moose hall,
We'll gather one and all
To meet as in olden times.
To find our long lost valentines.
Wear those good old fashioned clothes
And some may even wear a rose,
'Cause cupid, all hale and hearty,
Will attend this old, old party.*

A common theme in many of the parties was the 'Valentine Box.' Various descriptions of the cards in the box included those made in the shape of a cupid, cherubs, and the simple heart. Some included cars, radios, and other new inventions. One unique card was referred to in a small college newspaper. It was described as a large heart with the words, "YOU HAVE MY HEART NOW ACCEPT MY RING." There was no explanation as to whether the ring was a college ring in the traditional "going steady" practice, or a more serious engagement ring.

One group, The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, routinely held a Valentine

Day meeting in conjunction with their recognition of their founding leader. Following the passage of the 18th Amendment, which extended voting rights to women, the W.C.T.U. began to focus heavily on prohibition, but they also took every opportunity to remind the members of the new power and responsibility that came with the amendment.

The Olathe Criterion, on February 22, 1923 contained the following account of their meeting:

The W. C. T. U. presented an interesting program in observing the Frances Willard program Wednesday afternoon. After the program and business meeting, the contents of a valentine box were distributed, each woman reading the verse on the valentine she received, which created much merriment. The verse was not quoted in the article.

Pre-dating all these parties of the 1920s was a very special one given by two people very well known to the citizens of Ouray. The party was held in Washington, D.C. and was summarized by an article in *The Plaindealer*. The article was lengthy and went into great detail. The first paragraph read:

Ouray hospitality was exhibited at the national capital in Washington Monday night, when it made a record for itself by one of the most brilliant and successful cotillions of the season, given by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. F. Walsh. Raucher's hall, where the ball was given, was elaborately decorated with garlands of pink roses and

banks of palms. The favors were the distinct features of the occasion, for though there have been thousands of cotillions at Washington and all have had various and beautiful favors, the favors of the Walsh cotillion will go down in social history as the most costly ever seen in Washington.

If nothing else, a review of this event brings to light a word not commonly used today. A 'cotillion' is a formal dance, and what could be better than to recall the words of Elizabeth Barrett Browning that likely appeared on so many of those cards in the Valentine boxes:

*How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of being and ideal grace.*

*I love thee to the level of every day's
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light
I love thee freely, as men strive for right.*

*I love thee purely, as they turn from praise
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,
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I shall but love thee better after death.*

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By Carole McKelvey

MONTROSE -- My son, Ian, and I felt like Japanese the other night. I hadn't been to HIRO's in a while. It was late when we arrived, just before 8 p.m., but no problem, they let us shut the place down. First things first, I ordered a glass of Pinot Noir. Ian had water. Coming in so late it was kind of a rush. I ordered not my usual sushi; decided to try the Shrimp & Veggie Tempura. It arrived with a dipping sauce & was yummy. I guess I didn't realize it was an appetizer portion as it was quite small. Two large shrimp, some nice veggies. Kind of not what I envisioned. Should have ordered a full tempura dinner. What did I expect for only \$10.99? Ian was a little disappointed in the huge bowl of Ramen soup he was presented. Oh, it tasted great! But he expected it to be full of veggies, instead there were small pieces of cabbage, quite a few pieces of chicken, some onion and parsley & tons of noodles. But he declared it delicious & after finishing my tempura appetizer I shared the noodles.

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Pastor: Jesse Mabanglo
Worship Service times: 9:30AM, Student Worship at 6PM. *We strive to encourage, challenge and support one another*](mailto:in-</p>
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er 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

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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.

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Denomination Affiliation: United Methodist

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Contact Information: 970-249-3716, office@montroseumc.org, [mont-](http://montroseumc.org)

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Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Kevin Young

Worship service times:

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Affiliation: Southern Baptist

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

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

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website: www.RosemontBaptist.org

email: office@rosemontbaptist.org

Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson

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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.

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Denomination affiliation:

Southern Baptist

Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

Office hours: Varies

Contact information:

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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. Summit Church has frequent Bible studies and other events for adults, young adults, youth and children. Please visit <https://www.summitchurchmontrose.org/events> for more information.

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.

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Denomination Affiliation: Independent Baptist

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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

information 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.

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WWII JAPANESE BOMB BALLOON LANDS IN DELTA COUNTY



Japanese balloon bomb. Public domain photo-US Air Force.

