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BOCC VOTES TO DENY FARM ROAD SOURCE PIT SPECIAL USE



On March 27, approximately 250 citizens attended a special BOCC meeting at the Montrose County Event Center concerning the Farm Road Source Pit Special Use [SU22-013]. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-On Monday, March 27 the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) held a special meeting at the Montrose County Event Center. The evening meeting, a continuation from the March 6 meeting, was a hearing on the Farm Road Source Pit Special Use [SU22-013]. Approximately 250 citizens attended the two-hour session. The audio recording is available at <https://www.montrosecounty.net/390/Agendas-Minutes-Upcoming-Board-Meetings>

Although the commissioners asked questions and made clarifying inquiries from the previous hearing, public comments were limited to three documents submitted by the applicant following the last hearing. It was noted that four documents were listed on

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CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TIM VIGIL DEPARTS DMEA

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The March 28 Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. Bill Patterson was absent; all other current board members were in attendance. The resignation of Director Ken Watson leaves the District 4 seat vacant.

The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening meeting prayer, determination of a quorum, and approval of the consent agenda (Membership & Meter Report and Minutes from the February Regular Board Meeting).

DMEA co-op members are afforded an opportunity to speak during Member Comments, which for this meeting were scheduled for 5 p.m.

Introductions:

Sarah Abbott (colleague of DMEA Attorney Jeff Hurd), member Kent Cloward (Delta) attended in-person, and member Mike Atwood (Paonia) attended via Zoom.

Board President Kyle Martinez



During the DMEA board meeting held of March 28, the Montrose Veterans Memorial Coalition requested a donation to help fund the proposed Montrose Veterans Plaza. (L to R) Veterans Coalition President Les Williams, Commander of the American Legion and coalition board member David Vergamini, and VFW Commander and Chair of the coalition J. Bob Brueske. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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FATAL OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN CRAIG

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MOFFAT COUNTY— THE Colorado Bureau of Investigation is assisting with a fatal officer-involved shooting in Moffat County on Friday. On Friday, March 31, 2023, at approximately 8:58 a.m., officers from the Craig Police Department (CPD) attempted to make contact with an adult male outside the Cool Water Grille at 337 W. Victory Way in Craig. The suspect, who was wanted on an outstanding warrant, ran from the officers.

When Craig Police officers and Moffat County Sheriff's deputies approached the suspect, he produced a firearm and fled. Officers fired on the suspect, striking him. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to the hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased.

No other community members or officers were injured in this incident, and there is no ongoing threat to the public. One CPD officer has been placed on administrative leave for the investigation of the shooting, per CPD's policy.

In accordance with Colorado Revised Statute 16-2.5-301, the 14th Judicial Critical Incident Response Team is the lead investigative agency for this shooting. This is an ongoing investigation and information will be released as appropriate. All updates, with the exception of naming the involved officer, will come from the CIRT.

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STORM KING DISTILLING CO'S SIDE GIG WHISKEY NAMED 'WORLD'S BEST AMERICAN WHISKEY'

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MONTROSE- On Thursday, March 30, Storm King Distilling Company's Side Gig Whiskey was named World's Best American Whiskey by Whisky Magazine at the 2023 World Whiskies Awards in London at The Merchant Taylors' Hall. This year's announcement represents the culmination of a rigorous blind-judging process that saw more than 200 expert judges from around the globe assess more than 1500 different whiskeys from over 40 countries. The World's Best whiskeys represent the top 1.46% of all entries.

David Fishing, Co-founder and Head Distiller, said: "We are extremely excited about this award and honored to be among such an amazing class of whiskey makers. As a family-owned business and one that takes pride in the provenance of our products, we have made it a priority to work with Colorado farmers in making a true, 100% Colorado whiskey. Not only is our whiskey a testament to our skills at the distillery, but it also showcases the quality and unique terroir being cultivated by Colorado growers. Our Side Gig expression has been a fun project, as it ends up being the home for many of the single grain, and single barrel, experiments that we have distilled and aged onsite since 2018. The whiskey has been a huge hit in our market as it balances itself between more traditional flavor profiles like a bourbon, rye, or wheat whiskey, and something your palate hasn't experienced before."

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MONTROSE-Montrose County Road and Bridge will close Marine Road at LaSalle Road and L Road on April 3 for a culvert replacement project. The closure is anticipated to last three days depending on weather conditions. Motorists are asked to use an alternate route during this time. For more information on road closures, please visit montrosecounty.net.



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SUSPECT WHO FIRED ON MCSO DEPUTIES TO BE CHARGED

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-The suspect who opened fire on local Sheriff's Deputies with a long-barrelled gun over the weekend has been hospitalized with injuries and has not yet been charged with a crime or booked, Montrose County Sheriff Gene Lillard said.

The original call for help came from a female, Lillard said, and deputies responded to a disturbance involving a firearm the 62000 block of Jig Road.

"Our deputies were met with a volley of gunfire," Lillard said. "The suspect opened up with a long-barrelled weapon."

Deputies returned fire, Lillard said, and were able to incapacitate the suspect. Emergency first aid was administered.

The suspect was transported to Montrose Regional Hospital, and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and Critical Incident Team are working on charges.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

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I am writing to highlight the dangers of banning or restricting books with LGBTQ-related content in libraries. This is a form of censorship and repression of knowledge that denies open and honest debate about these issues.

Recently, news has emerged of attempts to ban books in libraries across the country due to their LGBTQ-affirming messages. As a result, such books are being removed from library shelves, preventing people from accessing vital information about the experiences and stories of the LGBTQ community.

Opponents of these progressive books may suggest that they are immoral or too explicit for children to read, but LGBTQ issues are very real and relevant, regardless of an individual's opinion on them. To deny access to such books not only stifles progress and dialogue, but it also denies the opportunity to learn more about the diverse array of sexual orientations and gender identities that exist today.

In addition, attempts to ban such books infringe on our right to information and freedom of expression. Libraries are a place of learning, but when we begin to suppress certain types of books, we are limiting access to new ideas and free thought.

It is my hope that our library and other institutions support the freedom of expression and maintain the rights of individuals to read whatever books they choose.

Sincerely,

Ryan Hyle, Montrose

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said, "We have a member of our team leaving. Tim [Vigil] is on to new and bigger things. He is leaving the State and going down south."

Chief Operating Officer (COO) Vigil said, "I've enjoyed working with everyone and the things I've learned."

Board Committee Reports:

Finance-Audit-Rate Committee (FAR) – Damon Lockhart, Chair.

Lockhart said, "We did not have a meeting."

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

Cannon said, "We did not meet."

Member Relations Committee – Bill Patterson, Chair.

In Patterson's absence Martinez said, "No meeting." It was noted the venue for the Annual Meeting would be Cedaredge High School.

Executive Committee – Kyle Martinez, Chair.

Martinez said, "We met last Wednesday. It revolved around the District 4 open seat. We had 10 candidates and narrowed it down to four that we will interview. It was a two-hour meeting with the full board present. The person we appoint will finish out Ken Watson's term and then stand for re-election in 2025."

Non-Privileged CEO Report – CEO Jack Johnston.

Johnston recapped the Power Exchange conference, gave a grant funding update, and reported on staff time spent on policy reviews for admin, the board, and employees. A strategic planning session is scheduled for August and Johnston suggested the board not have an outside facilitator, but rather handle the session in-house. Jock Fleming said, "Not to be the negative guy...I'd like to have an outside firm. I'd feel like it could be a staff biased approach [without an outside firm]."

Johnston said, "Anyone external will start from scratch. Maybe every two or three years we could do an external. This could be a review [of the current strategic plan]; not a new strategic planning session."

On the topic of Engineering, Johnston said, "There were no near-misses. We've had flagger training for all staff. We're four weeks out on new jobs for custom design."



The Montrose Recreation District (MRD) requested a \$40,000 donation to be used for ongoing programming in the new Flex Rec facility, or to backfill the capital improvement fund. (Standing L to R) MRD Executive Director Mari Steinbach, Community Outreach Wade Plous-sard, and Grant Specialist/Data Analyst Astro Ball. Photo by Gail Marvel.

The board asked questions about the status of the Bullock Substation, supply delays, major outages (better than 2022), and Charge Point (usage continues to rise). Johnston touched briefly on the Fire Suppression System, Vegetation Management, Cyber Security (vulnerability and strength), recent high school field trips, and CRS (Customer Service Representative) telephone call rate. Johnston said, "We now have 126 employees. We added one lineman in Montrose, so we will be fully staffed at 131."

Financial Report with Variance Report – Gayle Gouker, CFO.

Gouker said, "For February margins were \$2.1 M. Revenue is three percent higher than a year ago, that's based on usage. Gross margins \$7.2 M, total operating expenses \$2.8 M. Operating expenses, nothing is unexpected."

Non-Privileged Legal Report – Jeff Hurd, Attorney. Hurd said, "Some of the work we've done is on the Ken Watson vacancy. We have some highly qualified candidates. One individual has submitted [documents] for the June election. We worked on lease agreements, various corporate matters, board policy issues, fiber grant issues."

We've had a positive resolution to a possible litigation matter that I'll discuss in executive session. The State legislative session, there are a number of issues and bills that we are staying on top of; that takes up legal time. I'll discuss the rest of my report in executive session."

Representative Reports

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

Fleming said, "We didn't meet, so I have no report."

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

Lockhart said, "We met February 22nd. Legislative is obviously the biggest piece. We're on bills that we are supporting or that we are monitoring. There is a lot going on. They have \$1.2M in the cash account and are considering investing \$750,000." CREA serves 23 co-ops.

Conference, Webinar, etc. Attendance Reports

Kevin Williams reported on a webinar for financial training, Kyle Martinez was interviewed and quoted in the magazine *Successful Farming*, and Stacia Cannon reported on the Power Exchange Conference held in Nashville, Tenn.

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Informational Item:

Board Recall Policy

Background: Earlier in the year a co-op member contacted Directors Williams and Fleming with questions on how to recall a board member. The DMEA Bylaws (Article 4.8; 1.a, 1.b, 1.c, 1. d) address recalls; however, they are not clear on the mechanisms for a recall.

Hurd said, "The mechanics in the Bylaws spell out the process, but it's missing the details." Previous changes suggested by the board included omitting the need for an account number on a petition, joint accounts get one vote, and collectors of signatures on petitions must be a DMEA member. Hurd said, "This is not replacing a policy, but a new policy." Policy # 119 was approved unanimously.

Member Comments

There were no member comments.

Donation Request from Veteran Memorial Plaza

Previously the Veterans Coalition had submitted an application for an in-kind donation from DMEA. However, since that time the location for the Memorial Plaza shifted and there is now no longer a need to relocate a powerline. A new donation application request for \$50,000 was submitted.

Veterans Coalition President Les Williams said, "We are raising money and doing a lot of good things. We're here to tell you where we are, where we've come from, and our goal." The Montrose Veterans Memorial Plaza, which will be located at Cerise Park, will honor veterans from all wars and eras (WW I, WW II, Korean War, Vietnam War and the Global War on Terror), and is supported by the local chapters of Disabled American Veterans (DAV), American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and in cooperation with the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans. Contact information call 970-765-2210, or email montrosevmc@gmail.com. The project will be built in two phases. Phase One, the complete memorial project, will cost \$640,000. Phase Two will add a suspended helicopter atop an arched base and cost an additional \$300,000. Williams said, "We are not doing advertising to speak of. This is all funded by donations,

not from the tax base. This is not on the backs of taxpayers. It's a bold project and needs bold investment. We are asking for your consideration of \$50,000 to do things for the community and for veterans."

VFW Commander and Chair of the coalition J. Bob Brueske showed the board a sample of the fund raising engraved 4 X 8-inch memorial bricks that can be obtained through donations. He said, "We'll have a ceremony and donors can lay the brick themselves of the veteran they are honoring."

The board took the donation request into executive session.

Thank you from Bright Beginnings/Maslow Academy

Background: During the December 2022 board meeting Chrissy Simmons, Executive Director of Bright Beginnings/Maslow Academy, submitted a donation request for their organization's expansion at Colorado Outdoors. The DMEA board approved the allocation of \$30,000 from the unclaimed capital credit fund to the Maslow Academy of Applied Learning. Simmons returned during this meeting to thank the board for their support, "We opened on January 4th. Thank you!"

Donation Request from Montrose Recreation District (MRD)

MRD Executive Director Mari Steinbach, Grant Specialist/Data Analyst Astro Ball, and Community Outreach Wade Plousard's requests for \$40,000 was in the category of education and community investment. The MRD recently expanded into the Flex Rec, a 5,500 square foot facility located in Colorado Outdoors. Steinbach said, "This is for outdoor recreation, education, and rec opportunities. We are leveraging partnerships, a community hub where people come and get invested in rec. The rec [center] on the south side of town is very far away from some of our folks. Around Colorado Outdoors there are 10,000 residents that are underserved. We've never been part of economic development. This allows us to leverage funds. The city has given us \$200,000, Colorado Outdoors has given us \$200,000, we have grant funding [\$200,000 from MRD capital improvement fund]."

Currently Flex Rec, which has been open since February, has 25 members. The new site will allow MRD to expand outdoor activities —fly tying, rafting, mountain biking, outdoor climbing, and aerial arts. There are plans to build a park behind the Flex Rec facility. Ball said, "This is specifically for the folks on the north side of town. The [DMEA] donation could be to fund ongoing programs or backfill the capital improvement funds." The total cost for the Flex Rec was \$800,000.

The board took the donation request into executive session.

Future Meetings

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. on April 25, 2023.

Executive Session

- Privileged CEO Report
- Discussion on Deferred Revenue
- Privileged Legal Reports: Corporate, Litigation, and Regulatory Matters including Legal Bills
- Review Donation Requests

Action Items from Executive Session

Executive Session Summary —Amy Taylor, Executive Assistant. In an email Taylor summarized the executive session, "At 6 p.m., upon motion from Director Fleming, seconded by Director Lockhart, the board unanimously approved to enter executive session to receive a privileged CEO report; to review a privileged legal report highlighting key corporate, litigation, and regulatory matters including review of the legal bill; to discuss deferred revenue; and to review the donation requests from member comments.

At 7:47 p.m., upon motion from Director Gray, seconded by Director Fleming, the board unanimously approved exiting executive session.

Upon motion from Director Gray, seconded by Director Fleming, the board unanimously approved DMEA Board Resolution 2023-4, relating to the deferral of 2022 DMEA revenue.

Upon motion from Director Cannon, seconded by Director Williams, the board unanimously approved an allocation of \$20,000 to area non-profit Montrose Veterans Memorial Coalition, from the unclaimed capital credit fund, to be used for a matching grant and consistent with the

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purposes requested in that entity's March 7, 2023, donation application. Having no further business to conduct, the board adjourned its regular meeting at 7:47 p.m."

Responding to a follow-up question on the donation request from the Montrose Recreation District, Taylor said, "They decided not to proceed with a donation."

Background-During meetings the board of directors hears verbal summary reports of their monthly meetings and activities. Co-op membership has access to some of the

written staff reports submitted for board approval, i.e., minutes of the previous meeting, CEO report, and action items (resolutions).

Following the meeting members can access packet information through SmartHub, the online service which allows members to manage their DMEA accounts.

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WIDESPREAD THREAT OF FENTANYL MIXED WITH XYLAZINE

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UNITED STATES-The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration is warning the American public of a sharp increase in the trafficking of fentanyl mixed with xylazine. Xylazine, also known as "Tranq," is a powerful sedative that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved for veterinary use.

