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Fresh News for Busy People!

## 3 YEARS LATER, PROTESTERS DEMAND JUSTICE FOR GAGE



Peaceful protesters demand justice for Charles "Gage" Lorentz on Sunday, March 19. Photo by Harry Switzer.

### Mirror staff report

MONTROSE—On Sunday, March 19, peaceful protesters gathered near South First Street and Park Avenue in Montrose. They walked to Demoret Square in memory of Charles "Gage" Lorentz. Lorentz died March 21, 2020, after being shot at point blank range by a National Park Ranger in Carlsbad Cavern National Park, after he was pulled over for a minor traffic stop.

On Sunday, a group of family and friends carried signs while shouting "Justice for Gage" as they walked down Main Street. When they reached Demoret Square, they split off into smaller groups so there were people with signs on every corner shouting "Justice for Gage."

"Kim had a megaphone and cars were honking, it seemed like every 30 seconds," one participant told the Mirror.

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## BOCC APPROVES 'AGRICULTURE IN THE BEER INDUSTRY' SPECIAL USE, TABLES STANDARDS FOR POWER GENERATION FACILITIES

### By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—All commissioners were present for the regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Wednesday, March 15. BOCC Chair Sue Hansen welcomed everyone to the meeting, Vice Chair Roger Rash led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Buddy Cook delivered the invocation. He thanked God for the moisture and snowpack. "...we thank you for this day and pray your blessing, and your guidance in this meeting..."

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Citizen Kelly Crippin stepped to the podium, but as his comment concerned the upcoming SU22-013 gravel pit decision, Crippin was told that public comment on the item was closed.

### COUNTY MANAGER

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

### CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved as presented.

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A Special Use Application, "Agriculture in the Beer Industry," was approved by the BOCC on March 15. Applicants and hop farmers Chris Dellabianca and Audrey Gehlhauzen host the annual Southwest Fresh Fest on their Billy Goat Hop Farm south of Montrose.

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Members can confirm in which district they live by calling 877-687-3632 or by viewing the following maps:

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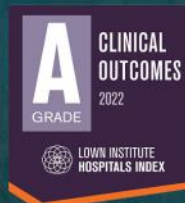
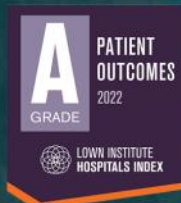
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REGIONAL-The Breast Cancer Support Group of Southwestern Colorado, aka Bosom Buddies, is now accepting scholarship applications for educational assistance to the children of a parent or guardian who has ever been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Scholarship funding is available to students enrolling in an institution of higher learning who are applying to Bosom Buddies for the first time. Continuing educational funding is also available to previous recipients of a Bosom Buddies scholarship. Students must apply annually but can re-apply for up to a total of four years. Funding is available to full-time and part-time students enrolling in a vocational, community college, university, or accredited on-line program. Applicants must be a resident of Ouray, San Miguel, or Montrose Counties. Only applications emailed or post-marked by April 15, 2023, will be considered this year. Bosom Buddies accepts applications from breast cancer survivors year-round, regardless of age, for financial assistance with a variety of educational endeavors. Applicants must be enrolled in an institute of education including a high school diploma program, GED program, vocational, community college, university, or accredited on-line program. Applications must be submitted a minimum of 60 days prior to the beginning of the course start date.

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# PROTESTERS DEMAND JUSTICE FOR GAGE From pg 1



**Gage Lorentz' mother Kimberly spoke at the protest on March 15. Photo by Harry Switzer.**

"Our family continues to endure this horrific nightmare of zero accountability and continued efforts to seek change in policy and procedures to prevent even more loss of loved ones at the hands of law enforcement officers. Our family supports and believes in law enforcement, but our tragedy has opened our eyes to the healing that needs to happen within the core of departments, whether local, state, or federal.

"Our case depositions took place last year in New Mexico, where we sat directly across the table from the man that took our son's life. The man that neglected to provide emergency medical treatment to our son. The man that showed absolutely zero remorse or emotions when questioned on the incident and his actions or lack thereof. We had the opportunity to personally thank the officer that arrived on scene and immediately began to perform CPR on our son, who still had a pulse over 12 minutes after being shot directly through the heart by this ranger," she said. "Our lives have been forever changed by the loss of our son, but our journey for justice continues. Someday we hope to make his dream a reality by starting a wilderness camp for kids - providing them with the opportunity to connect with nature and value all that life has to offer.

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### CITY ANNOUNCES ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP DATES

#### *Special to the Mirror*

**MONTROSE** — The City of Montrose continues its annual Spring Cleanup tradition by providing disposal and recycling services from a single collection point on April 28 and 29.

Residents are invited to bring cleanup items to the drop-off site located off the San Juan bypass (U.S. Highway 50), directly across the street from the Sunshine Peak apartment complex. Signs will help direct residents to the drop-off location that will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29.

#### Items Accepted:

- Landscape materials (leaves, grass clippings, and limbs less than six inches in diameter)
- Construction or scrap materials
- Electronics (without glass screens)
- Yard equipment
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If residents are unable to bring large items to Habitat for donation or to the Spring Cleanup drop-off site, they are welcome to call Kassi at 970.650.2503 to schedule a pick-up. Pick-ups for these days (April 28 & 29) will be first come, first served, but Habitat does offer this service for large items year-round.

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*Special to the Mirror*

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## LOCAL VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZE CAMELOT GARDENS

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MONTROSE -- Last Monday night local veterans organizations presented a thank-you plaque to Sheree Wanner and Trina Donahue, Camelot Gardens owner and general manager, respectively. The presentation took place at the monthly meeting of the American Legion and was made on behalf of the AL and AL Riders, the Disabled American Veterans Association, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The plaque was awarded as a thank you for all they have done for the American Legion Post 73 Christmas Wreaths Across Montrose mission. The use of Camelot Gardens' indoor facility is instrumental in this project.

For the past five years, Camelot Gardens has helped ensure that Montrose veterans are remembered at Christmas time with a wreath

placed on their graves at local cemeteries, according to AL Commander Dave Vergamini.

Wanner at Camelot Gardens provides the interior space where the wreaths are assembled and prepared for distribution, and Camelot also provides the greenery. Donahue can be seen each year organizing and enlisting staff to help move the process along, while the local veterans' organizations provide the ribbons and now recruit more than 100 volunteers.

John Boughton, AL vice commander and AL Riders commander who heads up this mission, said there were only a handful of volunteers when they started five years ago and it took hours to complete. This year -- through the help of so many volunteers -- the wreath-making was completed in less than one hour.

Following the wreath-making, the volunteers proceeded to the cemeteries where they solemnly placed them on the graves, while paying tribute to each veteran.

Local veterans and volunteers alike often comment during the event, "We will never forget their service and sacrifice."

*Image: Camelot Gardens owner Sheree Wanner and general manager Trina Donahue accept recognition plaque for the large role they play in Montrose Wreaths Across Montrose mission.*



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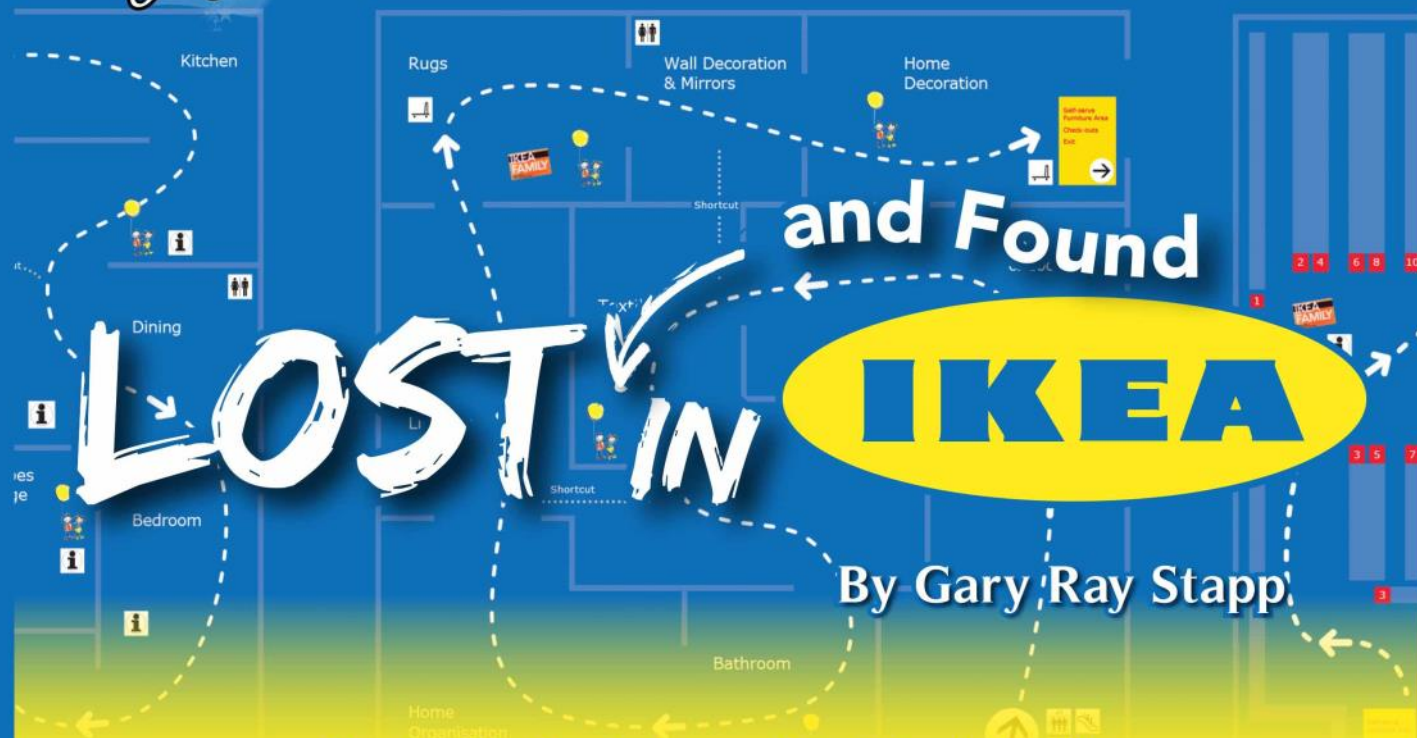




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## DELTA POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDED GRANT TO DISRUPT FENTANYL FLOW

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA — The Delta Police Department has announced they are the recipient of grant funding awarded by the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice through the Synthetic Opiate Poisoning Investigation and Distribution Interdiction Grant Program. The allocation of funds to the Delta Police Department totals \$264,403 for years 2023 and 2024.

This grant program is part of a larger comprehensive public safety package to make Colorado one of the ten safest states in the nation. Dollars awarded to the Delta Police Department will enable an upgraded information system, and allow for more rapid investigative responses related to the distribution of synthetic opioids within the community. It will also be utilized to enhance collaborative coordination between Delta Police Department, and regional law enforcement agency partners. "This funding is an important step forward to ensure local law enforcement agencies have the resources they need to investigate and stop the flow of deadly fentanyl that is harming our communities," said Attorney General Phil Weiser. For more information, visit [www.dcj.colorado.gov](http://www.dcj.colorado.gov)

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## BOCC APPROVES 'AGRICULTURE IN THE BEER INDUSTRY' SPECIAL USE

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#### GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Montrose Regional Airport Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold presented for consideration and possible authorization Item D-1, a request to sole source the Passenger Loading Bridges (PLB) from JBT Aero-tech located in Ogden, Utah with the total cost not to exceed \$2,450,000. The estimate includes procurement, installation and freight. Commissioners voted to approve the request.