By Jennifer Ruben

When **Charles** and **Mae BURCH** of Delta County headed out to hunt arrowheads on 11 March 1945, they had no idea they were about to encounter a foreign weapon designed to inflict terror into the hearts of Americans.

As they were searching on California Mesa, they heard a loud explosion and looked up, seeing a light colored balloon falling to earth near the Pea Green Cemetery. They reported the balloon to the postmaster, who then notified the FBI. An agent interviewed the couple to find out exactly what they knew. Then they were sworn to silence.

What the **BURCHES** didn't know was that this was an attack on the United States by a Japanese weapon called a FU-GO, or windship weapon. According to **Michael UNSWORTH**, "FU' is the thirty-second character in the Japanese alphabet. 'GO' was the Japanese equivalent for 'Number'. Strictly speaking, 'FU-GO' was Weapon No. 32 of the Japanese Military Scientific Laboratory."

The campaign was active between November 1944 and April 1945, during which time the Japanese launched more than

9,300 balloon bombs, with most of the bombs landing in the ocean.

Before World War II, the Japanese had discovered the jet stream and was using it because the only air weapons they had were capable of making only short trips. The jet stream allowed them to send an incendiary device thousands of miles without the knowledge of their foe. The balloons were launched in the winter months because that was when the jet stream was strongest. Fortunately for the United States, it was also when the trees and foliage were coated in snow and ice, making it difficult to set afire.

The weapons themselves were a feat of engineering. They took two years of development before they were implemented as weapons. They made 15,000 balloons, but only flew 9,300 of them. The envelope was a huge 32-foot in diameter hydrogen balloon which connected to a suspension curtain, and with 18 shroud lines approximately 49-feet in length. The weapon itself was attached to the bottom of the shroud lines. It consisted of an automatic altitude control device, 32 sand-bag ballasts, two incendiary devices, and a 15kg anti-personnel device.

The balloons' engineering was ingenious. The automatic altitude control device is what enabled the balloons to cross the Pacific Ocean in just a matter of days by utilizing a barometer and a battery coated in antifreeze. The altitude control device was designed to drop the sand bags if the altitude got too low. When the sandbags were all deployed, the balloon sank with the goal that the impact with the ground would set off the bomb and the self-destruct device would activate and destroy the balloon, thus keeping the origin of the bomb in secrecy.

The envelopes, as the balloons were called, were hand made by school girls because the war effort had taken all of the men off to war. The only labor left were conscripted school girls. They were picked because of their small hands and ability to sew. The envelopes were made out of traditional mulberry paper and silk, with

potato starch paste for the glue. The paste was edible and was used for food by wartime Japanese because of the shortage of food.

Even though the envelopes were just coated paper, they were very durable, and some have survived until the current day. In fact, the great American balloonist Jean Piccard made his qualifying certification flight in a FUGO he got when he was testing the balloons received by the military.

The Japanese set a lofty goal with their trans-Pacific balloons. They were first and foremost attempting to strike terror into the citizens of the United States. It was hoped that the balloons would set fire to the Northwest forests with the Americans not knowing where the threat was coming from, and wearing down the Americans. Eventually the US would stop its campaign against Japan. Unfortunately for them it didn't work. Even though there were 332 confirmed landings in North America – three in Mexico and 36 in Alaska, the hardest hit were the Pacific Northwest states of Washington and Oregon, and the Canadian province of British Columbia.

The reason there were only 332 landings is because the antifreeze coating the battery which provided power to the barometer failed to work the way it was designed, resulting in the batteries freezing. Without the use of the barometer, thousands of balloons fell into the ocean. Of course, there was no way the Japanese could have known of this flaw.

The country wasn't demoralized because the military and FBI put a black out on any news related to the balloons. Most Americans didn't know about the balloons and the Japanese threats until after the war. This black out was extremely effective in communicating to Japan that their balloons were ineffective, and they eventually stopped making them. At that time in the war, Japan had to concentrate its resources on defending its homeland instead of trying to bomb America with balloons.

The Western US also found out that they

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were not immune to the reaches of the balloon bombs, as unlikely as it seemed. In Colorado there were three sightings of balloons and four incidents in which there was documented proof of the balloons. The sightings occurred over Montrose, Denver, and Alamosa.

Parts of balloons were found in Juanita, Colorado, in December 1944. The second encounter was in Delta County, occurred on 11 March 1945, and was witnessed by the **BURCHES**.

The third occurrence was in Timnath, which is a small town near Fort Collins in Weld County. The final landing was reported in Collbran, a very small town located on the Grand Mesa near Grand Junction.