"Xylazine is making the deadliest drug threat our country has ever faced, fentanyl, even deadlier," said Administrator Milgram. "DEA has seized xylazine and fentanyl mixtures in 48 of 50 States. The DEA Laboratory System is reporting that in 2022 approximately 23% of fentanyl powder and 7% of fentanyl pills seized by the DEA contained xylazine."

Xylazine and fentanyl drug mixtures place users at a higher risk of suffering a fatal drug poisoning. Because xylazine is not an opioid, naloxone (Narcan) does not reverse its effects. Still, experts always recommend administering naloxone if someone might be suffering a drug poisoning. People who inject drug mixtures containing xylazine also can develop severe wounds, including necrosis—the rotting of human tissue—that may lead to amputation.

According to the CDC, 107,735 Americans died between August 2021 and August 2022 from drug poisonings, with 66 percent of those deaths involving synthetic opioids like fentanyl. The Sinaloa Cartel and Jalisco Cartel in Mexico, using chemicals largely sourced from China, are primarily responsible for the vast majority of the fentanyl that is being trafficked in communities across the United States. FDA recently communicated to health care providers about the risks to patients exposed to xylazine in illicit drugs. A copy of

that communication can be found here: [to patients exposed to xylazine in illicit drugs.](#)



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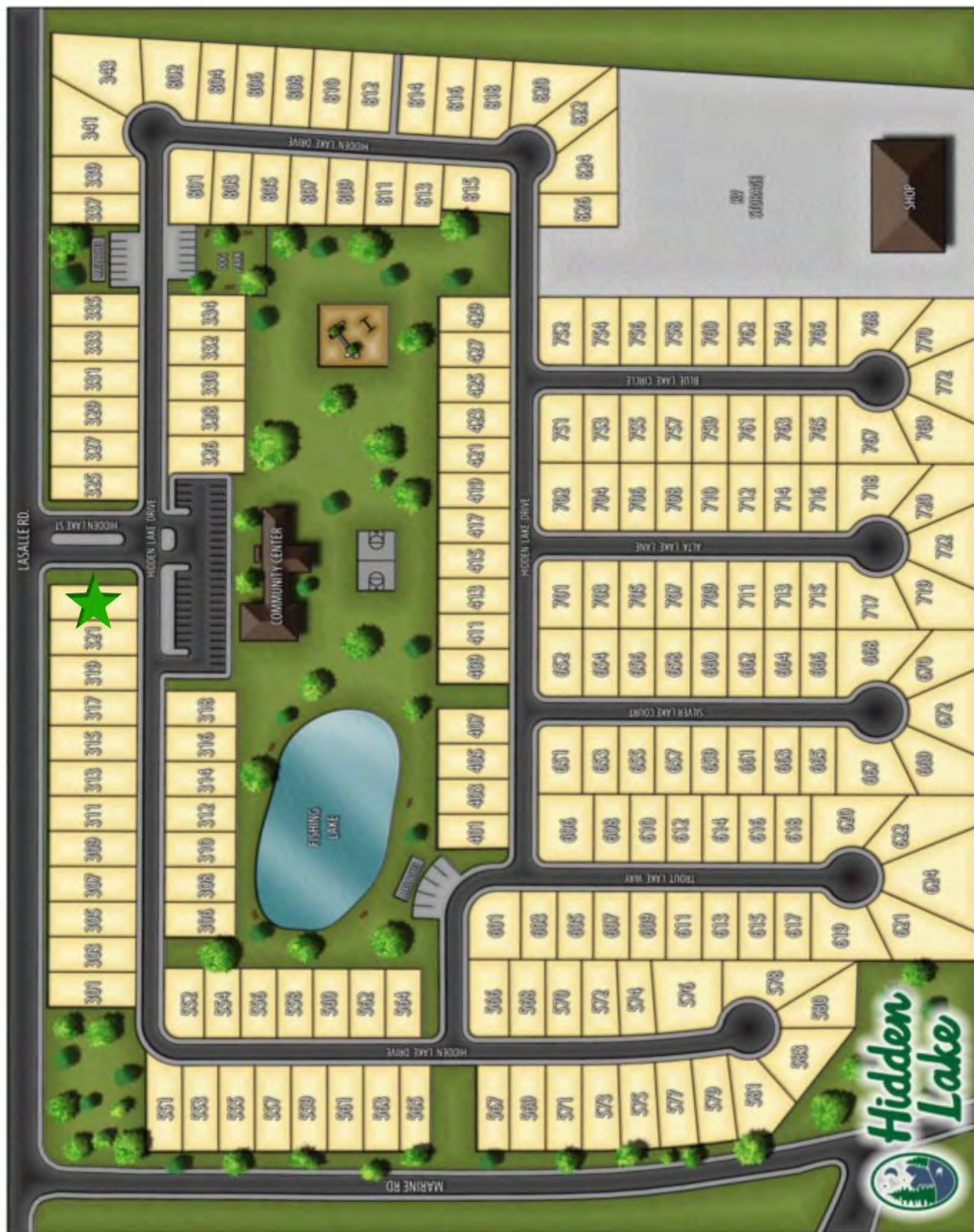
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MONTROSE COUNTY—In anticipation of agriculture burning season, the Montrose County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public of important safety tips regarding controlled burns. Agricultural burning can help producers remove leftover crop residue, clear ditches for improved water flow, and improve soil conditions. It often occurs in the spring to prepare for the planting season.

"Uncontrolled burns happen every year," said Sheriff Gene Lillard. "While they are almost always accidental, they are also preventable. An uncontrolled burn that enters another person's private property, even accidentally, can have both civil and criminal penalties. I am asking for the public's help—please call into dispatch when you burn. This phone call is key as it helps save resources for emergency situations."

Though snowpack is high, the threat of an uncontrolled burn remains. Residents are encouraged to take precautions when burning. Below are tips for safe burning:

- Call dispatch at 970-249-9110 to report your controlled burn.
- Do NOT burn on Red Flag days.
- Be prepared before beginning a burn with items to help put the fire out. A hose, bucket, steel rake, and a shovel for tossing dirt on the fire are great tools to have on hand.
- Burn early in the day; winds start in the afternoon so avoid burning then.
- Stay with a fire until it is completely out.
- Plow a fire line around the area to be burned if necessary.
- Separate large fields into smaller plots to stay in control of the burn.
- Always check the weather; avoid burning in low humidity conditions.

Don't forget to sign-up for Montrose County Emergency Alerts at <https://montrosecountysheriffsoffice.com/montrose-alerts/>. Please visit westslopefireinfo.com for more information on regional wildfires and fire restrictions.



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BOCC VOTES TO DENY FARM ROAD SOURCE PIT SPECIAL USE

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-Water Division Letter – Use of Surface Water for Gravel Pit Operations 2023.pdf
-Slope Monitoring Proposed Plan 2-24-23.pdf

The county staff reported to the commissioners on specific issues they had been instructed to look into. BOCC Chair Hansen said, "So, there is no concrete plan?"

Montrose County Planning & Development Director Tallmadge Richmond said, "The applicant has submitted a number of options; I'm not sure if the applicant submitted one plan for water use."

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash questioned the water use allowed by the State compared to that allowed by the Federal Government, and which entity had given permission to use the water. He said, "At this time they [applicant] cannot use this water. They must use another source [haul water]."

Developer Matt Miles said, "It will be the most cost-effective way we can use it. If in the future there is a more cost-effective way, we will use it [that way]."

Steve Pope, manager of Uncompahgre Valley Water Users (UVWU), explained first use for water is for irrigation. He said, "Once the water flows into a drain it is wastewater [tailwater], and we lose control. Domain control, our first use of water is irrigation." It is possible to have a downstream call for tailwater.

Rash said, "The traffic [flow] was addressed exiting the pit, right [hand only] out. What is it for traffic going into the pit?"

Zane Luttrell (Rocky Mountain Aggregate) explained there were rules for the traffic

pattern and the rules would be enforced.

Rash said, "Can you describe a Jake Brake? How can you mitigate sound?"

Luttrell said, "All Jake Brakes have a muffler. Safety is our number one concern and Jake Brakes can alert drivers and bikers that a truck is coming."

Following the audible scoff from audience members, Hansen issued the first of multiple reminders on decorum to attendees and participants. She said, "Refrain from the groans. We are going to respect one another."

Rash asked Luttrell about controlling his drivers. Luttrell emphasized that his company uses a Three-Strike Rule concerning traffic infractions for his employees, as well as contract personnel. He said, "The third strike and you're out. That's our internal rule."

Responding to questions from Hansen about the road, Public Works Director Keith Laube said, "There will be more maintenance on that road. We have funds to take care of that."

On the issue of slope stability, Rash said, "I'd like to know what the plan is, I'd like to get it on record what Mr. Miles plans on doing."

Miles' suggestion that a study was conducted during the project was rejected by Rash as being "after the fact."

Hansen said, "This is theoretical, I'm looking for concrete. It seems like the cart before the horse."

A verbal sparring match then ensued, as Rash and the Miles team (realtors, geotechnical engineer, attorney, water manager) each gave arguments.

Miles offered other options, including cutting down the mining area and not mining closer than 1,000 feet from the Eagle Heights subdivision. He said, "We



(L to R) Montrose County Commissioners Sue Hansen (Chair), Keith Caddy, and Roger Rash. Photo by Gail Marvel.

can exclude that [area] from the application. I'm trying to do the best I can to mitigate our project."

Miles said, "We're trying to come up with a reasonable plan. I'm here with hat in hand trying to do the best that I can. I'm bending over backwards to mitigate. I honor that sacred handshake; I do what I say. I'm not coming in with a bunch of people [from out of the area]. We will fully comply, above and beyond."

"We do what we say we will do."

Fifteen citizens who signed up for public comment were each given three minutes to speak. Speakers were instructed to address only the four new documents presented by the applicant. Some chose to submit written comments to the commissioners.

Following a 10-minute break the applicant was given an opportunity for rebuttal.

Miles said, "I have nothing to add."

The crowd was exuberant, clapping and audible cheering when a motion by Rash to deny the special use permit, seconded by Commissioner Keith Caddy, passed unanimously.



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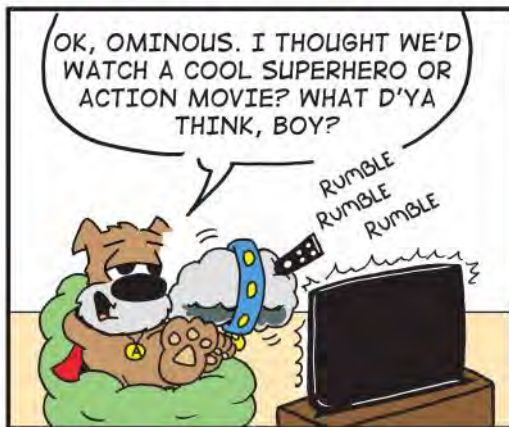
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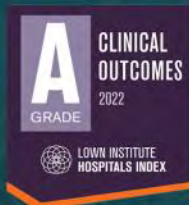
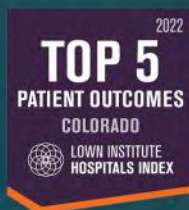
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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WHY DO I BOTHER WRITING THESE LETTERS?

Editor:

I mentioned previously that it is nice to be able to have a civil debate about issues, and then let others decide whose argument is most logical. So now that you know where David Congour and I stand on various issues, you can make your own conclusions about whether rampant inflation and unaffordable gas prices had nothing to do with Democrats, whether Biden is blameless for the open border, whether Democrats would rather slander Republicans than actually do anything to fix Social Security, whether Biden is corruption free, whether Democrats really aren't the ones wanting to defund the police, that crime is not really higher in Dem-controlled cities like Chicago, and that the KKK Democrats of the 1950's somehow miraculously morphed into today's Republicans.

So, why do I bother writing these letters? It is certainly not because I hope to change the minds of the David Congours and Sue Schmidts of this world, although I enjoy discussions with liberals actually willing to debate issues. I do hope to sway Democrats who are finding it increasingly difficult dealing with the reality of what the Biden administration has done to our nation in just two plus years and who can no longer pretend all is well. Thoughtful people on the left are starting to wake up. More significantly, I want my letters to be an encouragement to conservatives like myself who are bombarded with daily lies about Biden's "accomplishments". I get a lot of positive feedback and encouragement from conservatives --- some from people who are reluctant to speak out

because of their businesses. The main reason I write is that I cannot stay silent in the face of constant lies and destruction coming out of this administration. Right is being re-defined as wrong, wrong is being re-defined as right, and evil is being portrayed as good. I refuse to let that go unchallenged. (I also get a kick out of highlighting liberals when they say stupid things).

We live in a country now where a transgender murders three children and three adults, mostly female, in a Christian school and the left blames Christians --- and tries to make a martyr out of a mass murderer.

We live in a country where the FBI and the DOJ have been weaponized against anyone opposing the left's agenda, but Democrats still have the audacity to claim "No one is above the law" as they continue to manufacture reasons to "get Trump". If Democrats valued the laws, they would pursue numerous Democrats before even considering indicting Trump. Instead, they continue to deny the gravity of the evidence, including banking records, piling up that Joe Biden has been bought off by the Chinese Communist Party. An enemy funding a president with millions of dollars seems a little more serious than whether or not Trump's lawyer paid off a porn star.

Democrats want us to not remember that the Obama IRS targeted political opponents to silence them before elections and that the Justice Department was involved from the start. Or that numerous FBI officials lied to the FISA court to get permission to illegally spy on associates of Trump.

Or that Democrats knew there was no illegality or collusion in their Russian collusion hoax, yet continued the lies for years for the sole purpose of destroying a President they disagreed with. Or that the government, journalists, and former intelligence officials colluded to bury the story of Biden family corruption specifically to hide the truth before an election. Or that Hillary sold access to foreign parties by taking massive amounts of cash for her Foundation and family. Or Hillary and the DNC paying over \$10 million to a foreign national to create a fictitious dossier to destroy Trump. Or Clinton mishandling highly classified information. Or son Hunter lying on federal forms about his drug use to purchase a gun and the Secret Service helping him cover it up. Or Eric Stalwell sleeping with a known spy for our nation's No. 1 enemy. Or the Pelosi family's probable insider trading with conveniently timed stock purchases and sales to massively grow their already enormous wealth. Or that Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg doesn't have time to prosecute most felonies in his jurisdiction, having downgraded more than half of them to misdemeanors, but somehow has time to use his office to go after Trump with made-up "felonies".

If Democrats gave any value at all to the rule of law, illegal border crossers, Russian hoaxers, Jeffrey Epstein client's, pro-abortion vandals, BLM and Antifa rioters, and the people who run corrupt government agencies like the DOJ, the FBI, and the Manhattan DA's office would be the ones standing in court, not Trump.