Also approved was Facilities Director Jennifer Murray's request for approval to sole source the replacement of HVAC controls in the areas of the Airport terminal that are not part of the expansion project from Trane U.S. Inc dba: Trane located in Grand Junction, Colorado with the total cost not to exceed \$265,850 as described in vendor proposal #7016094 dated Feb. 25, 2023.

#### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

The BOCC approved Applicant Chris Delabianca's Agriculture in the beer industry and beyond! Special Use [SU22-012] proposal to establish a campground and host an annual festival at Parcel 399323300038, Parcel 399323303007.

Following a brief public hearing, the BOCC approved the Sunshine Rd Rezone [RZ23-001] proposal Zoning to General Agricultural (currently, there is no associated Zone District due to de-annexation) Parcel 399311203002, 67365 Sunshine Road.

Item D-3, Amendment of Zoning Regulations to include use standards for Power Generation Facilities, was tabled after discussion and consideration so that commissioners' questions can be answered by staff. Planner Tallmadge Richmond presented draft standards for the proposed use, as a moratorium enacted in October of 2022 on such facilities is set to expire on April 20.

Hansen questioned whether power generation facilities should instead be classified as an industrial use. Rash raised concerns about protecting scenic viewsheds, impacts to low-income residents, and encouraging the use of American made

equipment.

"I'd like a little more time to vet it out," Hansen said.

Said Rash, "...I think we need to address the master plan and this together..."

Hansen agreed.

Rash questioned what surrounding counties have enacted concerning power generation facilities.

Hansen opened a hearing for public comment.

Emily Brumit of ENEL Green Power, a multinational entity working on a project in Olathe, spoke.

She thanked Richmond for the opportunity to provide input. "...We have worked with counties to develop fair ordinances all across the country...we always prefer to work in counties with very clear ordinances...we know we have guide rails to work within; that's always how it works best."

Brumit said that the concerns being raised are very valid. "...Considering the bitcoin associated project up on the highway, this is probably very concerning...we do not want that situation...We want to work in step to develop something that works for the county, the landowners, the developers, so that we can manufacture power here in America...I think power coming from the West Slope to the West Slope is a good thing..."

Also speaking was ENEL's Attorney Melissa Vancrum. "I'm here on behalf of the Olathe Solar project...these are restrictive regulations as they are drafted here today...I think it's very important for us to have regulations, to have guidelines because it tells us...what are the steps we need to go through, where are the places where this is appropriate, and how does it fit into the neighborhood context...I appreciate the time and review, and that you have a professional staff that's working very hard to get this right."

Vancrum said that industrial zoning regulations may actually be inferior to those that are currently in place. "It is my understanding that the crypto mine solar pro-

ject that everybody even in the industry has been embarrassed about--that it's right on the highway and that it looks like it does--it's my understanding that it was zoned to industrial..."

A special use permit and standards are required for projects within the general agricultural zone, Vancrum said. "...They are compatible in a lot of ways, but it does take that case-by-case analysis through the special use permit process to determine whether or not they're going to be compatible in a particular location." A version of the draft regulations red-lined by Vancrum is included in the packet.

Rash said local farmers have been impacted severely by Federal rules and regulations. "...They've created the crisis, and now we are burdened by having these things in our back yard so we can keep the farmers from going broke."

Item D-4, the Rio Florida Minor Subdivision [MI23-001] proposal to divide an 8.22 acre lot into three lots at Parcel 372303100006, was approved.

#### MONTROSE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

The BOCC left regular session to reconvene as the Montrose County Board of Health. Public Health Director Jim Austin gave an update. The Federal Health Emergency expires on May 11. Region 10 (Montrose, Delta, Ouray, San Miguel, Gunnison, and Hinsdale counties) has seen a sustained decline in new cases.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening as the BOCC, commissioners entered into executive session with Attorney Marti Whitmore and County Manager Jon Waschbusch to receive legal advice pertaining to the USDA grant for the proposed renovation of the courthouse and for advice on state contract, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e). Operations Manager Emily Sanchez was present for the portion of the session pertaining to the USDA grant only, Whitmore said, noting that no decisions were made and no actions were taken.

With no further business the board voted to adjourn.

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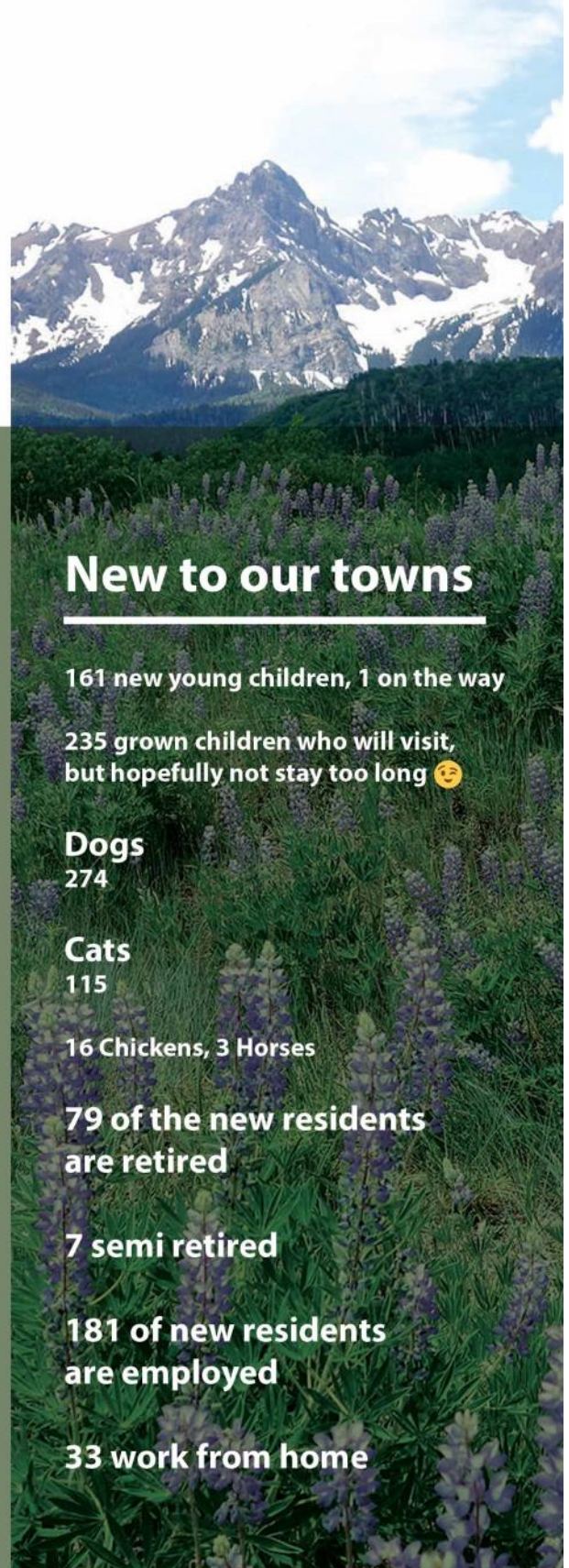
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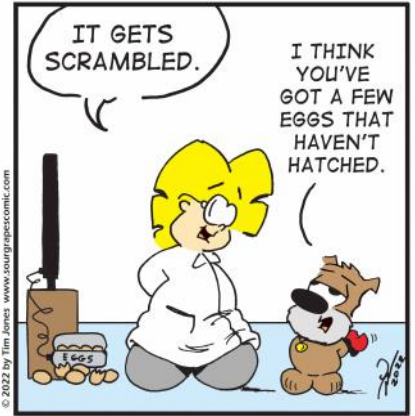
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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### HONESTY IS NOW APPARENTLY OBSOLETE

*Editor:*

HONESTY defined in the Modern American Dictionary: 'an old obsolete, almost forgotten word mostly forgotten to the American public since the year 2000 and forward.'

HONESTY as defined in Webster's dictionary, is now apparently obsolete:

"Integrity, trustworthiness; truthfulness, sincerity; freedom from deceit or fraud." Honesty is most often referred to in the negative as in "Marty is a liar." A rather insidious accusation that foments a huge amount of damage upon an individual because to counter-claim that one is not a liar is to claim a negative. Negatives are almost impossible to prove. '

Marty pilfered the cash register...but he says Joe took the money'. Joe has no money on his person, no one saw him do it and proving that he did not take it . . . well how does one prove he did not do it. Results? Joe loses his job and gains a reputation for dishonesty which will follow him for a lifetime.

Untruths or lies, are the opposite of honesty. In today's world a lot of lies are told in the public square all of the time. Our beloved President was accused of 'groping'. He denied it even though there is film that shows that he did, in fact, do so. Over in the House of Representatives apparently the then Majority Leader saw fit to have hearings held about the January 6th riots but kept the committee from

seeing the 14000 minutes of video. They were denied seeing exculpatory evidence that proved most of the crowd was invited in for a look-see. Are either of these cases at the highest levels of our government what we should see OF HONEST AND NOT LYING?

It seems some persons of the same ilk have sworn an oath to 'no gift or emolument' from a foreign government. Who would this have been and did he not?

Our whole system of society and government are based on being able to trust one another. Just how can we do that when politicians have laws passed, not for the good of the people, but for their own person financial aggrandizement? When some car dealers jacked prices on new Ford pickups from \$90,000 to over \$100,000 just because of a shortage. These dealers took the factory stickers off the windows to make sure the buyers did not know how bad they were being screwed.

We used to wash childrens' mouths out with brown soap when they were caught lying? How come we are so reticent about taking adult, public servants (both elected and employed) to task for such behavior?

The outfit where I was employed (served) for twenty years would have put me out on the street with a dirty record if I had ever been caught in a lie or act of dishonesty. Similarly, God save someone who deigned to lie to me. You know the saying,

'screw with me once shame on you, twice shame on me'. This attitude has worked pretty well for the 'greatest fighting force that the world has ever known!'

When was the last time you heard of a perjury trial, no less a conviction. U . S. House of Representative has a blatantly liar (and they all know it) on its intelligence committee. He spins yarns (tells untruths, lies) in congress and in public almost daily. We who watch the news closely for the next fairy tale and generally we do not have to wait long. And now he is running for the Senate. That should liven up that body. I am embarrassed to think that he might even get elected in spite of being known for his predilection prevarications.

Eric Swalwell runs a close second to the House liar. Except he only swears to uphold the Constitution on the House Intelligence Committee as he sally's forth dating, or was it living with, a Communist Chinese woman.

Of course, I am sure he will tell us that he tells her nothing!

I am sure that this is just the tip of the iceberg and locally I am not sure that the score is much better.

Just what are we tolerating from our kids, the people we work with and our government folks? Maybe we should pay attention and not overlook 'fibs', 'lies' and 'prevarications' in our daily lives.

*Bill Bennett, Montrose*

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## MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS

# OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

## READY TO DEMAND A REFUND OF MY TAX DOLLARS

By David White

MONTROSE-Are we, as a community, sufficiently “woke” yet? Perhaps in some quarters we are, but apparently not enough for your State Legislature, School Board and the Superintendent of the Montrose & Olathe School District, Dr. Carrie Stephenson.

Beginning next school year and the year after, here are some major changes coming to our local schools:

Teachers in grades 1-12 will now be REQUIRED to teach LGBTQ culture beginning in 2024 as a result of legislation passed back in 2019 under State House Bill HB19-1192 (The Inclusion of American Minorities in Teaching Civil Government), a bill which was hidden in the shadows of the notorious Sex Ed bill of the era (HB19-1032) that former Senator Don Coram was a prime sponsor, however, unlike HB19-1032, there is no opt out provision for HB19-1192;

Homework, long a staple of our education system and one not necessarily beloved by students but beneficial for many reasons, is about to become a piece of educational history for virtually all grades. Dress code revisions pretty much throw out much of what was left in the way of proper dress and decorum for students under the guise of “empowering parents” and students.