Nationwide, the balloons fell throughout the country, but with only two incidents resulting from the explosions. One was a near disaster when in March 1945 a balloon hit the power line which provided electricity to the Hanford, Washington, plant that was manufacturing plutonium for the atomic bomb which was dropped on Nagasaki in August 1945. The back-up generators kicked in until the primary systems could be repaired, and there was no permanent damage.

The most documented of the encounters is the **BURCH** discovery near Delta and the Tinmath incident near Fort Collins.

On 11 March 1944, **Charles** and **Mae BURCH** were out looking for arrowheads near Roubidoux Canyon. As they were searching, they heard a large explosion from above. When they looked up, they saw a white balloon falling, along with smoke. They made their way to the location of the crash, which was several miles from their home. There the Burches found a group of Mexicans looking at a torn and burned envelope that didn't appear to have self-destructed as planned. They later stored the wreckage per the direction of the under-sheriff. An FBI special agent came the next day, spoke with the **BURCHES**, and swore them to silence. He then spoke with the publishers of the

Delta County Independent and the *Delta Free Press* and persuaded them to keep a news blackout and not report anything in the newspapers about the balloon.

In May 1945 the government decided to declassify the black out for the safety of Americans: if they knew what a balloon bomb looked like, they could take proper precautions.

Amazingly enough, a Japanese balloon bomb was found in the woods of British Columbia 70 years later by two forest workers. The military was notified and the bomb was diffused. No one knows how many more active balloon bombs there are out there.

The other well documented landing occurred a few miles outside of Fort Collins, Colorado, in the small town of Tinmath on 19 March 1945. That balloon had actually been visually tracked for hours from Casper, Wyoming, to where it exploded and crashed.

At 7:12 p.m., witnesses saw a bright flash and small explosion. Two of the many witnesses were farmer **John SWETS**, his 8-year-old son, **Jack**, and their neighbor, **Frank RICHTER**. The bomb shot off sparks of fire high into the sky and created a crater in the ground. The FBI and Army were notified, and they investigated what the object was. They found a crater that was 10-inches wide and nearly four feet deep. Parts of the bomb were found in the crater.

As with other sites, the media showed up to do a story on it. One radio reporter was cut off mid-sentence and was told that he wasn't allowed to report on it because of the news blackout which extended to all witnesses of the event. Four weeks later, the tractor **John SWETS** was driving was swallowed by the earth. He found out that when the bomb hit, it created a crater beneath the initial crater, and it gave way when the tractor rolled over it. **Mr. SWETS** wasn't injured.

The only loss of life occurred unfortunately just weeks before the Japanese balloons were declassified. In Bly, Oregon, on 5

May 1945, five members of a Sunday school class, aged 13-14, and a pregnant pastor's wife were killed in an explosion.

Reverend Archie MITCHELL and his pregnant wife, **Elsie**, were on their way to a picnic on Gearhart Mountain. When they arrived at their destination, everyone disembarked to investigate the surroundings except for **Archie** who was tasked with unloading the car.

A few minutes later one of the girls announced that she found a balloon. They reached down to touch it, and there was an explosion before he could utter a warning not to touch anything. All five children and **Elsie MITCHELL** were killed in a large explosion.

According to **Christopher KLEIN** in his article *Attack of Japan's Killer WWII Balloons, 70 Years Ago*, "When a forest ranger in the vicinity came upon the scene, he found the victims radiating out like spokes around a smoldering crater and the 26-year-old minister beating his wife's burning dress with his bare hands."

Luckily, they were the only casualties of the Japanese balloon campaign.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

VISIT MONTROSE CENTER FOR ART TO SEE A SPECTACULAR SHOW BY GARY RATCLIFF



At left and above, "Four Seasons of the San Juan Mountains" photos are by Gary Ratcliff, an award-winning photographer based in Ridgway.

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MONTROSE-The "Four Seasons of the San Juan Mountains" show is a collection of large prints of wildflowers, golden aspen leaves, green meadows, and snow-covered peaks in the San Juan mountains photographed and printed by Gary Ratcliff, an award-winning photographer based in Ridgway. Gary hikes and snowshoes into the backcountry to capture the beauty of the San Juans. His work has been featured on the covers of magazines and regional galleries. During the spring, summer and fall, he runs his gallery Ouray Image Photography in Ridgway.

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Did you know that chocolate...