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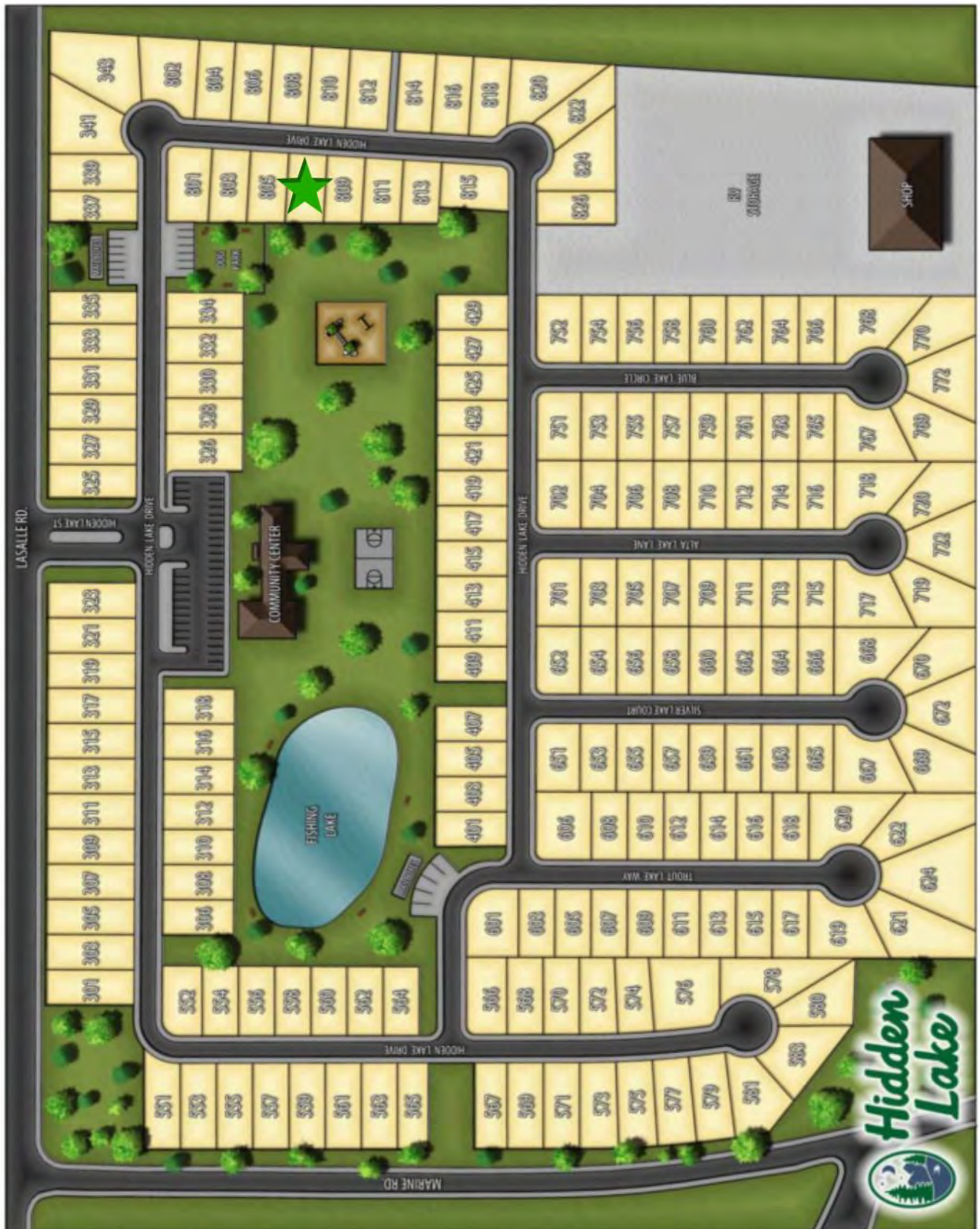


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US 50 LITTLE BLUE CREEK CANYON ROADWAY IMPACTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3 - APRIL 9

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-New Information and clarification on width restrictions. Please read the following roadway impacts for the week of April 3 - April 9.

Monday, April 3

8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. No loads > 10 ft width; no loads > 80 ft length. Open to one lane of traffic with two-way flagger operations throughout the day. Plan for long delays of around 35 – 45 minutes. No nighttime closures on Monday, April 3.

Tuesday, April 4

6:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. No loads > 10 ft width; no loads > 80 ft length. Open to one lane of traffic with two-way flagger operations throughout the day. Plan for long delays around 30 – 45 minutes delays. NEW CLOSURE INFO: 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. road closed to all traffic for an extended 2.5-hour closure for rock blasting. 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. alternating traffic open to one lane of traffic.

Emergency vehicle access to Arrowhead is accessible via Montrose, but no emergency vehicle access via Gunnison.

Nighttime Roadway Closures: April 4, 5, 6 For the nights of Tuesday, April 4, Wednesday, April 5, and Thursday, April 6 – Nighttime closures will be in place from

7:30 p.m. – 6:30 a.m. for rock work.

Wednesday, April 5, Thursday, April 5, and Friday, April 7

Alternating daytime traffic: 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. No loads > 10 ft width; no loads > 80 ft length. Open to one lane of traffic with two-way flagger operations throughout the day. Plan for long delays around 35 – 45 minutes delays.

Friday, April 7 – Monday, April 10

The roadway is open to two-way traffic with no delays beginning 7:30 p.m. Friday through 8:30 a.m. Monday with no width or length restrictions.

Note: Two remaining full daytime closures will be announced 48 hrs in advance and will include a single 2.5 hr daytime full closure for the shot and slope evaluation/scaling during non-peak non-commuting hrs (e.g., 8:30-11:00 or 13:30-16:00). These two dates have not been announced. Please use caution when traveling through the project. Estimated delay times during roadway opening windows are between 35 minutes to one hour. Plan your travel around the opening windows and be prepared to queue at designated areas.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Improvements are focused on safety on

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

Lengthy closures are required in order to complete the project, as crews must conduct rock blasting and removal. ACC will continue to work in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration, Central Federal Lands Highway Division (FHWA-CFLHD), and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to minimize impacts on local communities as much as possible. The U.S. 50 Little Blue Creek Canyon improvement project is the result of a partnership with the FHWA and CDOT. Funding for the \$40 million project is provided by a \$20 million grant from the Colorado Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP), with CDOT providing the matching \$20 million. The project is also in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the National Park Service (NPS).



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COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO MEET APRIL 6

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS – At a hybrid meeting in Steamboat Springs, the Commission will consider CPW's Final Draft Wolf Restoration and Management Plan and requisite regulatory changes to Chapter W-10 and Chapter W-17 as required by the Plan.

The Commission will also provide feedback on the Final Draft Plan and draft regulations, receive public comment on the Final Draft Plan and draft regulations and receive an update on Tribal engagement and public comment.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:15 a.m. on Thu., April 6 and adjourn at 4:15 p.m. The Commission will enter Executive Session from 8:20 a.m. to 9 a.m. to receive legal advice regarding implementation of Proposition 114, now codified at § 33-2-105.8, CRS, as authorized by the Open Meetings Law, § 24-6-402(3)(a)(III) (allowing executive session to receive legal advice). The meeting will be streamed live on CPW's YouTube page.

A complete agenda along with all materials for this meeting can be found on the CPW website for public review. The public is encouraged to email written comments to the commission at dnr_cpwcommission@state.co.us.

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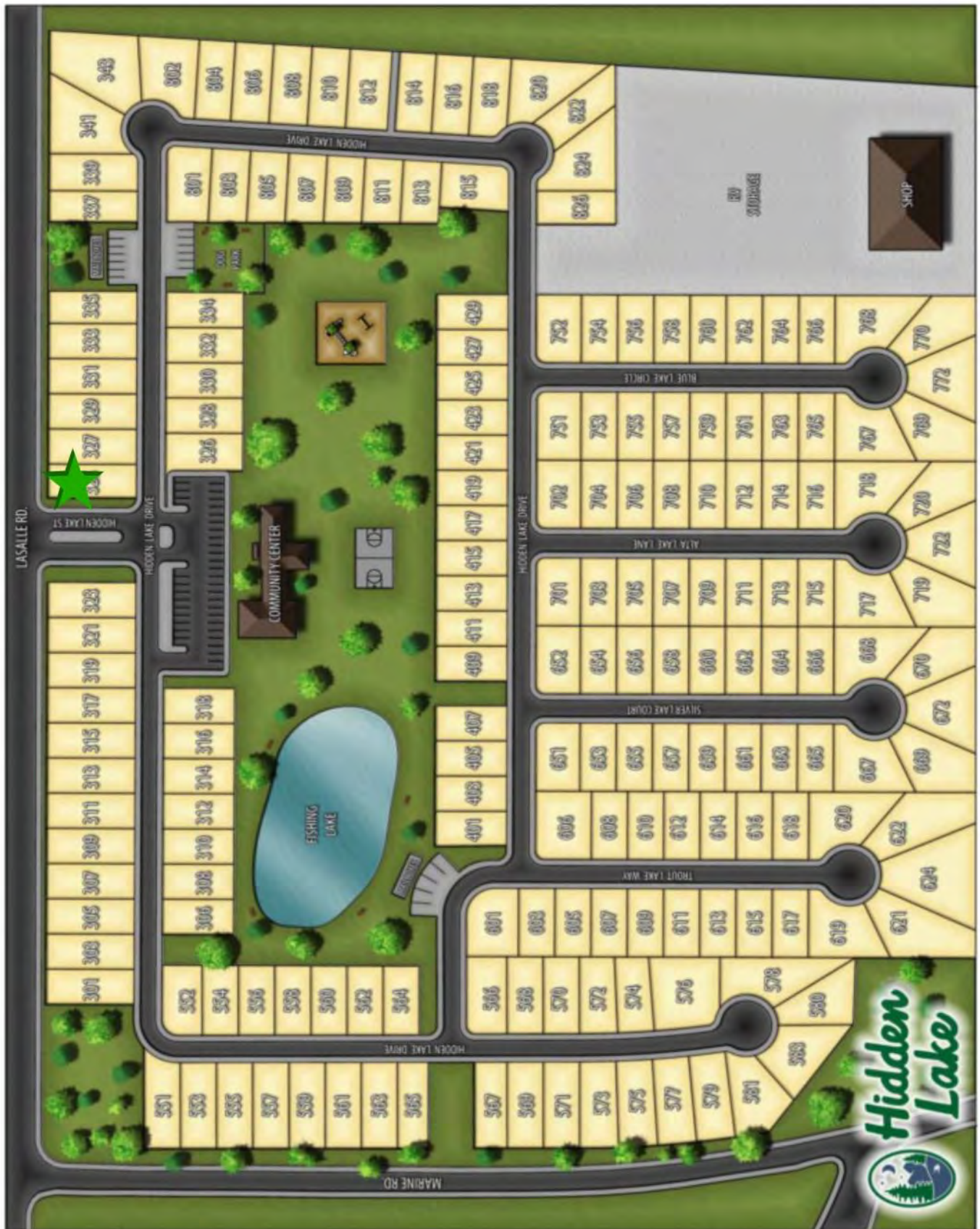


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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

DEMYSTIFYING ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP IN OLATHE ON APRIL 28-29

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Local entrepreneurs will get a big infusion of resources this April with the opening of The Business Cultivator, a new business incubator in Olathe, and availability of world-class entrepreneurship training programs. On April 28 and 29, the Demystifying Entrepreneurship workshop will be held at the newly re-modeled center located at 300 Hap Court. The 1.5-day program will be run by the West Central Small Business Development Center (SBDC), hosted by Region 10. The engaging and energetic workshop is taught by instructors from the University of Colorado Leeds School of Business, who are not only award-winning teachers but successful entrepreneurs themselves.

The Friday evening kickoff features a dynamic panel discussion, spotlighting local business owners. On Saturday, the workshop will explore what it means to be an entrepreneur, product differentiation, competitive advantage, and funding. The cost is \$50 and includes refreshments and meals prepared by local food entrepreneurs. The program will be held at The Business Cultivator, the new Olathe incubator. To register, [https://clients.coloradosbdc.org/workshop.aspx?](https://clients.coloradosbdc.org/workshop.aspx?ekey=160430007)

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Demystifying Entrepreneurship will focus on building, growing, and sustaining small businesses on the western slope. It is designed to help entrepreneurs navigate the startup process and to assist existing businesses pursue growth possibilities. The program has been offered in many other rural parts of Colorado including Trinidad, the Yampa Valley, Sterling, Vail, and Telluride with rave reviews from participants.

"Our workshops target the areas that traditionally have fewer programs in place to support the education of current and potential business owners. The goal is for each Colorado community to see an increase of people starting and growing their ventures, leading to job creation, and a higher quality of life throughout Colorado," says Erick Mueller, who teaches the program and serves as an adjunct professor and executive director of the Deming Center for Entrepreneurship at the CU Boulder Leeds School of Business. He also has started several businesses, including Real Measure and EyeThink Corp.

"We are thrilled to bring CU's expertise to Montrose and Delta to elevate entrepreneurship, innovation, and help drive economic vitality and quality of life," Mueller

says.

"The highlight of this workshop is that it breaks down entrepreneurship into tangible steps," says Chelsea McGuire of Steamboat Springs, who founded The Whole Self, LLC. "You will walk away with the tools and confidence to know where to start."

"The workshop provided practical tools that I can use right away to develop my business," says James Fogerty, who attended the workshop in Trinidad and has developed a unique waffle recipe. As the owner of Trinidad Waffle Company, he set out to create masterpiece waffles that are sweet and savory—healthy, home-made, wholesome waffle-fusion fast food. "In addition, I connected with amazing community members that I can contact for support."

To learn more about Demystifying Entrepreneurship, watch the video! <https://vimeo.com/805600633>

"Rural communities are entrepreneurial by nature. They have to be!" said Nancy Murphy, Region 10's business development director. Murphy also serves as the West Central SBDC director, a part of the Colorado SBDC network.

"The Business Cultivator brings the opportunity to support rural entrepreneurs with essential startup trainings—specifically with Demystifying Entrepreneurship and Kauffman Foundation's FastTrac. These programs provide strong, foundational business training that help pave the road to success, because being really good at what you do is only part of what makes a successful business."

The Leeds team will return to the region for additional Demystifying Entrepreneurship workshops every year for the next four years. Years 1 and 2 explore the initial stages of a company and how to avoid common pitfalls. Years 3 and 4 explore the transition "From Startup to Scaleup," covering topics such as growth strategies, managing growth, marketing, and funding. The final year, Year 5, the program transitions to "Shore Up" and explores people, numbers, technology, pitches, and additional topics in marketing.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

WANT TO SELL YOUR HOUSE? NOT SO FAST IF COLORADO HOUSE BILL 23-1190 BECOMES LAW!

By David White

While most of us aren't paying attention to what the Colorado Legislature is doing while in session (January 9, 2023 - May 6, 2023), you better believe that our local governments are through their memberships in organizations such as the Colorado Municipal League (CML) and Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) and others as there are hundreds of bills introduced every session that could have an impact on municipal and county governance and of course, we as citizens of the state.

One such bill that is currently making its way through the process of becoming law is HB23-1190 which is known as the "Affordable Housing Right of First Refusal" bill. Sponsored by three Democrat lawmakers (Majority Co-Whip Boesenecker; Rep. Sirota & Sen. Winter), this is bill, if passed by the State Senate (its already been approved in the House) and signed into law by the Governor, would, in essence, destroy the property rights of thousands of home and multi-family housing owners by forcing property owners to GIVE local government the right of first refusal to buy their property for use by the government as "affordable housing."

To accomplish the goal of increasing affordable housing in the state, the bill "creates a right of first refusal of a local government to match an acceptable offer for the sale of a residential or mixed-use multifamily property. The right to the purchase of the property by the local government is subject to the local government's commitment to using the property as long-term affordable housing. ***The local government may assign its right of first refusal to the state, to any political subdivisions, or to any housing authority in the state, or to the Colorado housing and finance authority subject to the limitation that the assignee makes the same commitment to using the property as long-term affordable housing.***

The bill requires notices to be given by the seller to local governments and by local governments to the seller and to residents of the property. Upon receiving notice of intent

to sell or of a potential sale of property, a local government has 14 business calendar days to preserve its right of first refusal and an additional 60 calendar days to make an offer and must agree to close on the property within 120 calendar days of the execution of an agreement for the sale and purchase of the qualifying property.