Elimination of what remains of any truancy policy. Can’t get the kids to school? Oh well, there’s always tomorrow or next week or next month!

HB19-1192 is the State’s attempt to literally cram down our collective throats primarily LGBTQ ideology cloaked in the historical significance of contributions (real, imagined or just spun up via popular lore) of the LGBTQ population. Beth Suppes, a member of the Delta County School Board, wrote an excellent article that appeared in the Delta County Independent on February 8, 2023 that is worth a read. You can find it here: [https://www.deltacountyindependent.com/opinion/op-ed-lgbtq-culture-and-the-states-education-standards/](https://www.deltacountyindependent.com/opinion/op-ed-lgbtq-culture-and-the-states-education-standards/article_4b7697de-a678-11ed-a70f-7ba6ced61a7c.html#tncms-source=infinity-scroll-summary-sticky-siderail-next)

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She accurately states that: “These standards now require teachers who use the Colorado State Education Academic Standards as the content standards for history and civics to include the history, culture and social contributions of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individual and the intersectionality of significant social and cultural features within these communities.”

Here are some of the first-grade additions that will be required due to this bill:

Identify and explain the relevance of notable civic leaders from different community groups, including LGBTQ; Identify and explain the meaning of various civic symbols important to diverse community groups (Including the LGBTQ pride flag).

This policy mandates a more diverse, inclusive social studies curriculum. It holds promise for advancing intersectional justice for Colorado students. Like any good Marxist type of education system, you’ve got to get to the youth at a very young age to mold their minds and therefore their thought processes and the decisions that come from them in order to totally change the culture.

The upcoming changes to homework requirements, according to the internal “think tank” within the school district’s leadership that created them are in response to the feedback from all stakeholders that informed the “Strategic Plan’s High Expectations Homework Initiative.”

According to the initiative, they state that “Research shows that elementary students are better served by spending their time outside of school engaged in practical play applications of the content learned during the school day. Homework is not an appropriate tool for this age group as research shows little to no benefit to student learning outcomes. Student school/life balance is crucial to the development of the whole child.”

The guidelines for secondary grades are a

bit more open to giving some homework under certain circumstances but it can’t be more than 5% of a student’s grade. To learn more about how your children and grandchildren will be further “dumbed down” and how more stress will be placed on our teachers as students fall further behind with lower tests scores no doubt a probable outcome, read the new homework policy here:

[https://go.boarddocs.com/co/montrose/Board.nsf/files/CPPSA97113E2/\\$file/MCSD%20Homework%20Recommendations%20V.5%203.7.23.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/co/montrose/Board.nsf/files/CPPSA97113E2/$file/MCSD%20Homework%20Recommendations%20V.5%203.7.23.pdf)

The dress code is going to be changed too if my recent read of the School Board at their March 7th meeting is any indication of the direction they’re heading. Do you like to send your kids to school in their pajamas. You’ll be able to do that along with letting them wear hoodies, hats, and other clothing that may cause issues that were previously dealt with but are now to be reversed. If they break the dress code, they must be talked to privately so as not to hurt their feelings. They can’t be removed from the classroom or be made to change clothes either. Students SHALL NOT be referred to as a “distraction” based upon their appearance or attire so says the new policy. On and on it goes. You can read what is in the new dress code as well as the presentation that was made to the School Board here:

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I attended 6 parent teacher conferences last week as a grandparent/guardian of two of my grandkids. I surveyed 4 of the 6 teachers I met with. Not a one was consulted about the changes to any of these policies despite what the Superintendent is telling the School Board and public about her engaging teachers. Perhaps the ones I met with didn’t make the cut in order to skew the outcome in favor of the

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favor of the administration's decided woke bent. Regardless, where is the public polling? Why is there an attitude at the district that if you're not a "stakeholder" in the public schools (i.e. a parent or guardian), you have no say in what goes on? That's their attitude and it's wrong. Every property owner is a taxpayer and by default, is a stakeholder. Every member of the community is a stakeholder. The largest percentage of 2022 property tax revenue generated in Montrose County goes to the Montrose County School District...a whopping \$18,406,499 and yet you who are paying the bill are left out of the mix. Disgraceful.

Dr. Stephenson, the majority of the School Board and some within the teaching and non-profit community are more interested in seeing the weakening of the learning process through these "woke" policies and ideologies rather than strengthening it. Every School Board meeting is replete with woke terminology such as is found as follows: The "Community Input" period (aka "Call to the Public") at School Board meetings contains the following wording: "This is the time the Board has set aside to listen to any positive comments or concerns from the audience. Personal criticism of members of the Board of Education or employees of the Montrose County School District are out of order." Positive com-

ments only?? Wow! Censorship of contrary input is not allowed as far as I've seen. The new Dress Code starts out with the statement: "The Board is committed to equitable educational access for all students, and this student dress code will be implemented equitably and prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, religion, ancestry or need for special education services." According to the School Board Chairwoman and the Superintendent, this language is required by the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB), however, it was later noted in the March 7th meeting that the Board doesn't have to follow everything CASB prescribes, so why are we going along with all of this? I'll tell you why... because equality in education wasn't enough. We now must have "equity" and its cousin, "social justice" or we're not being fair to all concerned.

Equity is a solution for addressing imbalanced social systems. Justice can take equity one step further by fixing the systems in a way that leads to long-term, sustainable, equitable access for generations to come. (<https://onlinepublichealth.gwu.edu/resources/equity-vs-equality/>)

Words such as "Physical, Emotional, Psychological Safety"; "Compassion"; "Social

Struggles"; "Inequitable Enforcement"; "Improved Culture"; "Sexist"; "Autonomy", etc. pepper the presentation on the dress code and are heard throughout meetings by the Board. On and on it goes.

At the proverbial end of the day, all of this is being done to fulfill an agenda being perpetrated by special interest groups who have found a following in the leadership that presides over most of our community's elective officers and appointed boards and their staffs. I'll be the first to speak out against unfair practices, bullying, lack of discipline and unfair treatment of students among many other issues our schools deal with, but this systematic dismantling of the guardrails and structure of our schools is unconscionable. The administration and school board claim that these changes are all being done to "empower parents." I call that a cop out to the vocal minority who don't want to take responsibility for their kids and their education. This is patently unfair to most of our teachers who must deal with the woke ideology that is taking us down. Those that disagree with these new policies will have no alternative but to find a new way to keep structure in their kids' lives through homeschooling, private or charter school education or other avenues. I'm ready to demand a refund of my tax dollars!



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### MISSING HOTCHKISS RESIDENT LOCATED BY GUNNISON AND DELTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTIES NEAR SOMERSET - DEATH INVESTIGATION ONGOING

#### *Delta County Sheriff's Office*

DELTA COUNTY-On Saturday, March 11, 2023 the Delta County 911 Communication Center received a report that 25-year old Hotchkiss resident Omar Merlos was overdue and reported missing after he was last seen at his residence near Hotchkiss the night before. Deputies learned Omar, an employee at the Short Stop in Hotchkiss, would normally arrive early in the morning to open the store but he had failed to show up for work on Saturday morning and he and his vehicle were missing.

On Sunday, March 12, 2023 the Gunnison County Sheriff's Office received a report of an abandoned vehicle matching the description of Mr. Merlos' just inside Gunnison County on Bear Creek Road near Somerset. Deputies with the Delta County Sheriff's Office responded to the area and located the vehicle which was confirmed to belong to Mr. Merlos. Due to the car being found in Gunnison County, Deputies requested assistance from the Gunnison County Sheriff's Office and West Elk Search and Rescue Team who arrived a short time later to assist in the search for Mr. Merlos near his vehicle.

During a search of the area near the vehicle, responders located the body of a deceased adult male, believed to be Omar Merlos, near Bear Creek. Responders from both Delta and Gunnison Counties worked to recover the body and the Gunnison County Coroner's Office later arrived on scene to assume the death investigation along with Investigators.

The Gunnison County Coroner's Office through a forensic autopsy was able to confirm the identity of the deceased individual as that of Omar Merlos of Hotchkiss and his next of kin was notified. Investigators from both the Delta County Sheriff's Office and Gunnison County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the Hotchkiss Police Department, have continued to investigate Mr. Merlos' death. Delta County Sheriff Mark Taylor and Gunnison County Sheriff Adam Murdie have received many calls over the past week from citizens concerned that foul play was involved in Omar Merlos' death and concerns there may be a public safety threat to the residents in the North Fork Valley.

Following a preliminary investigation by a team of investigators from both the Delta and Gunnison County Sheriff's Offices,

Sheriff Taylor and Sheriff Murdie want to assure the public that there is no threat to public safety and there is no evidence of foul play involved in Mr. Merlos' death. Based on evidence collected at the scene and during the forensic autopsy, investigators have determined Mr. Merlos died from a self-inflicted gunshot. Investigators from both Sheriff's Offices are continuing to investigate this incident as a Suicide. Sheriff Taylor and Sheriff Murdie, along with their staff, wish to extend their deepest condolences to Mr. Merlos' family and friends during this difficult time.

We would also like to remind residents that if you, a friend or family member is having suicidal or self-harm thoughts, you are encouraged to call the National Suicide and Crisis Hotline at 9-8-8 to speak with a crisis counselor or call the AXIS Health System Crisis Center in Montrose at 970-247-5245. Both numbers can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Don't want to call but need help or someone to talk to? You can text "TALK" to 38255 for the Colorado Crisis Services team or send a text to 9-1-1 and an emergency dispatcher will connect you with a mental health professional.



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# SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVES CALENDAR OPTION B



## Montrose County School District RE-1J 2023-2024 Academic Calendar

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First School Day: 8-14-23 Last School Day: 5-23-24

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be able to give donations in the community. "I don't really care about over the mountain. We like to take care of our own."

**BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES**  
There were no Board Advisory Committee updates.

### PUBLIC INPUT

First to speak was Sherri Needham of Olathe. Needham spoke on behalf of her daughter Kena Iverson. Needham said, "...It is my opinion as well as many others, we believe things like dress codes are not the important issues right now. It was stated many, many times last week how you want to put the dress code back in the hands of the parents. I ask you when was it not? I know that I watched what my kids wear when they went to school, but teens are teens. They find a way to sneak if they really want to, and while dress can be a form of self-expression, you wouldn't wear your bathing suit when walking into the capital.

"But again, is this something we need to worry about right now? No. We need the district to look into understaffed classrooms. We need to look at the bullying being headed up by our leaders. We need real issues to be resolved.

"Once again we are asking that a survey be sent out to parents and staff members of Montrose County School District in regards to our superintendent and her performance."

Leah Vandersluis also spoke. "I'm a Montrose resident," she said. "I agree with the woman who just spoke, but I think dress codes are important as well... and this board seems to be looking to relax the dress code for our school district. Since I pay taxes to pay for public education, I am very concerned about this as well as concerned for the welfare of our kids."

Vandersluis said that after reading the current dress code she found it to be very reasonable and fulfills the purpose of having a dress code to create a safe, disciplined learning environment. "...The dress code further states that districtwide standards on student attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve school order and safety.

"...the truth is that having no dress code

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-President Sarah Fishing called the regular meeting of the Montrose County School District RE-1J to order on Tuesday, March 15. Along with Fishing, directors present included Vice President Eric Kelley, District A Director Erik Westesen, District B Director Jacob Suppes, District C Director Alice Murphy, and District D Director Tom West. District G Director Stephen Bush was absent.

All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance; the Board voted to approve the meeting agenda.

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

RE-1J PIO Matt Jenkins introduced Archery Coach Jody Baugh, who was joined by four students from the Olathe Middle-High School Archery Program. According to the meeting agenda, "...the High school Team and some of the Middle school Team are headed to National Competition in Sandy Utah April 28 and 29...with the National Archery in the Schools Program NASP. Olathe High school Team has won the State competition for six years in a row. Olathe Middle School has won State five times. The Top competitors in the state win a Genesis Bow and seniors have chances for scholarships. The Team has had its members competing in World

Competitions and at the collegiate level as well." Scholarships are available to students through archery, Baugh said.