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**Learn more Feb. 14th, 1 pm, at the Senior Center
Kate Burke presents "The History of Chocolate, Then and Now."**

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MHS RED HAWKS VOLLEYBALL SUPPORTS BOSOM BUDDIES BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The MHS Red Hawks Volleyball Team raised \$1,000 for Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group at their 2022 Pink Out Game. Pictured are members of Bosom Buddies and the team. According to Bosom Buddies President Phyllis Wiesner, "We are incredibly grateful for the support of our Red Hawks – their donation will help so many in our community!"



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CHOCOLATE TRAVELS TO EUROPE



Hernando Cortés meeting Montezuma II. Undated illustration. History.com / Encyclopedia Britannica.

By Kathryn R. Burke

MONTROSE-Did you know? Chocolate and marshmallow are distant botanical relatives. The cacao tree is also related to cotton, hibiscus, and okra. Theobromine, the main ingredient in cacao or chocolate, is a stimulant that has behavioral effects similar to caffeine found in tea and cola. It's also an aphrodisiac. Cocoa Powder is a powerful antioxidant; it's a common ingredient in skin cleansers and cosmetics. It's also considered a health food for that same reason. Theobroma oil, also known as cocoa butter, is a popular moisturizer for people with dark skin, and is often used to diminish stretch marks from pregnancy.

So, cleanse and beautify your face with it before an amorous interlude where you will consume chocolate. If you wind up pregnant and sleepy afterward, drink chocolate to stay awake and rub cocoa butter on your tummy to get rid of stretch marks. (Cocoa butter also helps with post-surgery scars; sorry guys, it does not cure baldness.) Finally, think of all the exciting, romantic fun you can have (regardless of fertility expectations) making smores and

washing them down with hot chocolate. Yum.

Last week we looked at chocolate's early history. It's been around for over 5,300 years, originating as a bitter drink with the Olmec in Mesoamerica (Central and South America). The Maya considered it a gift from the gods, using the drink for rituals (like human sacrifices) and religious celebrations. The Aztec (further north, in Mexico) considered it more valuable than gold and used it as currency. They also celebrated its stimulant and aphrodisiac effects; their Emperor Montezuma, a large man with large appetites, reportedly drank gallons of it every day.

Starting in 1519, it all changed with the arrival of the Spanish. Seeking gold and professing a desire to spread Christianity, Spaniards had sailed from the Caribbean (which they had already plundered). Under the leadership of Hernan Cortez, a force of 600 men (with horses) landed on the shores South America, a densely populated area with a society of 21 million people. The Aztec were the most dominant population, but they were disliked because of high taxation and sacrificial practices. Cortez easily rounded up dis-

gruntled warriors from sister states as he advanced on Aztec's capital, Tenochtitlán. With a population of nearly 300,000, it was one of the largest cities in the world.

Thinking the Spanish might be re-incarnated deities or followers of the white-skinned and bearded Teotihuacán god, Quetzalcoatl, the Aztec greeted the invaders as guests, plying them with gifts and chocolate. Cortez and his gang had ulterior motives. Observing that the Aztec people paid their tributes to their emperor with great quantities of cocoa beans, and that Montezuma had over a billion of the valuable beans in his royal coffers, they decided to confiscate the beans along with his gold and haul it all back to Spain.

Their first attempt failed, but one year later, regrouped and now allied with nearly 200,000 Indigenous warriors from city-states, they succeeded. Superior weaponry, European technology and war tactics, coupled with diseases brought by the Europeans to which the Indians had no immunity, led to the downfall of the Aztec Empire.

But cacao not only survived, it prospered. Thanks to the Spanish, it made its way to Europe. Initially, it became the drink of kings and aristocrats, much as it had been in Mesoamerica. Stories vary as to who was the first to introduce it. Some accounts point to Christopher Columbus intercepting a trade ship in 1502 and bringing the beans back to Spain. It's certain that Cortez brought cacao beans back with him. Realizing the benefits he could reap from it, in 1528 he also brought back the equipment necessary for its preparation. Its reception was enhanced when nuns, working as missionaries in Mexico, started sweetening it with sugar. It's also been suggested that the friars who presented Guatemalan Mayans to Phillip II of Spain in 1544 also brought cacao beans along as a gift.

No matter how chocolate got to Spain, by the late 1500s it was a much-loved indulgence by the Spanish court, and Spain began importing chocolate in 1585. Trading ships from other countries began

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transporting it back home for production. As other Europeans tasted and enjoyed it, the use of chocolate spread. Along the way, the bitter taste disappeared as Europeans began making their own versions adding cane sugar, cinnamon, and other spices and flavorings to the beverage, usually served hot. Soon, fashionable chocolate houses for the wealthy cropped up throughout London, Amsterdam and other European cities.