Prior to the sale of the property, the seller is required to execute and record an affidavit in the real property records of the county in which the property is located certifying that the seller has complied with the right of first refusal requirements. The bill allows certain sales of property to be exempt from the right of first refusal and the requirements established by the bill for the right of first refusal.

The bill also allows the local government to waive its right of first refusal to purchase a property if the local government elects to disclaim its rights to any proposed transaction or for any duration of time or if there is a third-party buyer interested in purchasing the property with the same commitment to preserving or converting the property for long-term affordable housing and if the third-party buyer enters into an agreement with the local government concerning the third-party buyer's commitment to long-term affordable housing." (HB 23-1190 - Colorado House (2023A) - Open States)

"The bill also provides that the attorney general's office has responsibility to enforce the provisions of the bill and that the attorney general's office, a local government, or a mission-driven organization has standing to bring a civil action for violations of the bill. **If a court finds that a seller or a third-party buyer that has entered into an agreement with a local government for the waiver of the local government's right of first refusal has materially violated the law with respect to the provisions of the right of first refusal, the court must award a statutory penalty of not less than \$50,000 or an amount equal to 30% of the purchase or listing price of the property, whichever amount is greater.**" (Affordable Housing Right Of First Refusal | Colorado General Assembly)

Bringing this Orwellian solution down to the local level isn't too far of a reach given the nature of the Democratic Socialists currently running the City of Montrose through the elected City Council and the City Manager, Bill Bell. Mr. Bell has convinced the last several City Council's that the City should be in the business of subsidizing diverse businesses such as a strip shopping centers, restaurants, hotels, downtown properties with subsidies to update the façade's on buildings and of course the millions of taxpayer dollars "invested" in the Colorado Outdoors project. There's not enough space to list them all.

In a meeting of the City controlled Montrose Urban Renewal Authority on March 22, 2023, Mr. Bell went on record (see The Montrose Mirror, March 27, 2023, pg. 31) as saying that **"The city doesn't need the re-payment (of borrowed taxpayer dollars) as bad as the community needs the investment."** (526ISSUE.pdf (montrosemirror.com))

If you don't think that with the City's leadership having this mentality that they wouldn't jump at the chance to implement more spending of the local tax money that they're collecting from you to buy up residential properties under the authority of HB23-1190, you've got another thing coming!

In 2016, Danish politician Ida Auken wrote an article for a blog and identified herself as a contributor to The World Economic Forum. She said: **Welcome To 2030: I Own Nothing, Have No Privacy And Life Has Never Been Better (Welcome To 2030: I Own Nothing, Have No Privacy And Life Has Never Been Better (forbes.com))** This is worth a read folks!!

Interesting how these funky sayings have a way of becoming reality, isn't it? Mr. White is an active citizen & community servant as well as a business owner, entrepreneur, former Montrose City Councilmember and County Commissioner and has served on many boards and commissions during his career. He & his wife are the parents of six children and have 10 grandchildren & one great grandchild.

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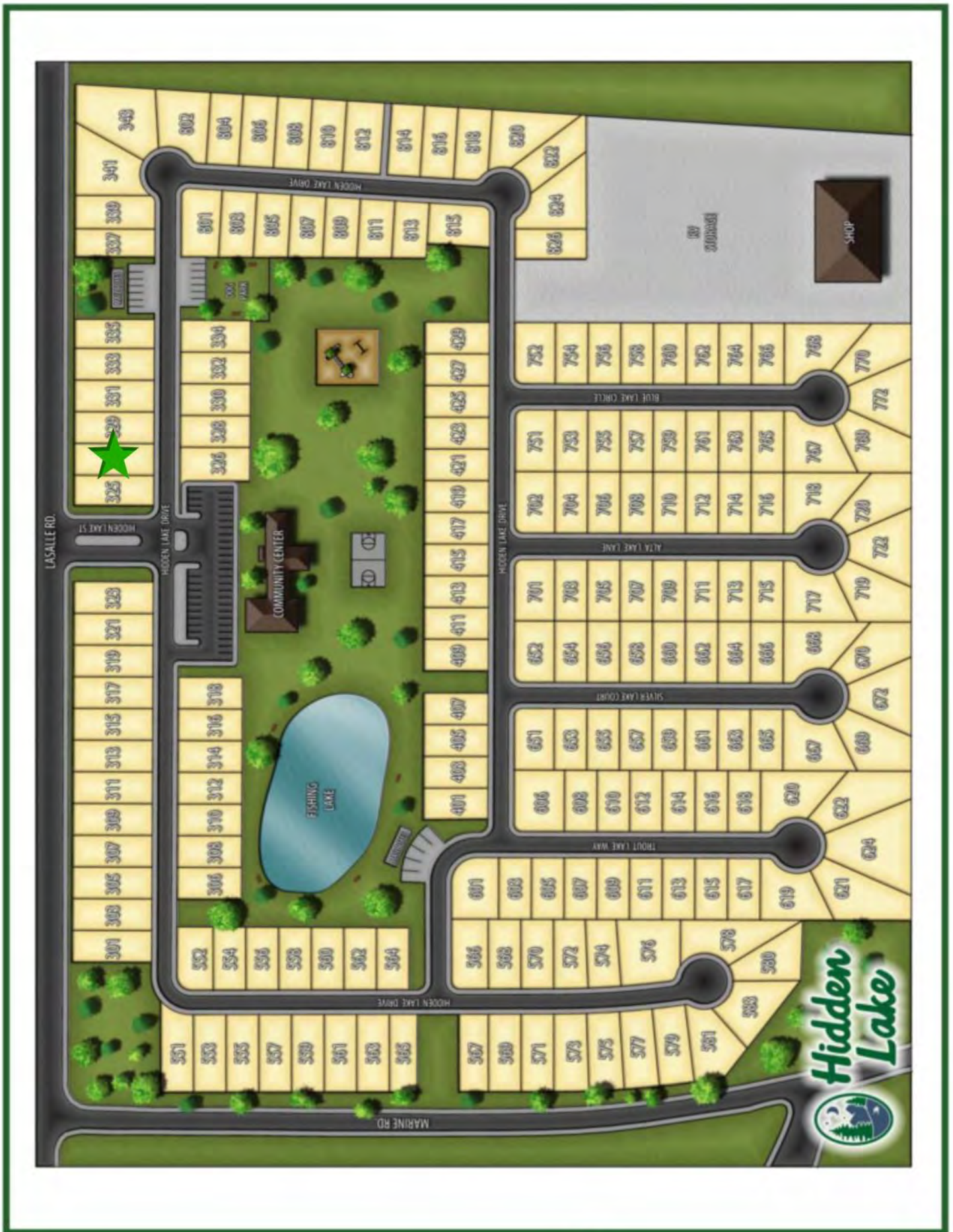
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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

FACT OR FICTION MR. WHITE?

Editor:

In response to David White's 20 March 2023 letter, we're reminded once again of the current misinformed minority of people who are unwilling or unable to see the irony of how misinformed they sound. Attacking educators, schools, teachers, school leaders, and the folks who have dedicated their professional lives to improving our children's future is harmful for the discourse of our community, but to do so through such flawed reasoning and with so much disinformation is both ironic and sad.

I wonder if David, like me, read or studied the (occasionally banned) book *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller, which is included within the literary canon, and in which Heller reminds us, "It was miraculous. It was almost no trick at all, he saw, to turn vice into virtue and slander into truth ... Anybody could do it; it required no brains at all. It merely required no character." I certainly won't question Mr. White's brains or character. However, I would ask that he, along with readers of the Montrose Mirror approach any discussion surrounding public education by using evidence, rationality, information literacy, and an approach grounded in critical thinking.

In his letter, Mr. White claims that the State Legislature, School Board, and Superintendent of Montrose County School District (MCSD) are forcing teachers to teach LGBTQ culture, getting rid of homework, changing dress code policies, and eliminating truancy policies. However, these claims are all mostly inaccurate or completely false. His reasoning is flawed. A simple cursory internet search or a call to the school district office (970-252-7901) could easily disprove and clarify his attempts at misinforming the Mirror's readers.

-Colorado House Bill 19-1192, which White's letter claims is forcing teachers to be "woke" and requires LGBTQ culture to be taught to first graders, is actually the "Inclusion of American Minorities in Teaching Civil Government Act," and the phrase "first grade" or any specified age is absent from the statutory language. The Bill requires School Boards to work with parents and staff and determine how the inclusion of American Minorities will be taught as

aligned to the Colorado educational content standards. The K-3 standards do not cover LGBTQ and the inclusion or oppression of American minorities is unlikely to be covered until grades four or five, and at an age appropriate level. On top of which, the MCSD Board have yet to determine how the legislation will be integrated into curriculum and programming (the School Board have not voted on any implementation, and MCSD is taking a slow and thoughtful approach, including parents and students as well as school staff, in the plan for how to implement HB 19-1192). Civics class, in which HB 19-1192 content would be covered, is a graduation requirement for Montrose and Olathe High School students, but Civics is not taught in first grade either. -White's letter claims that homework is being eliminated for virtually all grades. However, MCSD's homework policy only recommends that elementary students are better served by spending their time engaged in practical play applications of the content learned during the school day. The guidelines for secondary grades allow some homework under certain circumstances but limit it to no more than five percent of a student's grade. The district's policy is based on years of academic research that shows little to no benefit to student learning outcomes for homework at the elementary level. I don't know the specific college or university where Mr. White earned his Master's or advanced degree in curriculum and instruction, but in doing so he likely studied some of the research on which the policy change is grounded.

-Additionally, my hope is that readers actually read the policies and slide decks linked in White's letter, which are all publicly available on the MCSD website. This change asks schools to focus less on hats and hoodies and more on building positive relationships with students. White's mention of "surveying" teachers at his grandkids conferences is another irony in that the slide deck he links to in the letter actually shows the numbers of teachers who participated in the surveys sent soliciting impact on this proposed change (which the School Board will vote to adopt or reject at the April School Board meeting on the second Tues-

day of the month). The dress code survey was sent three times (to students, parents, and staff) and it is nearly impossible that any MCSD teachers were unaware of it as every teacher received the survey link in an all-staff email.

-White also claims falsely that the school truancy policy is being eliminated, and that students who do not attend school will not be penalized.

However, no mention of changing the attendance or truancy policies in Montrose and Olathe schools has been proposed or discussed and Montrose County has not had truancy court in over two decades. MCSD states that they do continue to work with all families to identify the root causes of absences and provide support to help students attend school regularly and be engaged in their education.

I urge Mr. White, Mirror readers, and whomever to use better judgment, evidence, rationality, and credible sources for their claims. All of the aforementioned information can be found at www.mcscd.org or by calling your child or grandchild's school directly or calling the MCSD District Office at (970) 252-7901.

When you read or see information (online, on social media, or on cable news) and it makes you angry or seems wrong, please verify the information with the people who have the facts and evidence. And, even if you have no children or grandchildren, as a taxpayer, the schools and school district will be glad to answer your questions honestly and provide the facts.

Mr. White's letter, along with the current climate of misinformation and unfair or dishonest characterizations of schools, teachers, educational leaders, school boards, and American public education in general (CRT, LGBT, DEI, grooming, book banning, etc.) are all a perfect example of irony in that they are the opposite of how we would ask our children to behave, which is to treat others respectfully, interpret what they read with reason and critical thinking, and push back against toxicity in our community. We have awesome kids, classrooms, teachers, and schools in Montrose County.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

Editor:

I seldom write about national issues. This is an exception. It is about our rights as citizens to own, keep and carry firearms.

It is a rather simple problem when simply stated.

The second amendment of our national constitution clearly states (as validated by our Supreme Court) that we have the right to keep and bear arms. And that is fortunate to a lot of our citizens in that by some statistics, crimes are stopped 1.7 million times in America EACH YEAR just by the presence of a gun in the right hands---whether those firearms are fired or not!

There is little belief that the founding fathers ever conceived that the second amendment would ever be used to enable a citizen to simply protect himself or his family; the whole design of the amendment was so that the citizenry could prevent the tyranny of an oppressive government. But for years now we have needed protection against a significant criminal segment of society. Now it is becoming increasingly obvious that these weapons in civilian hands may well find a use for the other purpose as well.

As an aside. It has been often said when talking about the threat of invasion of the United States that "An invasion will never work, that there is a two hundred and fifty man/woman army of armed citizens waiting for it." This is so true. I read that Admiral Yamamoto said that very thing when Japan was talking about trying it

during WWII. His opposition to the idea prevailed. Pancho Villa found that out when he raided across our southern border!

So what is going on in America with the incessant ongoing effort to disarm the citizenry? Well let's start somewhere, let's take 'defunding police'. Whoever got this cockamamie idea was nuts. But as we have seen with less police we have more crime, more disorder, more riots, more burning, more murder, more car-jacking. Perhaps not in our fair city but nationwide.

In short there is a good deal more anarchy than there was before defunding. Maybe with all that, when the riot is in the street in front of your home with lots of fires blazing away, maybe, just maybe, a firearm or two to try to defend your wife and children might just reflect a sound decision.

According to my insurance company (and legal statistics) car-jackings are becoming more and more common place. USAA just announced that they have paid claims for 10,000 catalytic converters stolen off cars in just the last year. I find great comfort in having my pistol on my person---just in case!

We have all seen gangs at work in cities around our country. I never have cared for cities and try not to go there but I can't imagine having to traverse Cleveland, which I did late at night once, without a firearm. Scary indeed. Several years later I went back to the Cleveland Clinic and

stayed there two weeks. Cleveland Clinic has a security force for their clinic LARGER THAN THE CLEVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT so I was told when we patients, staying in their on campus hotels, not to venture off campus. I bet they did not defund their security!

There are dozens of gangs and cartels in the U.S. that foment riots. Which one is near you---wherever you are. What do you do when your car, just you and your wife, is caught in a traffic jam because rioters and looters are all around busting car windows and lighting them afire. Have you got a chance?

Above I have spoken of all kinds of organized threats. They are all over. But often there is just the local near-do-well who needs money---maybe to eat, maybe to shoot up, maybe just because you are a woman with a purse, usually an easy mark.

All of what I have spoken to adds limitations to where a citizen might drive and walk. Where they can feel safe. But being armed, hopefully concealed, adds to my freedom in these less than lawful times. It means that I can wear my watch, diamond ring and my wife can wear her jewelry in public with less of a chance of becoming a victim in our wonderful nation which is fast becoming increasingly dangerous to the non-criminal.

You still have the choice in America to be a harmless victim or of keeping you and yours relatively safe.