"There's all kinds of opportunity in archery for our kids...I'm a level II Olympic Archery Coach," she said, adding that her own goal is to coach an archer in the Olympics. "I'm not going to stop until I do. And I really want it to be somebody from Olathe, Colorado. These kids have tons of potential..."

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

The KREX Golden Apple Award for March was awarded to Johnson Elementary School Special Education Teacher Leah Appling.

### DONATIONS

Jenkins presented the following recent donations to the district:

-Brian Heller donated a 1941 John Deere Model B Tractor in 75 percent finished restored condition, valued in current condition of \$4,000 to Olathe High School. The tractor is complete including all parts needed to complete restoration.

-Olathe American Legion has donated \$7,000 to the OHS Future Business Leaders of America to cover their state competition expenses. Mr. Tom Shipley of the Olathe American Legion said as a graduate of Olathe High School it was a pleasure to

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opens the door to anything goes," Vanderluis said. "I believe it's important to remember that school is not a club or extra-curricular activity. The purpose is to learn..."

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFF RECRUITMENT UPDATE

At the request of RE-1J Superintendent Carrie Stephenson, Human Resources Director Michelle Pottorff and Special Education Director Millie Crem presented a recruiting and wellness update. The presentation is included in the work session packet. Pottorff and Clem also answered specific questions from board members. Pottorff stressed that while recruitment is important, so is retention of existing staff.

#### CALENDAR SELECTION DISCUSSION

Superintendent Carrie Stephenson presented four calendar options for the board. After surveying stakeholders to decide on a preferred option, staff recommended the adoption of Calendar Option B for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. Early release days are eliminated,

which will add 38 hours of additional classroom instruction.

Fishing said that the early release days are extremely difficult for families and have been the subject of consistent feedback for years.

"These decisions have to be made now...I certainly support the decision to eliminate early release days."

Five additional days of learning will result, making local schools more consistent and functional within the community, she said. District C Director Alice Murphy said that when she was teaching, early release Wednesdays were important as they offered planning time. "I don't know if that's changed, but that was an important time for teachers."

Stephenson gave an update on JUUL litigation. "We did receive the amount from the attorneys...we will need to approve...the law firm is continuing to settle with other, smaller, e-cigarette companies, so we anticipate smaller amounts but more settlements to come on this issue."

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items, including Personnel Report, were approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Board of Education voted to adopt Calendar Option B and to eliminate early release days. The Board voted to accept the JUUL Litigation settlement in the amount of \$106,563. and approve related expenditures.

#### DISTRICT UPDATES

Finance Director Emily Imus presented the Enrollment Report.

Early Childhood Center (ECC) materials are included in the packet for informational purposes including ECC by grade level and domains, Head Start funding increase; and a draft mitigation process for infectious diseases.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. "Thank you all for being here, I appreciate your attendance," Fishing said. The Board of Education will meet next for a work session on Tuesday, April 11.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### RECYCLE RIGHT AND WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT

**Editor:**

Because recycling is driven by the market, what is acceptable in the recycle bin often changes. It's important to note these changes so the recycling is not contaminated with items that won't get recycled. Contamination is not just left-over peanut butter in a plastic jar, now its plastics #3, 6 & 7. Currently there is no market for these types of plastics, not to say that won't change in the future as well. The city is audited on a regular basis

and it's important to keep contamination below 10%. The oil companies are making sure that we are addicted to single use plastics. Shell Oil has recently built a huge facility for the express purpose of making plastics! I would think they would do research and development for biodegradable and compostable single use plastics, knowing someday we have got to go that route. I applaud the legislature wanting to ban plastic bags and Styrofoam (which never breaks down), but look in every rub-

bish bin and what do you see, a plastic bag. It just needs to be biodegradable and if it ends up in the waterway, it won't be detrimental to wild life. It has been found that humans contain microplastics in our bloodstream, that fact is horrifying!! It's important to shop wisely: don't buy products that support our addiction to plastics like bottled water or are #3, 6 & 7, bring your own reusable bags when shopping and be sure to clean them occasionally, use a refillable water bottle and coffee container, compost your organic waste (its easy to do), recycle often and recycle right and when in doubt, throw it out.

*Lesley Hallenborg*

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## HOW DO GROCERY BILLS, SKY-HIGH GAS AND HEATING FUEL HELP THE POOR AND WORKING CLASS?

*Editor:*

I appreciate that when David Congour challenges my opinions he mostly sticks to issues, does very little name calling, and doesn't attempt to cancel my free speech rights. Of the occasional liberal who attempts to challenge me, only one or two actually do that. When it does occur, we can then have a civil debate --- and let the readers decide who speaks the truth. So, let's compare opinions on a number of issues discussed in Congour's 3/13 MM letter.

Congour states that Democrats aren't for open borders. In explaining this he confuses two things: #1 The reasons the rest of the world wants to immigrate to the U.S., and #2 The reason there is an open invasion at our southern border since Biden became president. He erroneously tries to use the explanations for #1 to explain #2. He proposes, for example, that Republicans' opposition to birth control lead to a population explosion in Latin America and that Republicans' opposition to foreign aid resulted in young men joining drug cartels. Even if you accept those two preposterous theories, neither has anything to do with the fact the border was secure under Trump, and is now totally out of control under Biden. No one can logically deny that the border was under control before Biden took office. By illegal presidential directives, he thrust open the border for more than five million illegals so far, and demonized border patrol agents who attempted to do their jobs. The reason is painfully obvious: Democrats cannot remain in power without a new underclass beholden to big government welfare.

Congour speaks as if Biden's infrastructure bill was a good thing. Theories are nothing but educated guesses about how the world behaves. Until proven, they remain just guesses. Some Democrats believe the theory that sufficient government spending will trigger economic growth. They increase taxes and the deficit, give a little back to the citizens, and spend the rest on liberal causes, and call it a stimulus. Biden tested this theory by spending over \$5 trillion on "infrastructure" and "inflation reduction"

boondoggles. Instead of an improved economy, we got inflation at a 40 year high, families spending more to service the national debt than they do on their home mortgages, a \$9,000 drop in personal savings in one year, etc.

Congour mentions the need to encourage EV manufacturing in the U.S., which I mostly agree with. However, almost everyone understands that neither the country nor the technology was or is ready for a massive leap to green energy while at the same time dumping existing viable energy sources. That is what this administration did, blindly cutting off fossil fuels, neglecting to develop nuclear energy plants, and driving people to unaffordable electric vehicles before the technology is there and before the grid is there to support them. Congour points out the Chinese advances in the EV field. Guess what. The Chinese are making technological advances in EV's, at the same time they are accelerating the construction of new coal-fired power plants and expanding their nuclear plant capabilities.

Congour believes most crime and violence is due to the increased number of firearms --- another Democrat theory proven wrong by the facts. Honduras bans citizens from owning guns and has the highest homicide rate in the world. Switzerland requires citizens to own guns and has the lowest homicide rate in the world. Congour hilariously tries to make a connection between States that voted for Trump and the increase in crime, when in fact the out-of-control crime is concentrated in cities across the nation that have been controlled by Democrats for decades. Regarding this slaughter in our urban centers, Republicans say enforce the law, back the police, and put those who are a danger to society behind bars. Democrats favor no-cash bail and "reimagining" law enforcement (defunding / demonizing the police.)

It's good Congour brings up Social Security and Medicare. The idea that Republicans want to abolish these programs is not a Democrat theory --- it is a blatant Democrat lie. Social Security is like all other big government programs --- it is a good sounding idea that was totally botched in

its implementation. Rather than a genuine retirement saving plan that invests the employee and employer contributions to create a retirement fund for that employee, it is basically a giant ponzi scheme. The money presently being paid into SS is not going to create an account for you somewhere, it is going to pay for your parents and grandparents already on SS. And guess what --- the Congressional Budget Office now projects that the SS trust fund will be depleted in less than ten years. So, not only will your contributions not fund your own retirement, it will no longer even adequately fund those currently drawing SS. Ponzi scheme. Reforms to shore up SS will necessarily include increases in payroll taxes, benefit reductions, and an infusion of cash from federal coffers. Social Security was in similar straits in the 1980's when President Reagan set up a commission to recommend solutions. A bipartisan overhaul of the system occurred in 1983, engineered by President Reagan and House Speaker Tip O'Neil. The only plan Democrats have today to save SS is to demonize any Republicans who dare suggest we do anything about it, and to continue spending trillions on their economy-destroying boondoggles (and bailing out failed woke billionaire bankers).

A favorite Democrat ploy is to take what they are in fact doing and attempt to project that upon the opposition. The Biden family can be accurately described as the Biden Crime Syndicate and should be charged with multiple federal crimes. While Trump's net worth decreased during his time in office, the Biden family multiplied their wealth with totally illegal multi-million dollar payments from communist China, Ukraine, Russia, and others. Congour also likes to project the fact Biden is a serial liar onto Trump. Biden's lies include harmless lies about his narcissist self ("I graduated at the top of my law class", etc.) and truly egregious lies intended to shift blame from his own failures and corruption ("Inflation was here when I got here man.")

"I know nothing about my son's business dealings." Etc.

## **HOW DO GROCERY BILLS, SKY-HIGH GAS AND HEATING FUEL HELP THE POOR AND WORKING CLASS?**

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I had an extra good laugh when Congour attempted to blame the division in this country on Republicans, saying it somehow began with Newt Gingrich? More accurately, it began with Barack Obama. Obama's presidency should have represented the fulfillment of the dreams of Lincoln, King, and our Declaration of Independence, but became instead the basis of an ever-widening racial and cultural gap that may never be bridged.

Obama chose to agitate and polarize the nation rather than using the opportunity of his rise to the White House as the crowning achievement of a long and treacherous journey toward harmony. Obama's destructive narrative was that America was institutionally racist to its core, that if you were born black you are a helpless victim, and that if you were born white you are a racist oppressor.

Biden and his handlers have expanded that narrative, multiplying the victim groups to include everyone other than straight white males. Suddenly the greatest threat to our security is not Antifa or BLM rioting and murdering in our streets, but "white supremacists," or even devout Catholics.

Biden has spent two plus years of relentless attacks on half the country – labeling them "semi-facists", calling those who object to stolen elections "insurrectionists", parents objecting at school board meetings "terrorists", etc. Non-violent abortion protestors now fear home invasion arrests by twenty armed FBI agents.

Last, but not least, Congour claims Democrats "were the ones who have historically and consistently supported the poor and working class in this country". It's good to

bring up history, since Democrats were the party of the KKK, Jim Crow laws, and racial hatred. By every measure, the poor and working class of all races were better off under Trump than Biden. Trump restored America's economy, lowered unemployment, made us energy independent, stood up to China's one-sided economic policies, enhanced peace in the Middle East, and stabilized conditions on the southern border. All of Trump's actions accrued to the benefit of the nation. Upon election, Biden immediately set out to reverse everything Trump accomplished --- and he mostly succeeded --- to the very detriment of the poor and working class Democrats claim to champion. Tell me again how unaffordable grocery bills and sky-high gas and heating fuel prices help the poor and working class?