By the 17th century, chocolate was so popular, its consumption inspired a "chocomania." More expensive than tea or coffee, it remained a fashionable luxury drink. It was made in a special chocolate pot with a *molinet* for frothing. In France, they were even called *commodités de conversation*, as they would create a convivial atmosphere in parlors when drinking chocolate was offered on social occasions. A spill-proof cup was developed so that none of the precious liquid would be lost, and "ladies' dresses were not at risk."

Cocoa also retained its reputation as an Aztec aphrodisiac and many people associated chocolate with exquisite pleasure. In 1702, a doctor wrote that, "Chocolate's properties are such that they stimulate Venus' ardour." This explains why, for a long time, this beverage was considered appropriate for adults only. Giacomo Casanova, one of the most infamous users of chocolate in the 1700s, thrived in the pleasure capitals of Europe and is reported to have made his first sexual con-

quest at age 11. He became so well-known for his often complicated and elaborate affairs with women that his name is now synonymous with "womanizer."

Regardless of its use and where consumed, the basic ingredients remained the same" cocoa paste, water, and sugar, usually drunk hot. Different cultures added their own seasonings. Italy added lemon zest, vanilla, jasmine, and ambergris. The British sometimes replaced the water with milk or wine (more fun for sure). Besides being considered a romantic stimulant, choco-

late also had medical purposes and might be prescribed, infused with cloves for digestive problems, or adding amber for fatigue. The Spanish sometimes added Agave syrup instead of sugar. The variety of uses and concoctions was limited only by imagination. (Think of our coffee cafés today...not all that much different...well, except for Internet.)

Then, as today, besides stimulating socialization, chocolate was presumed to have special food qualities to maintain health and vitality. It was, and still is, a popular



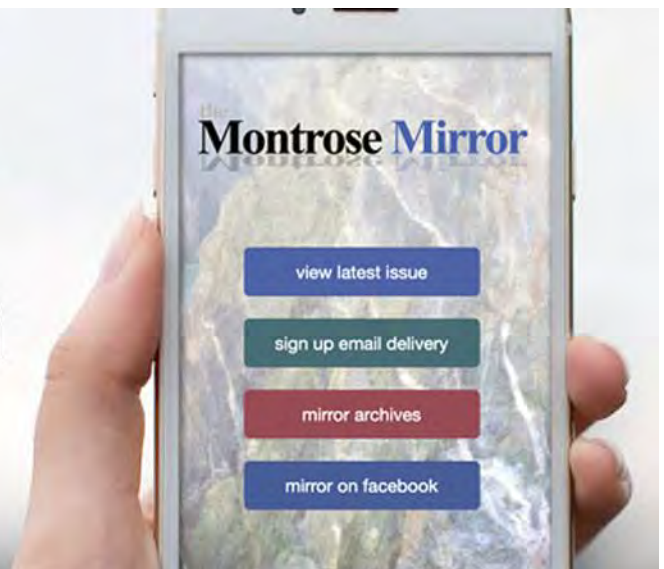
Ca' Rezzonico L ciocolata del mattino. The Morning Chocolate (between 1775 and 1780), by Pietro Longhi. Oil on canvas. Wikipedia. Public Domain.

drink in both Europe and the Americas, often as a breakfast beverage, but served throughout the day and enjoyed by all classes.

Read the (more detailed) full story, with citations, at <https://kathrynrburke.com/cacao2/>. Kate will also present The Complete History of Chocolate at the Montrose Senior Center, Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 1 pm.

She will share chocolate samples with the audience. Next week: Chocolate in the U.S, America's favorite Sweet Treat.

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Typhoid	Japanese Encephalitis
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CITY MARKET NORTH

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(970) 249-2064 **340B PARTICIPANT**
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Flu	Shingles
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ONGOING-

MONTROSE AREA WOODTURNERS second Saturdays 9 am. 17800 - 6400 Rd in Montrose. Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Information: Al Head 970-209-0981 or aheadaviation@outlook.com

GREATER MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS – Feb. 23, Mar. 23, Apr. 27, May 25.

Schedule a \$10 **RIDGWAY TRUE GRIT WALKING TOUR** of downtown filming sites. Named readers choice for best historic town tour by True West magazine. Contact evebeckerdoyle@icloud.com

MEDITATION CENTRE in Montrose. Meetings will be on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM at 602 N. Nevada in Montrose, 81401 at Lions Park Community Center. Brought to you by Denis Hoin Darby, a Buddhist Zen Monk. Contact Rev.Hoin.Darby@gmail.com for more information.

NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS welcomes adults who are new to Montrose or have been here awhile, who would enjoy learning more about the town and area, plus have opportunities to participate in social activities. Meetings are held on the first Wednesdays of the months September-May (Dec./holiday party TBA). We gather at 10:00-11:30 am in the downstairs meeting hall of Cedar Creek Church (222 S. Townsend and S. 3rd). Hope to meet you there! Contact Patti at 951-544-6289 with questions.

NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP-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. Sunday Bingo will start at 1:30pm after Nov. 6. More info call Tom 970 260 8298.

FREETHINKERS meet 1st Sunday of the month at 1pm. more info at 970-708-8333.

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

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 -The market will be open every other Saturday from 10-1 inside the Centennial Meeting Room and on Centennial Plaza from January through April.

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

MONTHLY

Feb. 6-The Montrose Giving Club quarterly meeting will be on Feb. 6 at 5:30 ...Remington's at the Bridges.

Feb. 8- Wed. 2-3:30 pm. Art class-kids. Make Your Own Valentine Cards (ages 6 and up). Paper crafts. Montrose Rec. Center Party Room, 16350 Woodgate Rd. Cost: \$15. <https://kathrynrburke.com/020823kid/>

Feb. 9--Madagascar! Just the name evokes exotic images of nature, leaping lemurs, bulbous Baobab trees, crawling chameleons, rare reptiles, and brightly colored birds. Join the Black Canyon Audubon for a photo "safari" by Renée Herring, a retired CPW Watchable Wildlife Coordinator, to explore some wildlife riches found on the island that time forgot. We visited the varied landscapes of rainforests, spiny deserts, lakes, and dry forests. Ninety percent of Madagascar's plant and animal species are found nowhere else on earth. Lecture will be at the Montrose Field House, 25 Colorado Ave.

Feb. 10-Screening of the Backcountry Film Festival, Friday Feb. 10 7-9PM. Doors @ 6:30PM. Open to CMC members and the public alike. Event presented by Winter Wildlands Alliance, with local support by Colorado Mountain Club. www.cmc.org

Feb. 10- Fri. 5:30-7:30 pm. Art class. Vintage Valentines Wine Party. LaNoue DuBois Winery, 67289 Trout Rd., Montrose. Cost: Single \$55/pp, Couple \$50/pp. Group four or more, \$45/pp. <https://kathrynrburke.com/021023wine/>

Feb. 11- Sat. 1:30-3:30 pm. Life Drawing. WHAFV 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way. Cost \$15. <https://kathrynrburke.com/021123draw/>

Feb. 13-Citizens Climate Lobby meets on Monday Feb. 13 at 5pm in the Montrose Library meeting room, Citizens' Climate Lobby.org monthly action progress. Non-Partisan, national, environmental moves forward on a local topic for action info at 970-765-9095.

Feb. 14- Tue. 1-2:30 pm. Presentation: History of Chocolate, from Meso-America to Victorian Europe. Senior Center, Montrose Pavilion. Free. <https://kathrynrburke.com/history/>

Feb. 15-*Moab's Ancient Astronomers* is the topic of the Chipeta Archaeological Society presentation on Feb. 15 at 7 pm. Rory Tyler, a dynamic researcher with 30 years in the Moab area, will present his interpretations about four Basketmaker rock art sites near Moab with astronomical significance. The public is always invited, no charge. United Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose.

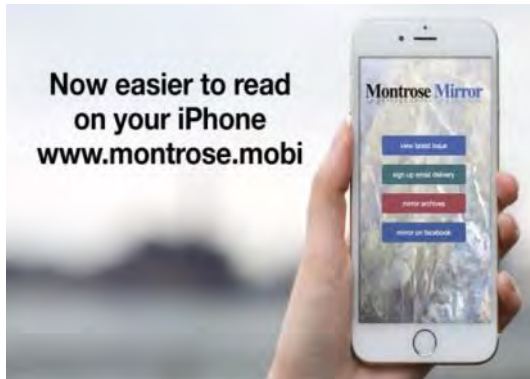
Feb. 16- Tue. 6-8 pm. Art Class. Think Spring! with Alcohol Ink. Montrose Rec Center Party Room, 16350 Woodgate Rd. Cost: \$40. <https://kathrynrburke.com/021623MRD>

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