Bill Bennett, Montrose

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TRUMP INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY

Editor;

Mr. Congour's rant last week about Ed Henrie's letter revealed how radical the Leftist extremists are in their insistence to paint a false picture of an opponent. His description of Donald Trump and his supporters is despicable and full of lies. His wildly outrageous accusations of Trump and supporters have no merit since he never revealed any examples of his wild claims. He certainly is no credible authority on any political subject. It's estimated that about half of our population is brainwashed and under control of woke corporations and government. These are Lenin's "useful idiots" who are ignorant, regardless of education, and will only learn the truth when they're starving. They believe in the fairy tale of Communism, which has always failed. Many expect to be supported for life without working. Many of our rulers are students of Adolf Hitler and Joseph Goebbels where they learned the art of the "Big Lie", "False Flags" and "Projection". Projection is the technique of accusing others of doing what they're doing. This Communist tactic is the primary tool of the Democrat party. The philosophy is, if you tell a really big and outrageous lie, and repeat it often enough, people will believe it. Most Big Lies are also "False Flags" because they're designed to blame others for an incident in order to justify their claim to be able to fix it. The January 6 False Flag was based upon the Big Lie that there was an insurrection and the Democrat party promoted it as such. The purpose was to destroy the Republican party, cover up the crooked election and keep Trump from running again. The Democrat Jan. 6 False Flag resulting in deprivation of rights, torture and conviction of innocent citizens in "kangaroo courts" will forever remain a hideous stain on our history. The Rino committee forbid defendants their Constitutional right to defend themselves and edited security camera films. Just a few days ago 1,000 violent pro-transgender rioters stormed the Tennessee Capitol overwhelming police and demanding gun control, but not a word about INSURRECTION there!! Democrats trash our Constitution by their actions, then they holler we have to protect our "Democracy"! Hypocrisy at its finest! They just can't have it both ways. Joe Biden is again branded a disgrace for

joking around after the Nashville shooting. He staggered onto the stage and announced he is the husband of Jill Biden and that he eats Jeni's ice cream, chocolate chip. And then he said obnoxiously that he came down because he heard there was chocolate chip ice cream and that he has a whole refrigerator full upstairs. Then, "you think I'm kidding? I'm not." Then he asked who are those good-looking kids in the back? At least they were too far away for him to touch! He never even paid tribute to the six christians killed by a sick transgender woman and Biden's Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said it is the trans community that's under attack!! And she never mentioned either that a transgender killed six christians! Ya just can't make this stuff up!! All Biden did was harp about gun control. But what can we expect from a generation that has been brainwashed into thinking that there is no God, that life is meaningless and purposeless. There's no conscience, no morality, no right and wrong. Biden doesn't need to lecture anyone about gun control until he retrieves the \$85 billion worth of America's best weapons and airport he gave to the Taliban in Afghanistan and his collusion buddies, Communist China. That alone should be worth part of the \$millions the Biden crime family is receiving from Communist China. This gigantic list of weapons given to an enemy by a president of the U.S.A. is the most treasonous act in history. He gave away: 45 Blackhawk helicopters, 50 Scout Attack choppers, military drones, 30 military version Cessnas, 4 C-130 transport planes, 29 Super Tucano Ground Attack Aircraft, more than 600,000 M16s, M24 Sniper Systems, 50 caliber rifles, Grenade Launchers, M134 Mini gun, 20mm Gatling Guns and Ammunition. 61,000 M203 Rounds, 20,040 Grenades, Howitzers, Mortars, plus 1,000s of rounds, 162,000 Encrypted Military Communications Gear, 16,000 Night Vision Goggles, Newest technology night vision scopes, Thermal scopes and Thermal Mono Goggles, 10,000 2.75 inch Air to ground Rockets, reconnaissance equipment, Laser aiming units, Explosives ordnance C-4 and detonators, 2,520 Bombs, Encrypted cell phones and laptops, millions of rounds of ammunition including 20,150,600 rounds of 7.62mm, 9,000,000 rounds of 50 caliber ammo., acres of heavy equipment including

bull dozers, backhoes, dump trucks, excavators. The list goes on. Pictures taken by the Taliban show acres and acres of American equipment they now own. They're spreading those pictures world-wide and countries are laughing at America, especially at our Traitor-in-Chief, Biden. As if all this wasn't bad enough, Biden left a room full of \$100 bills to the Taliban! This was your tax money; borrowed money added to the national debt; borrowed money adding to America's inflation which is punishing every hard-working American family. But of course Democrats always say they are concerned about the plight of hard-working Americans.....yeah right! Pictures show practically everything Biden gave away. And those weapons could eventually be used against Americans through Biden's collusion with his buddies, the Chinese Communists. China now has full control of Afghanistan, all our weapons and military equipment and the giant airport built by America right next to China all paid for by you, the taxpayer of America! It's clear what China is paying Biden and his family the \$millions for. Only a Democrat could get by with treason like that.

Democrats are trashing our Constitution again by their disgraceful, manipulated and phony charges against the front-runner of the next presidential election. The Democrat cult have lied, cheated and stolen in their obsession to "Get Trump", but now they've done the unthinkable--indicting a completely innocent person in an act of blatant Election Interference.

Former Democrat Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, recently slipped and revealed her real allegiance when she said Trump will have his chance, "TO PROVE HIS INNOCENCE" in court!! Having to prove one's "innocence" is not the American Constitutional system. He is innocent until proven guilty! Her allegiance apparently is with the Communist systems of China, N. Korea, Russia and the rest of the Communist nations. I bet she thinks her drunk husband is innocent until proven guilty! "We should be unfaithful to ourselves if we should ever lose sight of the danger to our liberties if anything partial or extraneous should infect the purity of our free, fair, virtuous, and independent elections"----John Adams
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THE WAY PEOPLE GIVE AWAY THEIR POWER IS BY THINKING THEY HAVE NONE...

Editor:

"The way people give away their power is by thinking they have none,"Alice Walker

Gravel pit denied, and a prominent business man finds out that the above is true. To all those who stood up and took back their power, that is how it is done. Bravo! To the members of city council, the mayor and the city manager, take heed. I forewarned you of 'rubber stamping' and

business as usual. The populace is positioning itself to take back their power.

By-laws r required to change, monies being thrown at commercial endeavors (when commercial properties r the next crisis. per most business info sites), suggestions of aiding the lowly taxpayers of Montrose are apparently being ignored by council. All these items should be prominent on the list of things to be resolved. Are they?

I am not unreasonable, I have seen boom and bust for many decades (3 gen coloradan). I understand there r many factors that Montrose is dealing with.....because of inadequate past practices. I also understand that now is the time to show the populous u r serious about what is required of you, as our gov representatives. Action, rather than lip service is now front and center. Power is now present in Montrose. The county commissioners can attest to that.

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UPDATE ON MONTE VISTA OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

Special to the Mirror

MONTE VISTA-The Colorado Bureau of Investigation is providing an update regarding an officer-involved shooting in Monte Vista on March 21, 2023.

In an effort to be transparent, the names of the officers involved are being released.

On Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 12:35 p.m. the regional dispatch center received a call from from 1007 S. Broadway within Monte Vista. At 12:38 p.m. the regional dispatch received an additional 911 call from within the home located at 1007 S. Broadway from another person. The caller informed dispatch that a man had two knives. This information was relayed to the officers as they were approaching the

residence.

Monte Vista Police Sgt. Michael Martinez and Cpl. David Pino, both veteran officers, responded emergent to the scene. Shortly after arriving at the front door of the home, a man jumped from a front window and ran at both officers, swinging both knives, barely missing the officers. Cpl. Pino deployed the Taser and Sgt. Martinez fired his handgun. While retreating backward from the attack, Cpl. Pino fell to the ground and then fired his handgun. The man was declared deceased on scene. His identification will be released by the coroner's office.

Cpl. Pino received minor injuries from falling. No other community members

were injured during this incident.

Both officers remain on administrative leave, per MVPD policy.

This remains an ongoing investigation so no other information will be released at this time.

We understand that events like these trigger many emotions from the community.

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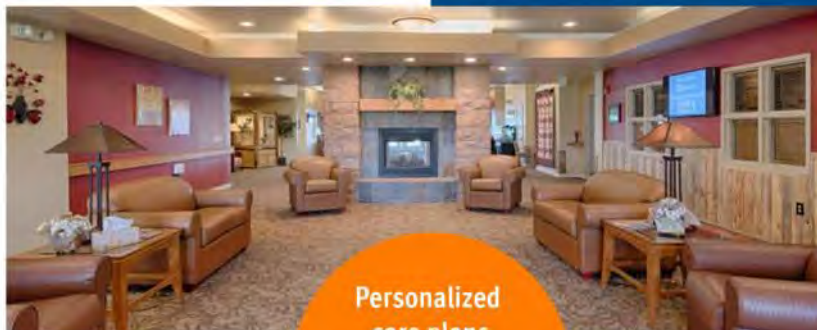
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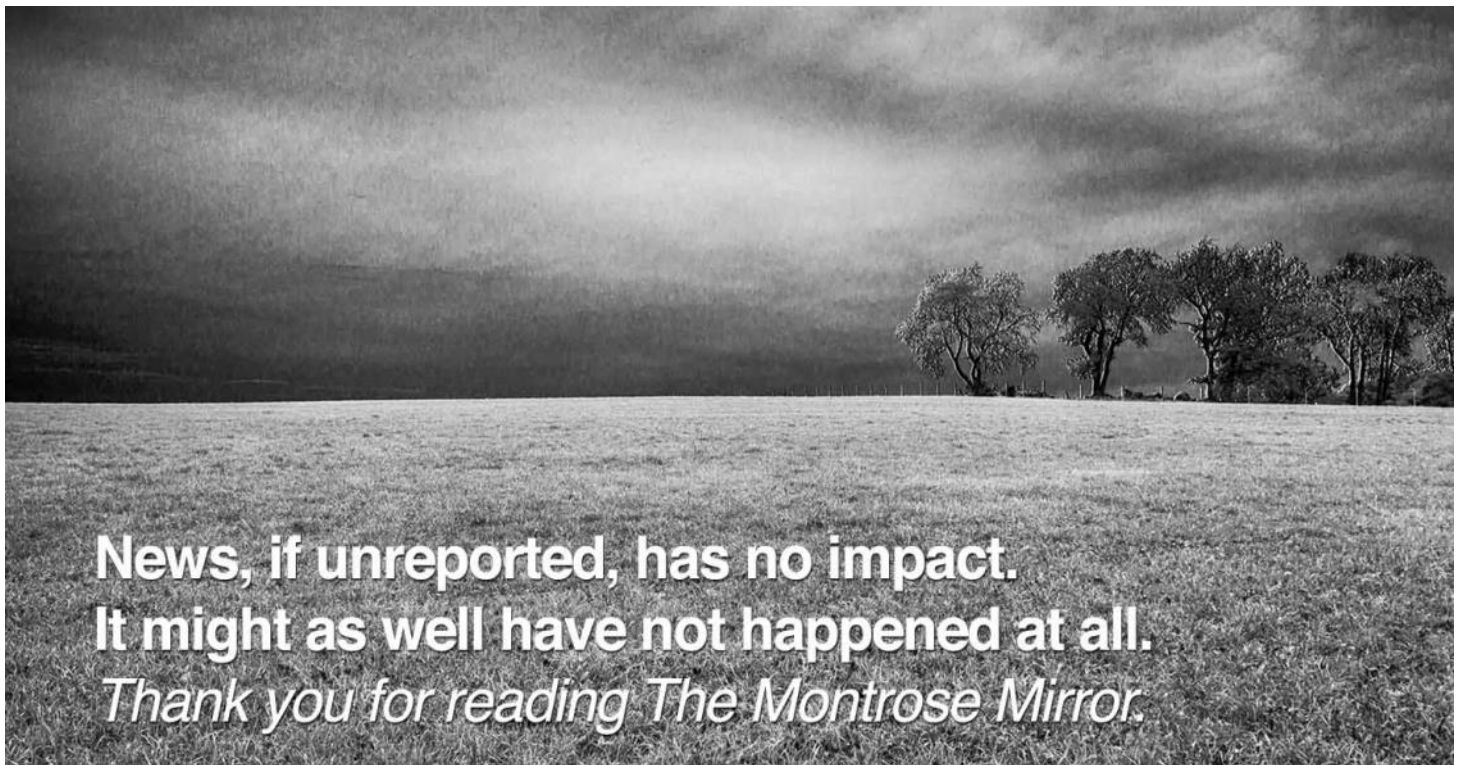
ISIDORO (IZZY) ULIBARRI ***July 2, 1941- March 19, 2023***



ISIDORO (IZZY) ULIBARRI, 81 of Montrose, CO passed away at home surrounded by family. Isidoro was born July 2, 1941 in La Puente, New Mexico to Cecilia Ulibarri & Federico Maestas. He spent his childhood in Chama, New Mexico. Finally settling in Montrose, CO. Early in his career he was a sheep herder, later in life he was employed in the lumber industry in various positions. He was a hard worker and always contributed to making his community a better place. His greatest joy was being surrounded by Family and Friends. He enjoyed dining out throughout Montrose; Denny's being his absolute favorite. He was beloved by all he encountered. He married Nancy Nichols who preceded him in death in 2021. He is survived by his Brother: Richard (Connie) Ulibarri, and

Sisters: Joann (Leroy) Olivia (Carlos), and Maxine. His stepchildren; Tiffin & Sandor. Stepgrandchildren and great step-granddaughter. Nieces and Nephews, Richard, Tina, Sally, Cecilia, Anthony, Roberta, Leslie, Robert, Annie, Kathy, Donna, and Corey.

Many Great Grand Nieces and Nephews and Great Great Nieces and Nephews. He is preceded in death by his Mother Cecilia Ulibarri and Father Federico Maestas. His Daughter; Consuelo Ulibarri. Sisters: Bernie, Rosie, and Teofilia. Brothers: Miguel and Remijo Ulibarri. Memorial Services are to be held March 24, 2023, at 2 pm @ Grand Valley Funeral Home 529 25 1/2 Rd B101, Grand Junction, CO 81505. Grave-side service to be announced at a later date.



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MICHAEL (MIKE) JOSEPH MINIAT

July 10, 1957-March 20, 2023



MICHAEL (MIKE) JOSEPH MINIAT, age 65, of Montrose, CO passed away at his home on March 20, 2023. Mike was born on July 10, 1957, to Ronald and Pauline Miniatt in Chicago, Illinois. After graduating from Arizona State University in 1979, Mike joined the family business that delivered

fresh meat, which at the time was struggling and on the verge of failure. Mike's entrepreneurial spirit and drive gave birth to what is today a successful cooked meat business. He then set out to Colorado to start a cooked meats plant in Denver in 1987. Shortly after moving to Colorado Mike began to pursue his dreams of becoming a cattle rancher, amassing a large ranch in Parshall, CO. Mike was married to Kathleen (Kathy) Miniatt in 1988 in Indian Hills, Colorado. Mike and Kathy went on to have two daughters, Taylor Miniatt-Hildreth and Jessica (Jessie) Miniatt.

Mike retired from ranching in 2016 where he moved to Loveland, CO and in 2021 he joined his daughters in Montrose, CO where he planned to spend his retired years close to them and his four grandchildren.

Mike was the ultimate man of the outdoors and spent many years skiing, hunting, riding horses, fishing and snowmobiling. He loved the game of blackjack and was proud to teach his girls and many others how to play. Mike had a knack for tell-

ing stories and even more-so for creating them. Everyone who knew him had a story to tell and a good one at that. Mike loved fireworks and the 4th of July was always his favorite holiday to spend with his family and friends. He was a man with a huge heart and loved to help people. Mike was a mentor for so many kids and a huge supporter of 4H and other organizations advocating the future of agriculture.

Mike was predeceased by Ronald and Pauline Miniatt. He is survived by his brother David Miniatt, sisters Susan Kolavo, Amy Nalon and Sara Huels, daughters Taylor Hildreth and Jessie Miniatt, son in law Coy Hildreth, and grandchildren Jett Hildreth, Blaise Hildreth, Haven Burggraf and Nash Burggraf, and ex-wife and dear friend Kathy Miniatt.

Services will be held at Elk Mountain Resort in Montrose, CO on April 22, 2023, at 4PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to Heroes for Kids, an organization Mike felt very strongly about. Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose is assisting the family.