*Ed Henrie, Montrose*





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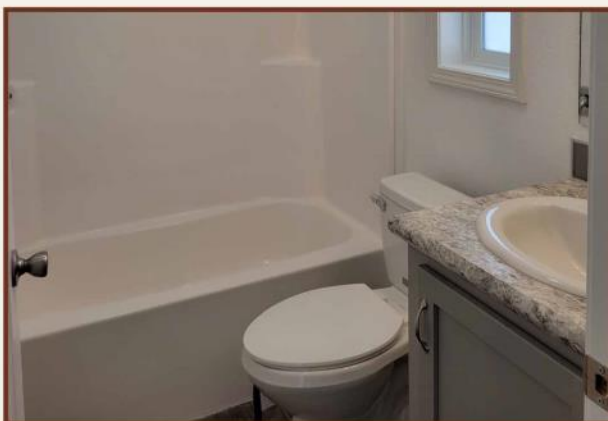
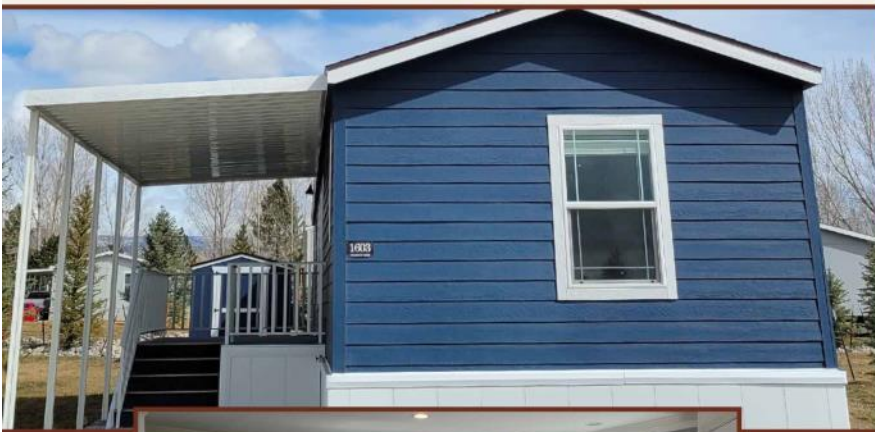


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*View from High Chaparral Subdivision looking up through Eagle Heights Subdivision to the top of the mesa – site of the proposed gravel pit.*



*View from 5950 road looking west up the mesa to existing gravel piles.*



*Damage to County Road 5960 from mesa run-off below the current 10-acre gravel pit.*

Dear Editor:

### Continued...again

On Monday, Mar. 6, the Montrose Board of County Commissioners did a good job questioning Matt Miles, the applicant of Special Use Permit SU22-013, about the proposed gravel pit on Franklin Mesa.

But there were so many questions and not enough time in the nearly three-hour meeting.

The applicant and his team of paid professionals and other people who will benefit from the pit changed their stories many times throughout the meeting – which caused even more questions and talk of additional studies and conditions. There were promises made by the applicant which cannot possibly be monitored over the 60-year life of the pit. In fact, the already listed 31 conditions will be an enforcement nightmare.

As it stands, the commissioners meet again Monday, Mar. 27 at 6 p.m. and once again there probably will be roughly 300 citizens in the Montrose Event Center, the vast majority opposing the proposed pit. You see, it's not just the removal of a little gravel that has this whole section of the

county up in arms.

The proposed site sits right above Eagle Heights subdivision in a scientifically documented landslide area. To the southeast is High Chaparral Subdivision, and across Maple Grove to the south and to the north off 5975 Road are several other subdivisions. In addition, there are numerous farmers and ranchers who live and work in the area, some whose families have been doing so for generations.

So, what this is about is the mining of a lot of gravel, the movement of a lot of large heavy trucks on narrow county roads, the industrial machinations of a concrete plant and the fumes from an asphalt plant, all extending over a period of 60 years.

The site is a little more than 500 feet from families with young children who will be inhaling dust and fumes while they are out riding their bikes and trikes. Were parents warned when they bought their homes that there would be an asphalt plant operating 13 hours a day above them – warnings either by this proposed pit landowner

or the county Board of Health (BOCC)? It is highly doubtful.

During the Mar. 6 meeting, commissioners pressed the applicant and his team about the stability of the mesa and the effect a changing water situation or seismic activity might have on that stability. The questions caused some funny moments.

When one commissioner asked if the stability of the mesa would be compromised by the mining operation or the changing water situation. "Theoretically..." the applicant's witness replied, the ground should become more stable or the ground water should not be affected at all, since the operations are required to stop a couple of feet above. The "theoretical" answers caused loud chuckles throughout the overwhelmingly skeptical audience.

The eastern edge of the mesa, nearly straight above Eagle Heights homes, will not be compromised, said another participant on the applicant's team, and the gravel will not be placed near the edge of the mesa which might compromise the stability. Interestingly enough, the current

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10-acre pit that was permitted by the county for use only on that agricultural land (a permit that was violated resulting in fines) has four mountains of gravel piled right on the edge of the mesa.

A simple walk down 5950 Road shows ground-water run-off pooling in the ditches directly below the current pit. The road is damaged and the culverts are plugged. I have been walking this area for many years and have not seen the natural springs do this amount of damage.

There are so many factual reasons to deny this permit I cannot cover them in one letter to the editor. I urge interested citizens to review the public comments re-

garding water usage, potential traffic hazards, threats to health, illegal spot zoning, and [much more](#). If the link does not work, go to the [montrosecounty.net](http://montrosecounty.net) website, board of county commissioners, upcoming meetings and agendas, and click on the Mar. 6 Meeting Minutes. It is not easy to find, but it has a list of the applicant's information as well as the public's submissions against the application. I also urge the county commissioners to follow county rules and regulations, the Planning Commission recommendation, the evidence presented that proves this gravel pit will not "promote the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity or wel-

fare" of the county citizens. Nor will it "foster, protect and encourage the continuation of this rich agricultural-based economy," as outlined in the county zoning regulations. And although the applicant, through his lawyer, has not allowed common sense to enter this discussion, please consider this: If you hire someone to draw up a slope monitoring plan to monitor potential landslide activity, maybe you should not be mining in the area.

Commissioners, please deny SU22-013 at the Mar. 27 meeting. No need for another continuance.

*Sincerely,*

*Connie Williams, Montrose*

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# A NATION RUN BY DESPOTS CANNOT SURVIVE

*Editor;*

Well, here we go again.....the hateful Democrats have failed every time in their pathetic witch hunt of President Trump, but ever since Trump first announced his presidency, the hostile Democrats have attacked him continuously with detestable hatred. The last six years they have spent \$millions of taxpayer money promoting lies of every kind about Trump. Right from the start Democrats were scared to death of Trump standing in their way of their plans for a Socialist/Communist takeover of the United States. The phony dog and pony show of the Jan 6 committee is one of many examples of the willingness of every Democrat and two Rino members to sacrifice their own political and personal reputation just to destroy a President who was extremely popular and patriotic, not traitorous like his pursuers. Now he is being legally harassed again about such a trivial matter as hush money to a prostitute! It's doubtful whether any Democrat could pass that test!

A nation run by despots cannot survive. This America is the only one in the world and there will never be another. Freedom is not free and once lost will be lost forever. Trump has endured incessant prosecutorial abuse for trying to save America while the Biden family has a pattern of deceiving America by receiving \$millions of illegal pay-off money from collusion with the Chinese Communists at the expense of the survival of America. If Democrats were honest about the necessity of raising everyone's taxes they would be investigating whether the Bidens are paying income taxes on their traitorous \$million illegal payoffs!! Oh no, they just want to go after the poor waitresses or small business owners. They like the easy targets. And what are the Bidens giving China in return? China is not just requesting a box of donuts on Sunday mornings or the score of the latest NBA game! No, China's

president is a thousand times smarter than our America-hating, corrupt, illegal occupant of the White House and they're getting their moneys worth!! They want any and all secret information they can get from our Democrat traitors in Washington, DC. and they're getting it. The Chinese spy balloon was allowed to traverse almost coast to coast over our many sensitive military installations. And Biden knew when that balloon left China, but acted dumb, which is easy for him. Joe Biden had classified documents at his home where Hunter Biden had access for accumulating information for China. Some documents went back to when Biden was a Senator. Communist China has given \$14 million to the Biden Penn Center through the University of Pennsylvania just since Biden took office and apparently they're getting their money's worth with Communist China having access. Just think, President Trump's residence was raided by the weapon-toting FBI, but they fell short finding anything illegal even though they tried by tampering with the evidence just like the other witch hunts, but corrupt Biden can commit treason at will in the open and everything is covered up. Look at the \$1.5 BILLION investment deal Hunter Biden negotiated with a bank of Communist China at the same time his father, Joe, was vice president and was negotiating U.S. policy with China. On at least one of those trips Hunter used Air Force Two with Joe Biden. Then there was the corruption scandal of Hunter's collusion with Burisma Holdings, a Ukrainian energy company when Joe was mediating U.S. policy towards Ukraine. He was paid \$50,000 per month as a board member with no experience. Then when Ukraine tried to investigate corruption of Burisma Holdings, Biden threatened to withhold \$1 billion in U.S. loan guarantees if Ukraine didn't fire the prosecutor investigating Burisma. It worked, Biden got the prosecutor fired.

Democrats have it all figured out. They know they can squander \$millions on shams and lies just to stay in power if they can fool their voters, which is proven not hard to do. While they're throwing away \$millions of taxpayer dollars trying to destroy Trump, their Leftist Marxist Attorneys General and DAs ignore the horrible crimes committed by repeat criminals and release them without bond when arrested and release them early when convicted. Those Leftists are blessed to receive Soros \$millions for their election campaigns. Soros Attorney General, Letitia James, vowed during her election campaign she would get Trump and then Soros Leftist hero DA, Alvin Bragg, thinks he is going to prosecute Trump! Ha!! Please do Alvin! Bring it on!!! So while they practice their sickness about getting Trump, they are releasing horrible repeat convicted felony criminals back on the street and releasing them without bond when arrested again. Case in point: In Oklahoma, a man was serving a 20-year sentence for drug crimes and was released early by Democrat governor Kevin Stitt. He was out for only one month when he broke into a woman's house, fatally stabbed her and took her heart. He then took her heart to the home of his aunt and uncle and four-year-old grandchild. The convict took the heart to the kitchen, cooked it and attempted to feed it to his relatives. Apparently that didn't work so he fatally stabbed his aunt and uncle and seriously injured the child. The killer was sent back to prison, not the death penalty, after pleading guilty to three counts of murder. This is the kind of insanity inflicted on America by Democrats!

By the way, be sure to watch Trump's first 2024 presidential rally this weekend in Texas on Newsmax tv or Right Side Broadcasting. He's not giving in to the criminal-loving Attorneys General or DAs!

*Jerry Bartholome, Montrose*

# COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

## MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICANS PARTICIPATE IN STATE GOP ELECTIONS

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE – Montrose County Republicans recently sent a contingency to participate in the Colorado Republican State Central Committee election of officers held in Loveland, Colorado. The six-person group included the Montrose GOP executive team and two bonus members from the local central committee. Their purpose is two-fold, to elect the State GOP executive board and elect corresponding multi-county district boards. Montrose GOP Chair Scott Riba, who attended the March 11 biennial reorganizational meeting, said the most contested race was for Chair of the State Central Committee. Seven candidates ran and after three ballots, Dave Williams was officially named State Party Chair. Priscilla Rahn was re-elected Vice-Chair, Secretary Anna Ferguson, and Treasurer Mike Benson. Elected as the Republican National Committee persons, Vera Ortegón and Randy Corporon. Biographical information for the Colorado Republican Party Officers can be found here, [ColoGOP](#). The Montrose GOP also participated in the elections for officers for Congressional District 3, Senate Districts 5 and 6, House District 58, and Judicial District 7. Montrose has four representatives on two different Districts: HD58 Chair Scott Riba, Secretary Lois Hogan, and JD7 Chair John “Mac” Felsing and Vice-Chair Charli Oswald. The purpose for

the multi-district boards is to designate or ratify district vacancy committees, to adopt or ratify district bylaws as required, and general administrative duties. Montrose GOP Chair Scott Riba gave his kudos

to the Montrose team for volunteering their time to make sure Montrose was well represented. Thanks also to Kay Heinschel and Sharon Mitchell for their participation in the full day event.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: EDUCATION

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## SHAUN PETER CASSIDY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Shaun was born in Montrose, CO, on December 24, 1987. This is where he grew up and attended preschool, elementary, middle, and high school. He was raised on his grandparents' farm, surrounded by his large family. He always loved playing various sports such as: soccer, football, baseball, and wrestling. He loved the outdoors, listening to music, and playing the drums; but most of all he loved hanging out with his family and friends. He would always be ready to lend a hand and was always there when you needed him the most. In high school, Shaun really enjoyed auto mechanics. This scholarship is established in Shaun's memory to help a deserving student who plans to further his or her education in the auto mechanics industry.