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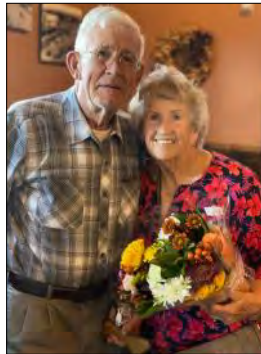
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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

WALTER J. BURKE

Born in Denver, Colorado on December 24, 1931

Died on March 27th, at 2 a.m. at his home in Montrose, Colorado



Walter was born in Denver, Colorado to Cora M. and Fred O. Burke on December 24, 1931, to an Irish Catholic family in North Denver.

Walter had five siblings and attended St. Dominic Grade school and Holy Family High School, class of 1949 where he played football and had many friends. He and his wife, Marril Lee, attended all class reunion celebrations every five years for most of his life. The only one he missed was when he was a combat marine in Korea in 1952.

He was drafted at the age of 19 to serve in the Marine Corps in Korea. He was sent to Korea where he said he spent the coldest winter of his life in a foxhole sleeping on makeshift bunks and being shot at by the Chinese. He was honorably discharged in 1953.

He worked and lived in Coal Creek Canyon near Boulder when he was a young bachelor. He ran cattle and rented horses and lived in a small cabin. He married his young bride at Holy Family Church in Denver on December 27, 1955, and took her to the mountains to live there. They lost their first child while living there, then they moved to Bailey, Colorado where he was in business with his dad and uncle subdividing property in the mountains. He was never one to sit idle, always coming up with new ideas and ambition. He and his family bought land in Evergreen and started a new subdivision there called Ev-

ergreen Meadows. While they lived in Bailey, Colorado they had eight more children and Walter built them a nice home on top of a mountain all by himself. They lived in this mountain community for 16 years. Walter was a handyman who could repair and build almost anything. He never lacked the ambition to build or make things around him better.

Standing around a campfire in the mountains on a snowy October day in 1964, Walt and Roy Romer bought the Arrowhead Ski Area. They later changed the name to Geneva Basin. Walter Burke and his family operated the ski area for many years. All of the children were raised to ski and play in the snow at Geneva Basin.

In 1978 he moved his family to Montrose Colorado where they lived until 1979, when his friend Roy Romer called and asked him if he would be interested in joining him in buying some John Deere Industrial stores in the state of Kansas. So off they went again to live in Great Bend, Kansas where he was once again the manager of the stores in Great Bend, Dodge City, Salina, Topeka, and Wichita, Kansas. They lived in Great Bend, Kansas through a hundred-year flood and lost much of their family heirlooms and possessions. Soon after, they also lost their son Patrick.

They moved back to Montrose, Colorado in 1984 and with a houseful of young teenagers, bought an old gas station on the corner of Main Street and Park Avenue. Walter had the boys save all the bricks from the former gas station, clean them and put them on pallets to be re-used for other projects. Then, they built the Park Avenue True Value Hardware Store. At last they had a wonderful business in their chosen city! Walter managed the hardware store for almost 17 years along with his daughter, Chris and her husband, Wayne Adams. Most of the children

worked there off and on through their teenage years. He managed to keep all five boys and three girls out of trouble in their formidable years.

The children went on to make their parents very proud. Some graduating from college and all going on to successful careers. Walter was always interested in whatever field his children chose for their life's work. He was a wonderful man, husband and father who accomplished much in his life.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Fred J. Burke and his sister, Catherine Burke. Also by their first baby girl, Ruth Cora, later by a son, Patrick Michael Burke, and their great-granddaughter, Beah Lang Betzing.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Marril Lee, his children, Chris Adams (Wayne); Tim Burke (Rita); Steve Burke (Jackie); Pete Burke (Tammy); Joe Burke; Carrie Stephenson (Tedd); and Colleen Aller (Billy). He is also survived by his brother Bob Burke; Ida Martin (Jack); and Rosemary Burke all of Denver Area, as well as 17 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 13 nieces and nephews. He was a proud man who proved that he could do anything he set his mind to. The family always marveled at his resourcefulness. He believed in using what was at hand and not buying new unless all else failed. He was a proud marine and a wonder to all who knew him well.

The family would like to invite you to a ceremony with full military honors at Grand View Cemetery on Sunset Mesa in Montrose, Colorado on Monday, April 17th at 1pm. A Celebration of Life and reception will follow at 2pm at Grace Community Church 16731 Woodgate Rd. Montrose, Colorado. In addition to flowers, donations can be made to the Montrose Veterans and Family Relief Fund PO Box 1211, Montrose, Colorado 81402. Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose is assisting the family.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

DIXIE LEE TAFOYA

DIXIE LEE TAFOYA, age 76, of Montrose passed away on March 25th, 2023, from natural causes.

Dixie was predeceased by her parents, Howard and Romeo, and her son Danial. She is survived by her sister Verna, her husband Ralph, her two boys Patrick and David, and her two grandchildren.

Dixie grew up in Paonia where she went to high school. She attended Mesa State College before moving to Montrose. She loved watching birds, her garden oasis, drives in the country, and her morning calls with her sister.

Before her retirement, she worked at the Montrose Welfare Office, Colorado Ute Electric Association turned Tri State Energy, and Country General turned Murdock's as a bookkeeper.

Join us for a graveside service at 2 PM on Monday, April 3rd, 2023, at Cedar Hill Cemetery, 40571 O Road, Paonia, followed by a reception at 4 PM at the Montrose Lion's Community Building, 602 North Nevada Avenue, Montrose.

Dixie will be forever loved and forever remembered. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.



CHARLES "CHUCK" MONROE PETERSON *January 22, 1943-March 25, 2023*



CHARLES "CHUCK" MONROE PETERSON, 80 years old, of Montrose, CO, passed into

the arms of Jesus on Saturday, March 25th.

Chuck was born on January 22, 1943, to Patricia (Dawson) and Charles Peterson. His defining character strengths were his strong work ethic and his faith. He loved playing cards and walking his dog. He was best known for his playfulness, and quick wit. When it was cold out, his famous catch phrase was, "it was slicker than bear snot on a door knob." Where Chuck was, there was laughter. He kept you on your toes, with a smile on your face. To know Chuck was to know a man who had a servant's heart, who was fully attentive to those around him. He was a "jack of all trades" having spent time in the Air Force, then as a police officer, and eventually ending his professional career as a painting contractor.

In the mid-seventies, Chuck met Pam in California, and it was love at first sight.

They moved to Colorado shortly afterwards and spent a number of years working with family. They lived with the knowledge that Chuck's grown children and their daughter Julia were gifts from God. After twenty-one years of marriage Pam passed into glory after a short battle with cancer. Chuck married Janice (Parks) in 2007, and they were married eleven years as he nursed her through her final moments of life after her battle with cancer. There is a great cloud of witnesses rejoicing together in heaven as Chuck has joined them. Chuck was preceded in death by his mother Patricia Peterson and his father, Charles Peterson, his wife Pamela Louise (Jones) Peterson, and second wife, Janice (Parks) Peterson. He is survived by his son Charles Peterson Jr., his daughter Judy Fraijo, and daughter, Julia Peterson. Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose is assisting the family.

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MILKING HISTORY



By Bob Cox
REGIONAL-As mining, farming, ranching and railroads attracted the adventurous men and women into the once wild lands of Colorado, communities grew. What started generally as a migration of men soon brought families. The needs of the miners and their families included basic necessities, not the least of which was food. Foresighted individuals turned once

arid ground into irrigated croplands and began another rush of sorts; not for gold and silver but to supply those seeking the gold and silver.

The dairy business in the mountains and valleys of Western Colorado provides a very unique and interesting chapter in Colorado history. Certainly, the Colorado Cooperative Inc. is one chapter, if not the fodder for an entire volume.



At left, photo picturing the Thompson Dairy in Silverton taken in 1920 courtesy the Denver Library Digital Collection. Above is a recent photo by Deb Reimann from approximately the same place.

The Colorado Cooperative was organized in 1894 as a "nirvana" of socialist ideas. They were eventually headquartered in the small town of Piñon in western Montrose County. The group is probably better known for its building of a ditch to supply water to the Nucla area, but they were also known to have been one of the earliest to recognize the need for dairy cattle in the mountainous communities. *The Altruian* was the official newspaper of the colony and reported extensively on their activities from 1894 to 1900 when the idea of socialism began to fade among its members. On July 1, 1895 the paper reported that good profits were promised in the dairy business. The account of meetings resulted in the opinion of the

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members that "Dairy and poultry products always find a good profitable sale in Colorado, double that of Kansas or Nebraska."

By the end of that year the cooperative was planning to buy dairy cattle and establish a dairy within the colony. They started planning at that time and, by February of 1896, declared:

It looks now as if we would have a large dairy by early summer. We are promised eighty cows from Kansas and about as many more from Colorado.

But finality of the process seemed to drag on. It was not until July of 1900 that final payments were made on the cattle. The payment included \$1,000 for 29 head of dairy cows, a cream separator and some dairy cans.

Another early entry into the dairy business was the Thompson Dairy in Silverton. They were actively delivering milk and milk products in 1909, and received a boost in their acceptance when the state dairy commissioner inspected their facilities. The *Silverton Standard* reported: *Robert L. Cockran, state dairy commissioner, spent a day in the city inspecting the dairies of Silverton. He pronounced the Thompson dairy the most sanitary and up-to-date in the state. He says the city dairymen of the state could learn considerable along this line if they would visit this institution.*

An article printed in the *Montrose Daily Press* on July 6, 1906 encouraged local farmers to become more active in the dairy business:

On The Farm. There are very few manufacturing industries as productive as dairying. Milk and butter are staple foods for human consumption. There is nothing else

which directly takes their place.

A creamery in Ouray County was well established by 1910. On July 22, 1910 the *Ouray Herald* reported that the creamery was growing and anticipated that 10,000 pounds of cream per month was possible. In part, the article read:

Such an output is a great increase over that of last year and shows that the creamery and dairy business here is growing at a rapid rate. With the increasing interest among the farmers here in the dairy business there is no reason why this section cannot be made a notable one in the dairy business.

A surge in the dairy business started to take hold in 1912. In January of 1913 Dairy Commissioner Cochran reported at the dairy conference in Denver that:

Colorado dairy cows turned out \$14,000,000 in milk in 1912. The number of creameries doubled. The prospects for 1913 are brighter than at the beginning of any previous year. Seven million dollars in butter, milk and other dairy products was shipped into Colorado in 1912.

At that same conference, Cochran pointed out that the telling numbers were those that represented the products being shipped into Colorado. He encouraged the Colorado farmers and businessmen to take note:

Colorado should offer a premium to draw the less fortunate dairymen of Eastern states to our state; we should populate the thousands of acres of idle pasture land with fine dairy stocks, and supply other states with dairy products instead of having them supply us.

The war years did little to help Western Slope dairy operations, but by the early

1920s, new dairies were being developed and regulations were put in place to better guarantee the quality of the products. On August 15, 1923 *The Montrose Daily Press* reported:

DAIRIES HAVE MILK TESTED EVERY MONTH - H. A. Ireland is making the rounds of the following dairies on the monthly milk testing: C. H. Johnson, W. A. Brower, W. W. Price, J. A. Daly, J. F. Novacek, E. L. Ofill, J. E. Kettle, R. C. Nash, James Nielson and Fred Cole.

Various reports show that there were an estimated 31 Montrose County dairy operations in business in the early months of 1923. At least three dairies were operating in Ouray County and the Thompson Dairy in Silverton was still delivering their products to the citizens of San Juan County.

By mid- 1924 dairy businesses were still showing some optimism. Both the *Montrose Press* and the *Olathe Criterion* reported that more than 20 cars (railroad) of butter manufactured in the Uncompahgre Valley had shipped to eastern markets, mostly to Chicago. The articles pointed out that the cars averaged about 30,600 pounds each and that the current market price was averaging 40 cents per pound, making nearly \$250,000.

The last century has seen several ups and downs in the dairy business, with just a very few hanging on in Western Colorado. A recent U. S. farm report showed that there are a total of just over 300 dairies in the state and, while demand is fairly high, more than one third of the dairies and production facilities are located in Weld, Morgan, Logan, Larimer and El Paso counties; all on the Eastern Slope of Colorado.

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YOUR BRAIN ON NATURE – CREATIVITY PART 2



By Lauren Hall Rudell, Ph.D.
Greetings Mirrorites!

Spring may technically have started two weeks ago but it really hasn't begun until April in my book. My mood begins to improve in late March, true, and creativity takes an upswing, but it really doesn't get turbo-charged until late April. It might be overly simplistic to say that this is all because the trees in my yard are leafing out and my lawn is turning green, but there may be something truly cognitive to this. Or it's all in my imagination. Or both.

Imagination is an important factor in creativity and originality. Creativity, commonly defined as the ability to produce novel and useful responses, is thought to require many executive function brain regions and networks. But in order for creativity to be able to be made manifest, order out of creative chaos must be achievable. For instance, the ability to monitor and add or delete contents of working memory appears to be beneficial for considering and recombining unrelated concepts. A mental overseer appears to be needed. Two are actually available... executive function and the default mode network.

Increasing evidence suggests that executive functions – a set of general-purpose control processes that regulate one's thoughts-- are relevant for creativity. Researchers have proposed three leading processes they have named Updating, Shifting, and Inhibition. Updating refers to the ability to monitor and rapidly add or delete the contents of working memory; Shifting refers to the ability to flexibly shift between different tasks or



mental sets; and Inhibition refers to the ability to purposefully suppress or override attention to appealing but irrelevant thoughts or stimuli. Research indicates that executive attention that reins in and inhibits too much random association is the overlord most used by most folks.

Creativity researchers Beaty et al in 2015 (Scientific Reports, June 17 edition) found that the most creative of their participants exhibited highly efficient information transfer across a network of brain regions linked to divergent thinking, including the core nodes of the default and executive networks.

We know that time in pleasing natural landscapes has a profound effect on the default mode network (DMN). When voluntary attention is exhausted, time in nature sends the brain activity toward its own rest and refresh happy place through soft fascination, much of which happens in the DMN. The role of attention in creativity may still be controversial, but the benefits of time in nature on attention restoration are not.

The DMN is a system of connected brain areas that show increased activity when a person is not focused on what is happening around them. The DMN is especially

active when one engages in introspective activities such as daydreaming and random musing. Unfettered daydreaming can often lead to divergent thinking. There are few environments that promote daydreaming and soft fascination nearly as well as greenscapes. Green environments also promote inhibition responses. Sustained exposure to stress shuts down relaxation and often exhausts voluntary attention at the same time, while immersion in greenery provides a remedy for both problems that block creativity, also simultaneously.

In the interest of full disclosure, there is opposing evidence from some studies showing that creativity may benefit from a certain lack of cognitive control, a reduction in inhibition. Decreased filtering of task-irrelevant information, "leaky" or diffused attention, and "leaky" sensory processing seem to work best for some creatives. For these folks brains, creativity may involve rapid switching between controlled and spontaneous processing (Christoff et al: 2016), rather than high levels of inhibition. It's our human differences that make this whole thing fun and interesting.

Regardless of process, creativity is crucial

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for most aspects of daily life, from work, to parenting, to cooking and fashion etc. Making instant connections that result in humorous gibes or meaningful insights shared with others is just as important to a good life as is painting the next masterpiece.

Nature is the best accelerant. For instance, young adults who took a RAT (Remote Associates) test after four days in wilderness were 50 percent faster with creative associations than youngsters who took the test at the beginning of the expedition. If you doubt this, test it on your-

self. The RAT is really fun. Below are some examples:

Square / Cardboard / Open - BOX

Broken / Clear / Eye - GLASS

Coin / Quick / Spoon - SILVER

Time / Hair / Stretch - LONG

Aid / Rubber / Wagon - BAND

You get the point. Find two of these online and take one before and a different one after a nature walk or trail hike of longer than 1 hour. Try to take it as promptly as you can after the nature experience, before the effect fades.

I predict that the vast majority of readers

will be impressed with the difference in their speed.

The city of Montrose won an Arbor Day award for green towns in 2021. But we need to be aware of threats to our collective intelligence and creativity.

From 2000 to 2021 this area also lost almost 16,000 acres of tree cover from a combination of factors, such as development and drought.

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EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE IN A MOVIE THEATER!

WHAT A GREAT IDEA! *And other things...*

by CB Williams

MONTROSE-On Easter Sunday, Apr. 9, Summit Church will host their Easter service in the Fox Cinema Center, 27 S. Cascade Ave. at 9:30 a.m. Admission is free and fellowship will follow at San Juan Brews, 512 E. Main St.

What brought about the idea for hosting the service at a theatre? Is it reminiscent of the Billy Graham crusades of the 1960s and 1970s?

"I can't remember quite that far back," Summit Pastor John DeSario said with a smile. He was not yet around at that time. "Our church has been growing since we started it in January of 2021," said DeSario, "and last year we nearly filled our sanctuary at our Easter service."

"We wanted to do something this Easter that would allow us to invite more people to our service and we also wanted to make our service as accessible as possible to everyone in Montrose."

DeSario said he and his wife Debra were at the Fox theater watching a movie and had the idea that Summit Church could use one of their theaters which had a stage. He approached the manager of the theater and she agreed to let Summit use the theater for the Easter morning service. Summit Church is inviting everyone who lives downtown and people that live all around Montrose to join them on Easter Sunday, and after the service the attendees will walk or drive down to San Juan Brews on Main Street to continue talking and enjoy coffee.

"Since Fox Theater has a noon movie on the second Sunday of each month, it is necessary for us to leave the theater shortly after our service," he continued, "We already had a partnership with San Juan Brews which allows us to use their facility when they are closed on Sundays for Summit Connect, our meeting for young adults on Sunday nights."

He said John Pope, the owner of San Juan Brews, was happy to let Summit use his space to hang out after their service on Easter.

"We would love for people from all walks of life to join us for the service," he said.



Summit Church hopes that the theater will provide an inviting atmosphere and that some people who might not be able to make it up north of town to the church in the Old Menoken School House will be able to attend the service downtown.

"We would love to pack the theater which holds a little over 150 people," he said, "and we will have some activities and childcare for children up to first grade in one part of the movie theater."

Children are also welcome to stay in the theater with their parents. There will be activity bags for kids that will provide some activities for them during the sermon.

"We have church members and community members coming together to help us put the service on – from greeters to background-checked child workers to those working security in and outside the theater," DeSario said.

Visitors to the Summit Church Easter service will receive a card for a free San Juan Brews medium coffee drink of their choice to be used at a later date when they turn in their visitor card.

For more information contact DeSario at 970-275-7026 or summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com. Regular Sunday services at Summit Church, 10977 6075 Rd., are at 9 a.m. followed by fellowship; then Pastor Mauro Zuniga of Iglesia Verdad Y Vida leads Spanish-speaking services for his congregation at 11 a.m.

Easter in Montrose and Olathe

Annually the AMC (Association of Montrose Churches) hosts services each day of **Holy Week**. Buddy Cook, secretary of the AMC and pastor at the First Church of the Nazarene in Montrose, sent out this year's schedule (*see image next pg*).

"We hope you will be able to attend these



services as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus this coming Easter Sunday," Cook said in the announcement. He said the services are 30 minutes long followed by a continental breakfast.

The offerings collected during Holy Week services are used for the AMC Rent and Utilities Fund, helping people in need throughout the Montrose area.

Grace Community Church Montrose, 16731 Woodgate Rd., will host ***Journey to the Cross on Good Friday, Apr. 7*** from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., according to Desiree Wetzels, office manager. There will be seven interactive stations – much like the stations of the cross – set up in the sanctuary. The journey is self-guided and takes approximately 30 minutes to one hour, she said.

Easter in Olathe! Grace also will be bringing an Easter celebration to Olathe on Friday, Apr. 7 from 5:30-8 p.m. in Cannon Park in the middle of town. Outreach Pastor Jeremy Sandeno said they will set up a huge party tent and invite all to watch the Grace Montrose youth group perform five different scenes from Passion Week with a musical accompaniment – an outdoor version of the *Journey to the Cross*. Different hosts will walk through the crowd reading Bible passages in reference to the Easter story.

Love the Western Slope, Extending Grace and the Mobile Food Relief teams, all part of the Grace Outreach effort, will collaborate at the event to distribute groceries to families in need and host a pancake feed for all who attend the event. It will be followed by a lighted

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Easter egg hunt for the kids at the end of the evening.

Sandeno said the Mobile Food Relief recently visited Olathe and gave out food to around 120 people, about the same as the most recent Montrose relief effort. There are about 10 on the Grace Outreach staff, he said, and they are working to make a difference. "We want to help build the church community in Olathe," Sandeno said, "and ideally we would like to partner with the local churches." He said he is working on that connection.

Grace Easter Sunday sunrise service in

Montrose will be at 6 a.m., with other services following at 8:30 and 11 a.m. In between the services there will be a nursery-pre-kindergarten egg hunt at 10 a.m. and an elementary egg hunt at 10:15. There will be signs posted on the grounds pointing to the location of the hunts.

First Presbyterian Church of Montrose will be having special choral music during their Easter Sunday service at 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Seder Service
Several area churches will be having Maundy Thursday services on Apr. 6 including Christ Lutheran Church at 1980 N.

Townsend.

The Seder service is a celebration of the liberation of God's people from slavery in Egypt, and the service will run from 7-8 p.m. The Seder service will be a "tasting service," according to Christ Lutheran, reminding those who partake that God uses simple ordinary things, like food, to deepen awareness of His salvation. The service will end with the Lord's Supper.

For more information about churches and other services throughout the Montrose area check out their websites, Facebook pages, or billboards.

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705 S. 12th St.

Thursday– Montrose Christian Church
2351 Sunnyside Rd.

Friday– Celebration Church
2900 Sunnyside Rd.

Services will be 30 minutes, followed by a continental breakfast.

An offering will be received for the AMC Rent and Utilities Fund.

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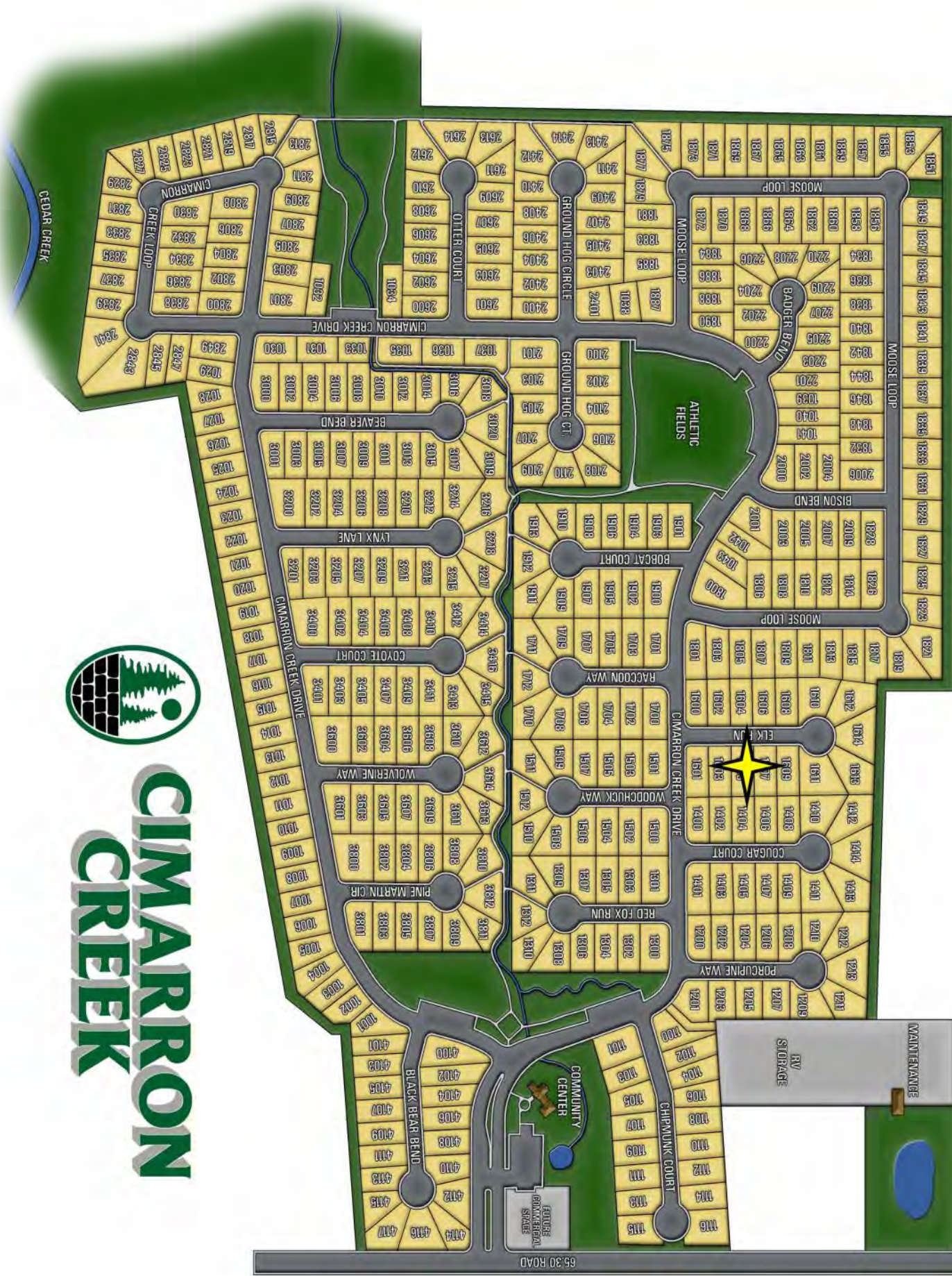
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ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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.

Mission statement: Restoring Hope.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Independent Baptist

112Main St.

P.O. Box 262

Olathe, Co 81425

Tuesday-Friday Phone: 970-808-1021

www.biblebaptistchurcholathe.com

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.

CELEBRATION CHURCH

Denomination: Southern Baptist Church (SBC – Southern Baptist Convention)

Address: 2900 Sunnyside Road, Montrose, CO 81401

Office Hours: By appointment

Phone: (970) 497-4925

Email: celebrationmontrose@gmail.com

Website: <https://celebrationmontrose.org/>

Senior Pastor:

Pastor Brandon Mathis

Church Description/Mission: Celebration Church makes disciples that make disciples. Our core values include the Scripture, discipleship, community, service, prayer, love, and unity.

Demographics: Multi-generational

Celebration Kids: Nursery (Birth-4 years old) 8am, 9:30am & 11am

Celebration Kids (Ages 5 – 10) 9:30am & 11am

Discipleship: Students (Ages 11-18) 9:30am Sundays

Adult D2 Classes: 9:30am & 11am Sundays

Other Discipleship Opportunities:

Youth Night: First & Third Wednesdays of month 6pm

Celebration Groups (all ages): Sundays – Fridays various times & locations

Seasons Young Adult (Ages 18-26) Celebration Group: Thursdays @ 5:30pm off campus location

Celebrate Recovery: Friday nights @ 6:30pm

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Denomination: Christ Lutheran Montrose

Affiliation: Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Address: 1980 N. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401

Contact: 970-633-0226

Website: www.montroselutheran.org

Email: montroselutheran@gmail.com

Pastor: Tim Onnen

Worship: Sundays at 9 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:15 AM; Women's Bible Study Fridays at 9 AM. At Christ Lutheran Montrose you will

find friendly people gathered in a welcoming environment being comforted and encouraged by the forgiveness and love of Jesus, and sharing that with one another.

We are a small congregation of seniors and middle-aged, sprinkled with young children and teenagers.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Denomination: Church of the Nazarene

Address: 705 South 12th Street

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am- Noon and by Appointment

Contact Information: Office Phone 970 249-9213, mncfirst@gmail.com, www.montrosenazarenechurch.org

Pastor: Buddy Cook

Services Sunday: Worship 10 AM, Adult Bible Study 11:30 AM Worship includes age-appropriate children's ministry during adult worship.

Wednesday: Prayer Boot Camp - 7 PM

Mission Statement: *Montrose First Church of the Nazarene exists to make Christlike*

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

Affiliation: Presbyterian

Address: 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO.

81401 **Office Hours:** M-Thu 9AM -

12PM **Contact:** 970-249-4732, [\[form@fpcmontrose.com\]\(mailto:form@fpcmontrose.com\),](mailto:in-</p>
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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.

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Phone number: (970) 249-9047
 Email address: office@montroseucc.org
 Website: montroseucc.org
Current Pastor: Rev. Wendy Kidd
Worship service times: Sunday, 10 a.m.
 Hillcrest Congregational UCC is a welcoming, open and affirming church, open to all no matter who you are or where you are

on life's journey.
 Church demographics: HCUCC welcomes all ages to worship with us. (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles)
 We offer inter-generational worship with a children's "prayer-ground" and activity packets. A cry room is also available.

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Denomination Affiliation: United Methodist
Address: 19 S. Park Avenue Montrose CO. 81401
Office Hours: M-Thu, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact Information: 970-249-3716, office@montroseumc.org, [mont-](http://montroseumc.org)

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-Thurs, 9am-4pm
Contact information:
 Phone: 970.249.4887
 website: www.RosemontBaptist.org
 email: office@rosemontbaptist.org
Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson
Worship Service Times: Our engaging and relevant Sunday Worship Service is at

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

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

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

Denomination affiliation: Independent Interfaith
Address: Meeting at Lions Park Community Building, 602 N. Nevada, Montrose
 Office hours: Tues-Fri, 9 am to 4 pm,
Home Office – 970-252-0908
Contact information: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, 970-252-0908,
arlyn@spiritaware.org,
www.spiritaware.org
Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn

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

come. The Spiritual Awareness Center is an interfaith spiritual community welcoming spiritual seekers and people of all faiths, providing a safe place to explore and nurture the individual's unique connection to the Divine through Unity services, classes, family and community projects, including the Great Community Give-away and Wellness Fair. People of all ages are welcome. There are currently no Sunday School or nursery services provided but craft supplies are available for youth.

SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation:
 Southern Baptist
Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403
Office hours: Varies
Contact information:
 phone number: 970-275-7026
 email: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com
 website: www.summitchurchmontrose.org
Name of current Senior Pastor: John De-

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Worship service times: Sunday Worship is at 9 am followed by a time of fellowship and snacks. 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; website: vbcmontrose.org

Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

Worship Service Times: Sunday School at 9:30am, Sunday AM Service at 10:30am, Sunday PM Service at 6pm, Wednesday Night Service at 6:30pm (all services include childcare)

Victory Baptist Church exists to exalt God, edify saints, and evangelize the lost. Demographics: Victory Baptist serves everyone with age-appropriate classes, groups, and activities. Families with children make up the majority of VBC with young adults, singles, middle-aged couples, and seniors comprising the rest.

Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

MONTROSE-As a way of serving the faith community in Montrose, the Montrose Mirror is in the process of establishing a Church Directory. If your congregation or fellowship would like to be included in the directory, please supply the following

information to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

BLUECORN CAFE & MERCANTILE PRESENTS YOU KNEW ME WHEN LIVE AT THE CANDLE FACTORY APRIL 8

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE— Ouray based folk duo You Knew Me When will be taking the stage at the Bluecorn Cafe & Mercantile for a special "Live at the Candle Factory" Spring performance on April 8th. The duo will be sharing a special acoustic set of revamped songs from their four studio albums such as "Songs of the San Juans" and "Colorful Colorado".