*~ What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone, but what is woven into the lives of others ~*

### Scholarship Description:

One scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 will be awarded to either a Montrose School District RE-1J high school graduating senior or to someone who has graduated within the past 2 years and plans to continue his or her education or training in the field of auto mechanics.

The scholarship can be used for any accredited vocational/technical program.

This scholarship will be offered annually.

Can be used for a Colorado or out of state school or accredited program

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Attachments:

Transcript

Resume'

Letter of Recommendation

Essay Question : Explain your financial need and why receiving this scholarship is important to your academic success.

Deadline for submitting application April 5

## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### MICHELE JEFFREY

***February 14, 1968-March 11, 2023***

On March 11, 2023, a bright beacon of light was sadly extinguished with the death of Michele Lynette (Werner) Jeffrey. Michele was badgered by cancer for 7 years before the disease ended her life at the age of 55. Throughout her health challenge she never lost her ability to positively affect the world and people around her.

She was born February 14, 1968, in Chanute, Kansas, the daughter of Martin "Pete" and Leona (Chandler) Werner.

Michele graduated from Chanute High School in 1986. She graduated from Crum's Beauty College in Manhattan and also attended Metropolitan State University in Denver, CO.

Michele found joy working within the arts. Her natural ability to coordinate color and space led her into a satisfying career that began with framing of art pieces and interior design accessories. She transitioned that start into a corporate art consultation business assisting with the acquisition and installations of art pieces for health care facilities, hotels and restaurants.

Her personal life revolved around generosity. Fostering and adopting three children, volunteering her time for veteran's groups, school activities, coaching kid's sports, educational surrogacy for the foster system and making sure many dogs had a home were just a few of the positive impacts Michele has left upon the world.

She enjoyed hosting parties and events for a good cause and just the pleasure of enjoying people.

She delighted in trips to Vegas, tailgating at football games, and travel of all sorts. She made sure the people she loved slowed down occasionally to appreciate the beauty all around us.

On October 17, 1987, in Chanute, Kansas, she was married to Scott Jeffrey. Scott survives of the home. Additional survivors include her three children: Andrea Jeffrey of Cleveland, OH, Kevin Jeffrey of Abilene, KS, and Christopher Jeffrey of Denver, CO; her mother Leona Werner of Chanute; her brother Martin "Marty" Werner and his wife Stacy; Scott's parents Gerry & Sharon Jeffrey; Scott's sister Kristal Forrester and her husband Wil; and one nephew Nolan Werner and one niece Hana Forrester.

Michele was preceded in death by her father Martin "Pete" Werner.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Reverend Dr. Dennis Ackerman officiating. Graveside services will be held at 11:30 A.M. Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute. There will be another celebration of her life for her friends in Montrose, Colorado, at the Bridges at 5 P.M. on March 30<sup>th</sup>, Michele would want everyone to be comfortable so please dress in casual attire.

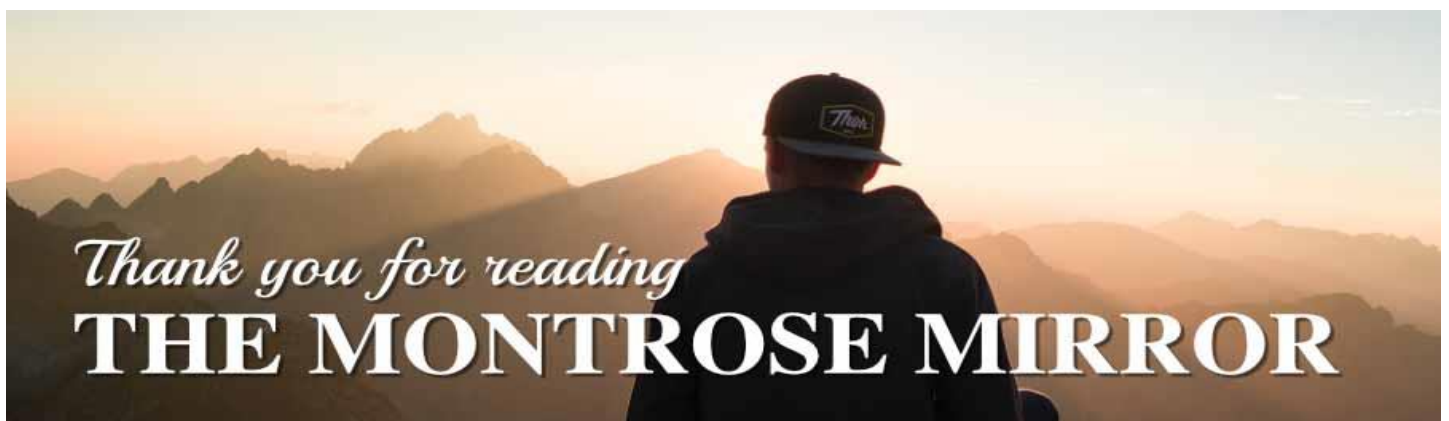
Online condolences may be left for the



family through the funeral home website at [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com).

The family request no flowers. Memorial contributions in Michele's memory to the American Cancer Society to Michele's fund to battle ovarian cancer may be made through the following link: <https://raiseyourway.donordrive.com/campaign/micheleswarrior>

The Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502, is assisting the family with arrangements.



## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### JOHN J. "JACK" PELOQUIN, 87 IMOGENE B. "JEAN" PELOQUIN, 91

Heaven can't wait – John J. "Jack" Peloquin passed away March 10, 2023 at 6:08 a.m. His beloved wife of 51 years, Imogene B. "Jean" Peloquin, followed him 12 hours later. It is truly a love story for the ages and they would not have wanted the ending written any other way.

John Peloquin was born in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin to Mederic and May Peloquin. He attended McDonnell High School in Chippewa Falls. John attended St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota earning bachelors of arts degrees in philosophy and chemistry. He attended Iowa State University where he earned a master of science in analytical chemistry. John had a combined service in the National Guard and Army Reserve from 1952 to 1960. John worked at Whitaker Corporation for many years and upon retirement from there became a consultant working in health, safety and environmental affairs. John enjoyed hunting, fishing and loved history and the Johnnies. John was conversant in most any topic and was an avid storyteller.

Imogene B. "Jean" Peloquin was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was raised by her father, Alfred C. Howell, and stepmother, Lorene Howell. She attended schools in Chicago, IL and Tulsa, Oklahoma. Though a lost art today, she won numerous awards for her beautiful penmanship. She worked

at Whitaker Corporation for a number of years as a solderer. Jean had two children, Charlene, who predeceased her, and Kenneth Huddleston of Dewey, Oklahoma.

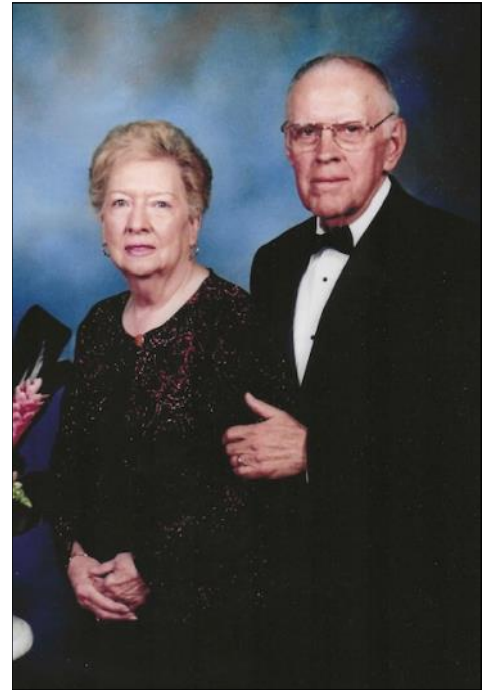
John and Jean lived in Aurora, Colorado and retired to Montrose. They had many fond memories of time spent at their property in Quartz Creek. They traveled extensively, with the Big Island of Hawaii being a favorite destination to which they returned many times over.

John and Jean were predeceased by Jean's beloved daughter, Charlene Huddleston, and brother-in-law, George Kornowske.

To mourn their loss are John's older sister, Donna M. Kornowske of Green Bay, Wisconsin; son, Kenneth Huddleston (Beverly) of Dewey, Oklahoma; nephews, Joseph G. Kornowske (Valerie) of Kent, Washington; Peter G. Kornowske (Diane) of Oak Park, Illinois; niece, Theresa M. Cook (David) of Memphis, Tennessee and a host of friends met along the way, including fellow Knights of Columbus and fellow Johnnies in the United States and beyond.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Barton and the staff of Valley Manor for their care and compassion as well as the team of Touch of Care Hospice for their support, and a heartfelt thank you to John's friend, Ralph, for his cherished friendship through the years.

The double funeral will be held Friday,



March 24 at 10 a.m. St. Mary's Catholic Church, Montrose, Colorado. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the church with burial immediately following at Cedar Creek Cemetery, with military honors for John J. Peloquin.

Memorials anyone wishes to make could be an extra prayer for John (Uncle Jack) and Jean that they are together forever, or St. Mary's Catholic Church or the Knights of Columbus, Montrose, Colorado.

## SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING



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ANONYMOUS CALL

## MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS

## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### STEPHEN E. STONE

***June 15, 1948 - March 5, 2023***



Stephen Stone passed away unexpectedly Sunday March 5 at 74 years old. Services will be held at the ELKS lodge 563 Main St, Delta, Colorado on March 18th, at 2pm in the auditorium. In lieu of flowers please send a donation to the Elks lodge in Delta, Colorado.

Stephen was born to Margaret and Preston Stone in Lubbock, Texas. As a young

child the family moved to Colorado where Steve was raised and lived his entire life. He graduated from Fruita Monument High School in 1967. Steve was an all-state football star. He was a member of the only football state championship team from Fruita high school in 1966. Steve was also a member of the marching band; he would play two quarters of football then play the drums at halftime. After high school he attended Mesa State College to continue playing football. He then entered the workforce after a few jobs he landed in the lumber business. With his gift of gab, storytelling, and his ability to listen made sales his passion. After sales he moved to management running businesses. He then landed at Cameron Ashley who he worked for 20 years and continued to work for until his passing. Steve was a member of the Elks in Delta; he loved to play the game of golf and joined the men's club at Devil's Thumb golf course. He ran and

played in many tournaments raising money for different causes and organizations. Steve loved the outdoors and ATV riding with his dog Sassy. Steve enjoyed hunting and fishing, something he passed on to his family.