You Knew Me When: Live at the Candle Factory - Bluecorn Cafe & Mercantile (1842 S Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO) on April 8 at 7pm. Free event.

ABOUT YOU KNEW ME WHEN:

You Knew Me When is a husband and wife folk-rock pairing based in Ouray, CO, by way of Nashville, TN. The duo have toured nationally since June of 2012 throughout North America sharing their collective sound featuring what Jennifer Savage (North Coast Journal) calls "fragile folksy melodies with an elegant, edgier sound," and what Ben Salmon (Bend Bulletin) describes as "beautiful harmonies and pillow acoustic guitar."

Now touring in support of their fourth studio album "Songs of the San Juans", You Knew Me When continue to create and serve up an array of Colorado inspired compositions coast to coast.

Find out more at www.youknewmewhen.com, www.facebook.com/youknewmewhen, and www.instagram.com/youknewmewhen. *Courtesy photo.*



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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
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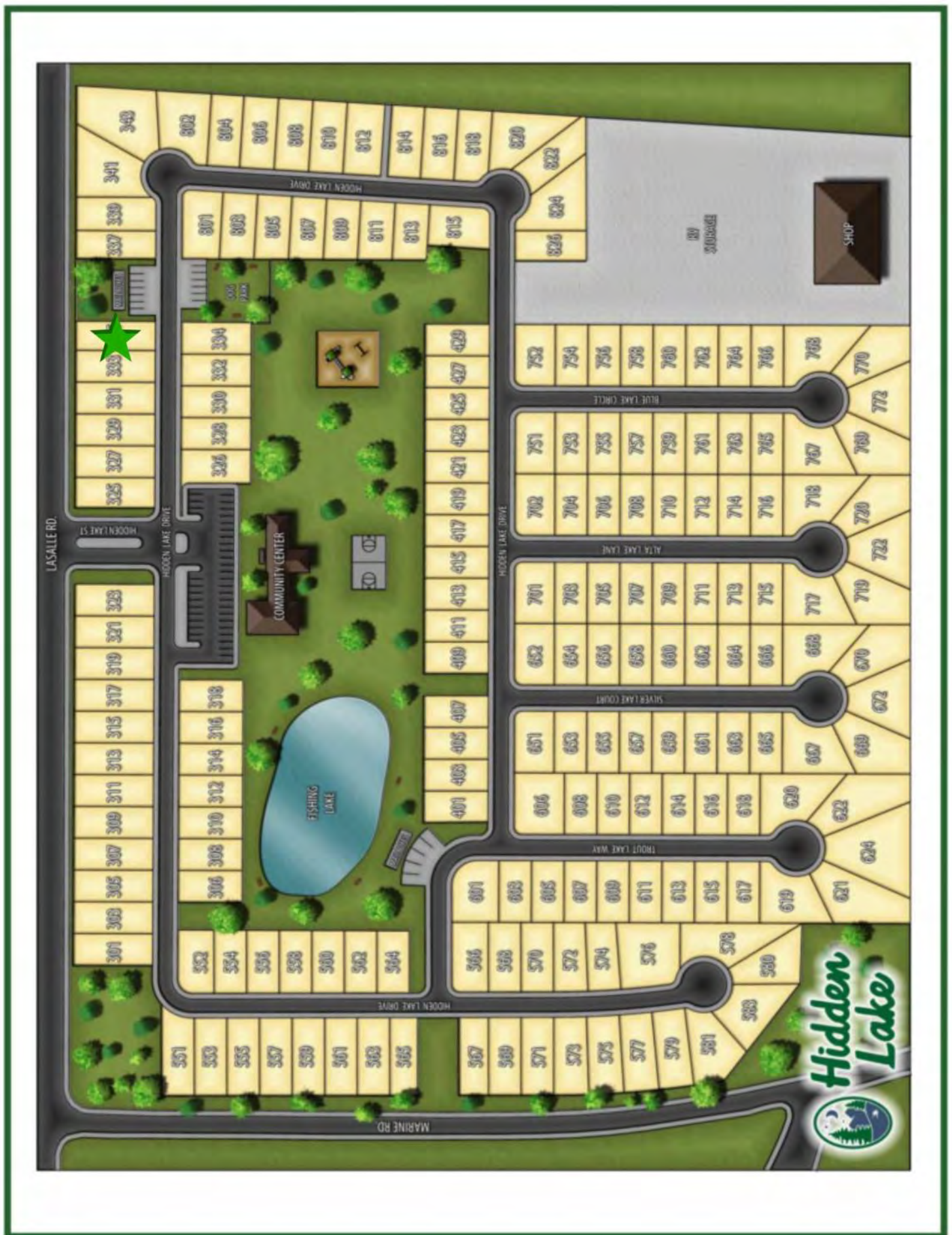


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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

PACK 485 PINEWOOD DERBY FINALS APRIL 8



*Courtesy photos.
Special to Art & Sol*

DELTA-The Pinewood Derby of Pack 485 chartered to St. Michaels Catholic Church in Delta was held Monday evening proceeding with a potluck supper and Scout District representatives in attendance. In addition to the Cub Scouts from St. Michaels Pack were their Troop BSA



Scouts who helped to set up the race track and facilitated the race competition.

Pinewood Derby competitions started in 1953 at the Scout House in Manhattan Beach, California, for boys too young to participate in the then popular Soap Box Derby. Since this time the BSA adopted the competition nationally as a way for youth and parents to work together to

design and build their miniature race cars within certain standards. Monday's Pinewood Derby competition included actual race competitions starting with individual Dens (similar ages) and then overall competition among their winners. Further judging was done for construction and design of cars, as well as open competition for adults and non-standard cars. Monday night's Pack 485 race was a preliminary to the Scout District finals to be held on Sat., April 8, which will be held at Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta at 9 a.m. Cub Scouts from Montrose and Grand Junction, as well as Packs from other communities may participate as well. Viewing this noteworthy youth competition is open to all, and may also include refreshments. Come and see the creativity and excitement of the youth of our communities.

All Saints Anglican Church: Holy Week & Easter Sunday Services

Thursday, April 6, Maundy Thursday, 7PM
Holy Communion with optional (and voluntary) foot washing.

Friday, April 7, Good Friday,
Stations of the Cross at 1PM;
Good Friday service with Holy Communion from the Reserve Sacrament at 7PM.

Sunday, April 9, Easter. Easter Vigil / First Light / Sunrise Service with Holy Communion at 6AM;
Easter Eucharist at 9AM.
Bring bells to the 6AM service.

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Two anglers fly fishing at Charlie Meyers State Wildlife Area aka "The Dream Stream" between Eleven Mile and Spinney Mountain Reservoirs in Park County. Photo courtesy of Nora Logue.

Special to Art & Sol

DENVER - For the fifth consecutive year, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and our partner Colorado fishing companies are encouraging anglers to take a friend fishing. As a reward for sharing your expertise and love of fishing, we've created a contest for mentors who take the time to pass on their knowledge. Both mentors and mentees are eligible to win prizes.

Congratulations to our 2022 winners; Darren Orr and Debra Mastic (Longmont), Jim Welch and Ryan Zuidema (Montrose), and Sadie Swieca and Joe Kubis (Leadville).

"Fishing is something a person can enjoy their entire life. When you teach someone how to fish, you can literally change their life forever," said CPW Angler Outreach

Coordinator Andre Egli.

"We've received some truly inspiring stories about fishing in Colorado over the past few years. Co-workers who became great friends, family members who reconnected, veterans who bonded over shared experiences, amazing moments that were made possible by Colorado's bountiful fishing opportunities. I'm excited to see what kind of photos and stories our anglers will send in this year."

Mentors, take a beginner angler out or mentees encourage an experienced angler to teach you how to fish and enter to win some great prizes by submitting a photograph and brief story of your time on the water. Submissions will be judged by their ability to inspire.

Winners will be selected at three different times throughout the year (July, October and February). Both the mentor as well as the mentee will receive a prize. All prizes retail between \$300 - \$900!

Prizes include:

Cooler package: Soft sided YETI cooler and 60-quart polar cap cooler from Bass Pro Shops & Cabela's - \$600

Full beginner fly fishing set up (rod/reel combo, tippet, leaders, tools, and fly box with 60 flies) from Ascent Fly Fishing - \$400

Full beginner spin-casting set up (rod/reel combo, net, and tackle box with over \$300 worth of gear and lures) - \$400

Full ice fishing setups including; sled, auger, rods/reels, and pop up shelter - \$600

Premium fly fishing set up: Orvis rods with Ross Reels - \$900

Tenkara rods from Zen Tenkara - \$300

Belly boat with accessories (fins & pump) - \$300

Each winner will also receive a year subscription to Colorado Outdoors Magazine.

How to qualify

Mentor and mentee must be at least 21 years of age.

Mentees must meet one of these criteria:

Never had a fishing license until 2023

Only had a fishing license in 2022 (e.g., a second-year angler)

Not had a fishing license in the past five consecutive years (i.e., since 2018)

Contest participants must follow all applicable Colorado fishing regulations.

Mentor must have had a Colorado fishing license before the start of the contest.

To learn more, see the official rules and find out more about how to Take a Friend Fishing in 2023.



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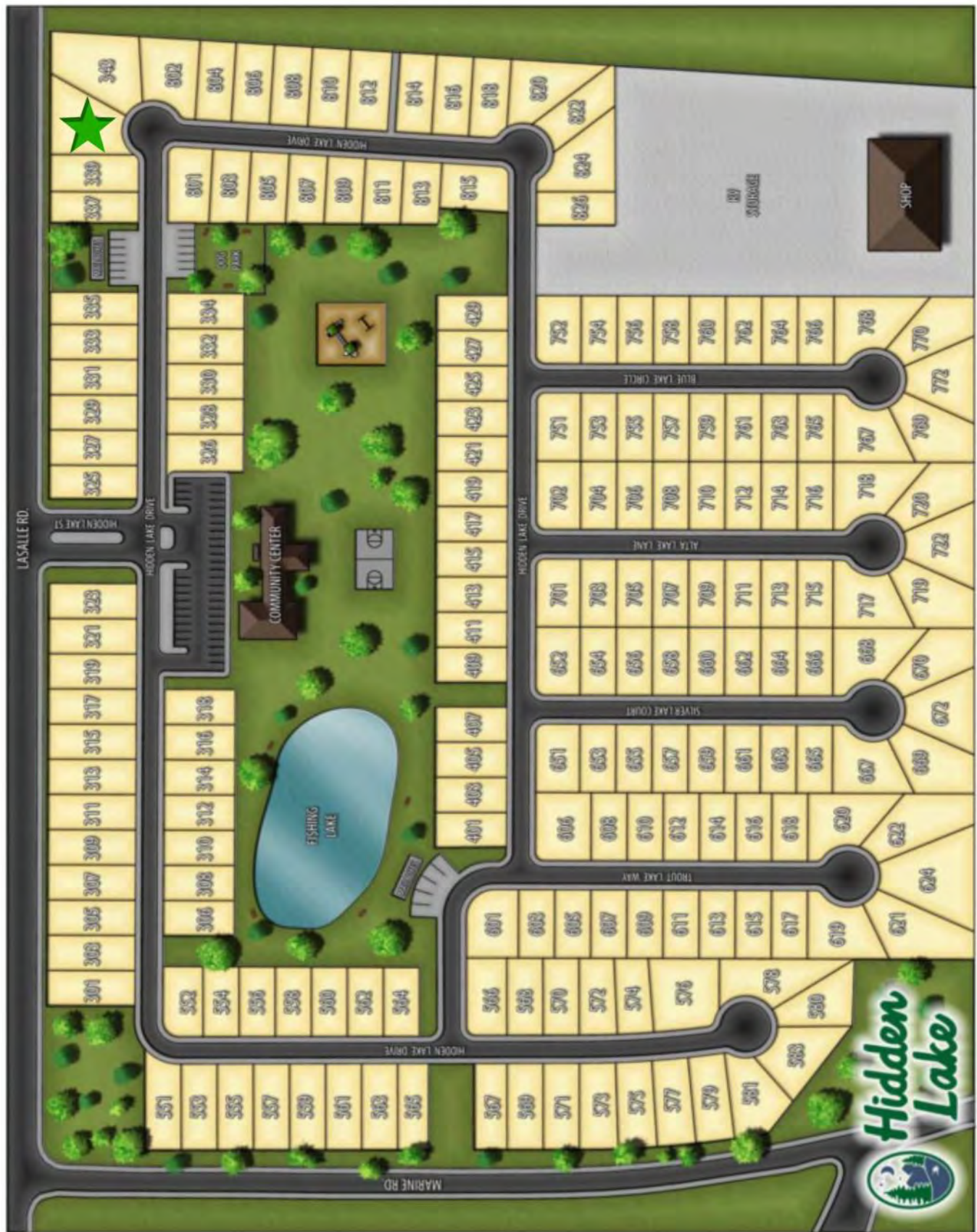


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MONTROSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets 1st Wednesday of the month @ Montrose Events Center, 1036 No 7th Street 7 pm (970) 249-2085 www.montrosehistory.org

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

GREATER MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS – 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

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

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

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

April 5-The Montrose County Historical Society presents Allan Distel, manager of the Bostwick Park Water Conservancy District discussing the Cimarron Canal, its history, development, current importance, and maintenance. The program starts at 7 pm. Wednesday, April 5, 2023, in rooms 1 and 2 in the Montrose County Events Center. Admission is free, the public is invited. Light refreshments may be available. Social distancing and COVID procedures are encouraged.

April 8- You Knew Me When: Live at the Candle Factory - Bluecorn Cafe & Mercantile (1842 S Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO) on April 8 at 7pm. Free event.

April 9-Easter Service at First Presbyterian Church at 9:30 a.m. 1840 E. Niagara Rd., Montrose.

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 11-Tuesday April 11 at 5pm, Citizens' Climate Lobby meets at Montrose Library meeting rm. Nonpartisan, National, Environmental. All welcome info 970-765-9095

April 16 - Montrose Community Band Free Concert "Cruisin,' Songs We Cruised To", Montrose Pavilion 3p.m. Bring your hot rods and sweethearts out for an afternoon of classic cars, classic car songs and songs for cruisin'. <https://montroseband.com/concert-schedule>

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.

May 20-Western Slope Group of the Colorado Mountain Club Intro to Hiking Safety takes place Saturday May 20 from 10-11:30am at the Montrose Rec Field House Summit Room \$7 CMCmembers, \$12 nonmembers More info: WSGofCMC@gmail.com Seating limited, register at: <https://www.cmc.org/groups-sections/groups-around-the-state/western-slope-group/course-templates/intro-to-hiking-safety-western-slope/intro-to-hiking-safety-montrose-2023>

June 24-Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans will host their 4th 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.

Sept. 16-17-The much-anticipated Tribute to Aviation, the signature event hosted by Montrose Regional Airport, is officially set for Sept. 16-17, 2023. This crowd-favorite event is back this year after a break for a major airport construction and remodel project at Montrose Regional Airport.

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READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: OUT & ABOUT

At right, Pond Skim at Telluride for last day of the ski season celebration. Photo B. Switzer.



Above, a Sheriff's vehicle is loaded on a tow truck following an incident at North Townsend and the San Juan Bypass Sunday night. Photos by David White.



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