Steve had a passion for coaching youth sports. He touched many young lives and was very successful coaching a Little League baseball team to a State Championship. Steve was a loving husband and father. Stephen is survived by his wife Joyce Stone, sons Brian (Amber) Stone from Grand Junction, CO, Justin (Tracy) Stone from Montrose, CO. Robby (Brandy) Hoover from Montrose, Randy Hoover from Hemet, CA, Ronald Lee (Ruth) Hoover from St. Louis, MO. Daughter Amanda (Richard) Alire from Grand Junction, CO. 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Crippin Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family. 970-249-2121

### CHARLES STANLEY LAWLEY

***December 2, 1950- March 12, 2023***

CHARLES STANLEY LAWLEY, age 72, passed away on March 12, 2023, at his residence in Montrose, Colorado. He was born Dec. 2nd, 1950, to Margaret and Charles Lawley in Henrietta OK Charley was a long-time employee of the North Jeffco Parks Dept. Charley had several hobbies including decades of auto racing, fishing, and camping. Charley was a simple man and did not aspire to gain materialistically but instead chose to cherish his family and friends. Charley is survived by his Stepmother Jeanne Mascher Siblings Rodger, Pam, Mark and Randy, Daughters Tracy Mar-

tinez, April McCrea, and Stacy Chism, several grandchildren and the loves of his life, His Great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister GiGi, and his only son Christopher. His family and friends will gather to celebrate Charley's life at the Olathe Fireman's Hall in Olathe CO. at 1pm on March 18th. Charley's family would like to thank the caregivers at Touch of Care for the daily care he received, and the nursing team and hospice staff at Touch of Care Hospice. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.



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## ART &amp; SOL

## YOUR BRAIN ON NATURE – CREATIVITY PART 1



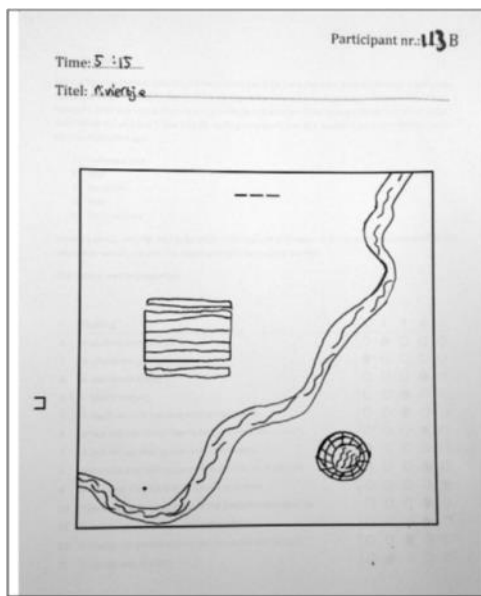
By Lauren Hall Rudell, Ph.D.

Greetings Mirrorites!

Today is the vernal equinox. It's a day that makes my heart sing, and allows me to pack up my small office treadmill until next winter. In addition to improved mood and the ability to take long goat walks, I find that my creativity explodes. Some days my head feels like it can't handle it all. Quite a contrast from my process just a few weeks before. Serious doldrums.

I know why this is, and that helps a bit. Regardless, in Olathe in winter, the daily grind is done in the absence of greenery, except for the house plants I now have in the interest of higge. Most soft fascination is absent, along with novelty, mystery, and the unexpected.

Szoloszi, Watson, & Ruddell, 2014 (not me, but rather my former partner) showed that nature imagery high in 'mystery' (i.e., scenes that give the impression that there is more to explore if one were to go into



the setting) enhanced cognitive performance by triggering perceptions of fascination. Mystery can elicit soft fascination, which can in turn spark divergent thinking, critical in creativity.

In support of this premise and finding, a Dutch bunch investigated two aspects of natural scenes that might be highly effective in boosting divergent thinking. Divergent thinking is part of the muse in oneself that looks at a cloud formation and sees a cluster of clowns cramming themselves into a Volkswagen, not just an atmospheric structure composed of moisture and nucleus forming particles (which of course it actually is). They wondered whether or not scenes with a measure of unpredictability and expanse would inspire greater



creativity and enhance divergent thinking. They showed participants 5 different kinds of scenes (2 sets of wild nature, 2 sets of gardened nature, and 1 set of highly urbanized vistas). The variables differed in being either expansive or unpredictable or both at once. They found a significant increase in perceptions of greater creativity than before the treatment, but actual performance differences for all nature scenes. The scenes that were both expansive and unpredictable yielded the greatest creativity jolt. It was interesting that the highly predictable, closed appearing formal gardening scenes were not rated any differently than the urban scenes. So for maximum creativity in the cranium, natural environments that offer a measure of

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# YOUR BRAIN ON NATURE – CREATIVITY PART 1

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mystery and uncertainty as well as extent and a view to a distant horizon are the best bang for the aspiring artist's buck. Or anyone, really. So these researchers demonstrated that participants felt that something had happened in their brains after time spent viewing pleasing natural scenes with extent (as in the way extent is defined in Attention Restoration Theory, see earlier Mirror articles), mystery, and unpredictability. But what is the specific mechanism inside the noggin?

It appears to be a matter of right-brain/left-brain functionality. The idea that the hemispheres are very separate from each other was debunked long ago. There is plenty of cross-talk between them that informs our perceptions, performance, and even personalities. Still, it has become apparent through modern techniques of brain measurement that the halves do have specialties. The left brain is *generally* most active for logic tasks, and parts of the right brain do seem to fire up in the presence of inspiring scenes and situa-

tions. For instance, a German team found that participants who spent more hours outdoors than an indoor comparison group exhibited *higher grey matter volume* in a portion of the right prefrontal cortex associated with creativity.

The Dutch group was savvy enough to test not just perceptions of creativity, but actual production. The high schoolers involved were asked to draw scenes that used predetermined geometric shapes and to incorporate those into a drawing. As you can see in the example below, urban scenes inspired these kids to draw like the scene on the left in the allotted 15 minutes. The natural high spaciousness/high unpredictability scenes led to the masterpieces on the right, crafted in the same amount of time. So for those of you who claim you can't draw, you may simply need more time in nature. And one thing we have plenty of around here is spacious views and unpredictable nature.

It does take time for this effect to take hold and result in a permanent increase in

creativity. The Germans found that it seems to take about 8 months of consistent nature exposure for this thickening of the cortex to occur. That may be why I struggle to feel inspired from January until the vernal equinox. Despite all of my indoor exercise, after the autumnal equinox I have lost little grey cells over the winter in a part of the brain responsible for creative, divergent thinking. It may also be why after a late spring hike on the ditch road with a panoramic view of the Uncompahgre Valley (plenty of expanse), I find new inspiration for book and article ideas after that walk. Ideas that eluded me for months now seem like, well duh, of course that would make an excellent article! Immersing my right brain in expansive nature, where the unexpected can take place, apparently causes the scales to fall from my eyes and it would probably have the same effect on you as well.

Be well, get creative, and get outside to gaze at the San Juans whenever you can. Your inner Banksy awaits.

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# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

## ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Anglican Church in North America

**Address:** 2057 S. Townsend, Montrose, CO 81401

**Office Hours:** Varies and by appointment

**Contact Information:** (970) 249-2451

<https://www.allsaintsmontrose.org/> Priest:

The Rev Gary L. Way, Interim Priest Worship Service Times: Sunday, 9AM, Holy Eucharist. Wednesdays, 11AM Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing.

Wednesday, Noon, Multi-denominational Community Prayer Hour. There are multiple Bible Studies during the week. All Saints Anglican Church is Biblical, Anglican and Orthodox. The Liturgy (order of service) is from the Anglican Church in North America Book of Common Prayer (2019). Music is a combination of traditional hymns, contemporary, and more modern songs. Children's Christian Education Program is conducted during the 9AM service. This is a family-

sized church that welcomes all individuals and families. We are currently comprised of families and singles, ages 13 to 90. Fellowship time follows each Sunday Service with a fellowship meal following the service on the 3d Sunday. Welcome home to a family celebrating Christ, in fellowship, growing in the truth of God's Word, with worship in the Anglican tradition.

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Pastor Gabe Skillo

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Sunday 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer 7 p.m.

## 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](http://www.montroselutheran.org)

**Email:** [montroselutheran@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mncfirst@gmail.com), [www.montrosenazarenechurch.org](http://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, in-

[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 another*

*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](mailto:office@montroseucc.org)

Website: [montroseucc.org](http://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.

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## 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](mailto:office@montroseumc.org), [mont-](http://montroseumc.org)

[montroseumc.org](http://montroseumc.org)

**Current Senior Pastor:** Rev. Kevin Young

**Worship service times:**

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual

9:45 a.m. Christian Education & Fellowship

11 a.m. 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.

## ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

**Affiliation:** Southern Baptist

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

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

**Contact information:**

Phone: 970.249.4887

website: [www.RosemontBaptist.org](http://www.RosemontBaptist.org)

email: [office@rosemontbaptist.org](mailto: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](mailto:arlyn@spiritaware.org),

[www.spiritaware.org](http://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](mailto:summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com)

website: [www.summitchurchmontrose.org](http://www.summitchurchmontrose.org)

**Name of current Senior Pastor:** John De-

Sario

**Worship service times:** Sunday Worship is at 9 am followed by a time of fellowship and snacks. 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.

## MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

### 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](mailto:info@vbcmontrose.org); website: [vbcmontrose.org](http://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.

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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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### DEMS DONATE CORNED BEEF TO SHEPHERD'S HAND, CUB SCOUT CROSSOVER CEREMONY



#### Special to the Mirror

**MONTROSE**—Montrose County Democratic Party giving a helping hand donating Corned Beef, so folks at Shepherds Hand can celebrate St. Patty's. Montrose County Dem Outreach Committee members Vera Pringle and Phoebe Benziger Shepherds Hand Gary Martinez and John Smith. Courtesy photo.



#### Special to the Mirror

**MONTROSE**—The annual Cub Scout crossover ceremony of Pack 491 was held this last Tuesday evening at the First Presbyterian Church in Montrose. The elaborate ceremony recognized eight Cub Scouts being elevated as Scouts to regular Scouts BSA troops. The public ceremony was conducted by the Mic-O-Say chapter of Scouting's honorary brotherhood of the Order of the Arrow. Key elements of the ceremony were a replica crossover bridge, an Indian teepee, and ceremonial arrows presented to each of the transitioning Cub Scouts through their parents. All were expected to transfer to the First Presbyterian Church Troop 491, with one girl joining the first girl troop of 491. These youth groups are open to all community youth interested in both outdoor activities, as well as learning many skills and pursuing leadership opportunities. Ready, Set, Scout! An Access to Amazing Adventures Join Today @ [scoutingcolorado.org](https://scoutingcolorado.org)

## STEVE FITZHUGH WILL BE SPECIAL GUEST AT THE ANNUAL MONTROSE AREA FCA NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS SPRING FUNDRAISING EVENT

#### Special to Art & Sol

**MONTROSE**— On Saturday, April 29 in Montrose, CO, Mr. Steve Fitzhugh will be our special guest at the Annual Montrose Area FCA Night of Champions Spring Fundraising Event. This event is free to attend, but online registration is required: <https://montroseareafca.org/montrose-banquet>. We expect this event to be full. The Montrose Area FCA Night of Champions event will be held at the Montrose Christian Church on Sunnyside Road in Montrose. Doors open at 5:30pm. This event will have a robust silent and live auction for all to bid on. Each Night of Champions will host a VIP reception for our underwriters that will include meeting our special guests. To become an event sponsor, please contact Geoff Ila at 970.209.5133 or [gila@fca.org](mailto:gila@fca.org). Details to underwrite a table for 8 people and gain entrance to

the VIP reception are provided on the website. Steve Fitzhugh is a former NFL Defensive Back for the Denver Broncos, motivational speaker, and professional communicator dedicated to championing young people. His timeless stories of life in the National Football League serves as the perfect platform to motivate and inspire. Steve is a Certified NFL Transition Coach and consults NFL Rookies and Veterans on behalf of the NFL Player Engagement office. He is also an NFL alumni spokesperson for Tony Dungy's All Pro Dads and a Chaplain To The Pro's. **Mr. Fitzhugh** travels throughout America challenging, motivating, and empowering students on college campuses with clever and engaging presentations that revolutionize young adult lives.

Come enjoy a fun night of faith, fellowship, and good food. Join us for what

promises to be an exciting and encouraging evening as we hear what is happening in the lives of coaches, athletes, and students in our community. Feel free to invite any adult who might be interested in being a part of this special event and learning more about all that is going on with FCA in the Montrose Area. Because seating is limited, reservations are required. An opportunity for a tax-deductible financial investment will be provided. Formal attire is requested. Individual tickets are free. Childcare is provided but please register online.

Reservations can be made at: <https://montroseareafca.org/montrose-banquet>  
**Dates:** Saturday, April 29, 2023

Silent Auction begins, and doors open at 5:30pm. Silent auction ends at 8pm. Banquet begins at 6:30 PM. Live auction begins at 8:10pm. Banquet ends at 9pm.

## "Rocky Mountain Cravings"

Carole Ann McKelvey, Food Editor



## THERE'S SOMETHING GNARLY IN RIDGWAY-- GO GET SOME!

By Carole Ann McKelvey

RIDGWAY -- Gnar in Ridgway is more than worth the trip. This gourmet taco/fusion restaurant is a local favorite and folks come from far and wide to have the experience.

My son, Ian, and I stopped by to sample a few of the tacos and he exclaimed "this is way beyond drive-through taco joints!" Gnarly it is and the space is along the main Ridgway road (145) through town. Expect to stand in line! Lots of atmosphere here plus beer and margs.

Ian ordered the Lambrizo taco (lamb sausage, flour tortilla, Rocket greens, cabbage, ginger mayo, pineapple salsa, coconut curry aioli and chives). Pronounced it amazing. He also had an Irie Shrimp taco (tempura shrimp, flour tortilla, Rocket greens, cabbage, champagne vin habanero

aioli, pineapple salsa and chives) By the way he devoured it, I wish I had ordered. Washed it down with a coke.

Me, I had a Yardcore taco (grilled chicken thighs, flour tortilla, tater tots, queso blanco, cabbage Rick Ross sauce, pico and crispy carrots). Oh my God! So yummy! I had a side order of Kool beans with pieces of pork and mixed beans, kinda spicy, but just right. Of course, knowing me you know I washed mine down with a delicious margarita (no salt please). House margaritas here are refreshingly sour, not too sweet. I would come back and have the same thing, over and over.

Other ala carte taco offerings: Dragon broccoli; Korean BBQ; Luca brah; Elk; Drippy Mitch; Avo; Buffalo Chick; Ahi tuna; & bean and queso fresco taco with cheese tots, single bean 5.50, 2 bean din-

ner \$7. (Tacos range from \$5.50-5.75)

Don't forget to look at the sides:

Salads: Gnarly salad (with a choice of rare Ahi tuna or tempura portobello) \$13.25; Power Ballard (with grilled jerk portobello) \$13.25; AGT salad (ancient grains tsnoulrh\$6.25; Kids: chick & queso (single chicken \$5.50. 2 chick dinner \$7; Chips and salsa, \$5; Local nacho, \$10; queso blanco, \$6.50; Sketchy fries, \$6.00; Cheese tots \$5.25; Kool beans \$5.50.

You have to try this place!

Gnar is located at 630 Sherman St., Ridgway. Call 970-626-9715. Closed Sunday and Monday. Open Tuesday – Saturday 11 am – 9 pm



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### **VFC (VACCINES FOR CHILDREN)**

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### **340b**

The 340b Drug Pricing Program is a US federal government program created in 1992 that requires drug manufacturers to provide outpatient drugs to eligible health care organizations and covered entities at significantly reduced prices.

**CITY MARKET SOUTH**

16400 South Townsend Ave Montrose  
(970) 240-1994 **340B PARTICIPANT**  
Register Online

Flu	Shingles
Pneumonia	MMR
Tdap	Rabies
Meningococcus	Polio
Chickenpox	Japanese Encephalitis
Hep A	Hep B
	COVID-19

**WALGREENS**

2351 South Townsend Ave Montrose  
(970) 252-1743  
Register Online

Flu	Shingles
Pneumonia	HPV
Tdap	MMR
Td or DT	Rabies
Meningitis	Polio
Varicella	Japanese Encephalitis
Hep A	Typhoid
Hep B	Hep A/Hep B
	COVID-19 (Moderna)

**CVS (IN TARGET)**

3530 Wolverine Dr Montrose  
(970) 497-8981  
Register online

Flu	MMR
Hep A	Tdap
Hep B	Varicella
Hep A/Hep B	Pneumococcal
HPV	Meningococcal
Shingles	Hep A/Hep B
Typhoid	Japanese Encephalitis
Polio, adult	COVID-19 (Pfizer & J)

**CITY MARKET NORTH**

128 South Townsend Ave Montrose  
(970) 249-2064 **340B PARTICIPANT**  
Register Online

Flu	Shingles
Pneumonia	MMR
Tdap	Rabies
Meningococcus	Polio
Chickenpox	Japanese Encephalitis
Hep A	Hep B
	COVID-19

**SAFEWAY**

1329 South Townsend Ave Montrose  
(970) 249-1160 **340B PARTICIPANT**  
Register online

Flu	Shingles
Pneumonia	Tetanus
HPV	Pertussis
MMR	Meningitis
Hep A	Hep B
	COVID-19

**WALMART**

16750 South Townsend Ave Montrose  
(970) 249-7742  
Walk-in's welcome

Flu	Hep A & Hep B
Shingles	IPV
Tdap	Varicella
Td	Pneumococcal
MMR	Meningococcal
	COVID-19 (Moderna & J)

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112 Village Square West Ridgway  
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Flu	Pneumonia
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Please note that this list is not exhaustive and is not an endorsement of any pharmacy or provider. Visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines) for the latest recommendations. Please contact your Pharmacy or Provider to confirm availability of vaccines. Montrose County Public Health will not provide immunizations after June 30th, 2020. Last Updated 7-25-2022.



By Carole Ann McKelvey

RIDGWAY -- On a recent evening my son and I joined others enjoying this little bit of paradise. We settled in for what can be honestly described as some of the best Thai food to be found.

Oh, the Pad Thai, the Jasmine brown rice, salads, curries, Royal Orchids Asian lettuce wraps, soups, and traditional Thai dishes -- all served with the utmost hospitality and attention.

Rave reviews about Thai Paradise have come from those visiting from as far away as Los Angeles, Washington, Texas, New York. And Montrose, Colorado.

Not being too hungry we each ordered a simple meal. If you like spicy you have a choice of mild, medium, hot and super-hot. Having the medium I can't really imagine how you would want to go beyond that without killing the other nuances of these dishes. But then, I've told you before I'm a wimp; my son pronounced his dish "just right."

Ian had the Pad Thai (Thai noodle dish with pan-fried noodles with egg, bean sprouts, scallions and peanuts). With veggie/tofu, \$12.95; choice of beef, chicken

or pork, \$15.95; with shrimp, scallops or squid, \$17.95 or with organic chicken, \$18.95.

Me, I chose to try the traditional Thai dish Mixed Vegetable Delight (broccoli, carrots, string beans, baby corn, pineapple and Napa cabbage in brown sauce). Ordering is simple here: you choose to have the dish vegetarian (or with tofu) and dishes cost from \$13.95 - \$18.95.

We indulged and ended our meal with Thai mango custard, with sweet sticky rice and special coconut milk cream sauce and mango slices. So yummy!

#### House Specials:

Seafood delight; Yum Ta-Lay; Yum Po Nim; King and I; Garlic Ginger -- \$23.95.

#### Noodles/Fried Rice:

Pad Thai; Pad Se-Ewe; Drunken Noodle; Thai Lo Mein; Khao-Pad; Basil, Fried Rice; Pineapple Fried Rice -- \$12.95-18.95.

#### Authentic Thai Curry:

Red Curry; Green Curry; Massaan Curry; Panang Curry; Jungle Curry; Yellow Curry; Banana Curry; and Mango Curry -- \$13.95-18.95.

Do get in the car right now and drive to Ridgway for a little piece of paradise. I'm

## TASTE A LITTLE BIT OF PARADISE AT RIDGWAY'S THAI PARADISE



telling you . . .

Thai Paradise is at 146 N. Cora St. in Ridgway; open Monday-Friday for lunch from 11 am to 2 pm and daily for dinner from 5 to 9 pm. They also feature a To Go menu by calling 970-626-2742, but then you'd miss the ambiance.

This column welcomes readers' suggestions on places to visit and review, from Delta to Montrose, Ouray and Ridgway. Please write to [edi-tor@montrosemirror.com](mailto:editor@montrosemirror.com) with your suggestions. We'll see you there!

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## ONGOING-

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**GROUP MINDFUL MEDITATION SESSION** to help you sustain and grow your practice with others. Every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm at New Leaf Studio 220 N Stough Ave in Montrose.

**MONTH OF MARCH: SOLES4SOULS PROJECT** collecting new, single, and gently worn shoes at Lions Park Community Building, 602 N. Nevada, Sundays only from 9:00 am to Noon; 525 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Weekdays; and Geek Coffee, 2305 S. Townsend Avenue, next to DMV, Weekdays, 7 am to 3 pm. Sponsored by the Spiritual Awareness Center, 970-252-0908.

**MONTROSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY** meets 1st Wednesday of the month @ Montrose Events Center, 1036 No 7th Street 7 pm (970) 249-2085 [www.montrosehistory.org](http://www.montrosehistory.org)

**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](mailto:aheadaviation@outlook.com)

**GREATER MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS** – 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](mailto:evebeckerdoyle@icloud.com)

**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. We gather at 10-11:30 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. An infant scale will also be available to check your baby's weight. Breastfeeding Support Group (Bring your questions and your family!) Montrose County Event Center (1036 North 7th Street Room 3) 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** welcomes local practitioners, who focus on healing the whole being. Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month and both are from Noon-1 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](mailto: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

**March 27**--On Monday, March 27 at 1p.m. Gunnison author Dave Primus will discuss his new book "Beneath Blue Mesa: The Gunnison River Valley Before the Reservoir", at the Warrior Resource Center, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way. The program will include historic photos of towns, resorts/hotels and ranches that once existed along this 23-mile stretch of the Gunnison River. The public is welcome to this event sponsored by the Montrose Genealogy Center.

**April 5**-Passover Seder at Covenant Hebraic Fellowship for Everybody. Did you know that Jesus is all through the Passover seder? If you would like to find out, please join us on Wednesday, April 5 at 5PM or have questions, please call 720-951-9941. Directions will be given.

**April 9**-Rosemont Baptist Church Easter Sunday Service on April 9 at 10:45am. There will be a special Children's Easter service at the same time. Join us to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior! Rosemont Baptist Church 1598 E. Niagara Rd. Montrose, CO. 81401

**April 29**-- On Saturday, April 29 Steve Fitzhugh will be special guest at the Annual Montrose Area FCA Night of Champions Spring Fundraising Event at Montrose Christian Church (2351 Sunnyside Rd, Montrose ). This event is free to attend, but online registration is required: <https://montroseareafca.org/montrose-banquet> because seating is limited. An opportunity for a tax-deductible financial investment will be provided. Formal attire is requested. Individual tickets are free. Childcare is provided but please register online. Reservations can be made at: <https://montroseareafca.org/montrose-banquet> Silent Auction begins, and doors open at 5:30pm. Silent auction ends at 8pm. Banquet begins at 6:30 PM. Live auction begins at 8:10pm. Banquet ends at 9pm.

**June 24**-Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans will host their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Sings USA Concert in Montrose on June 24, 2023. This benefit concert will help fund the continuation of Freedom Sings USA Colorado, who will open for county music headliner HunterGirl at the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater at Cerise Park. Contact Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans at 970-765-2210 for more information.

Contact the Montrose Mirror:  
970-275-0646

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