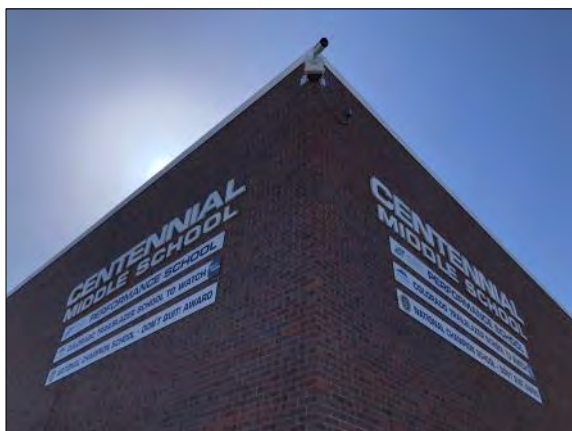


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CENTENNIAL ONCE AGAIN NAMED A SCHOOL TO WATCH, RE-1J BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES NEW DRESS CODE *Fishing adds Vote of Confidence for Superintendent Carrie Stephenson to agenda*



Under the leadership of Principal Joe Simo, Centennial Middle School has earned a reputation for excellence. Centennial has been named a Colorado School to Watch for the third time. Photo by B. Switzer.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose County School District RE-1J Board President Sarah Fishing called the regular meeting of the board to order on Tuesday, April 11, and led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition to Fishing, all directors were present, including Board Vice President Eric Kelley, District A Director Erik Westesen, District B Director Jacob Suppes, District C Director Alice Murphy, District D Director Tom West, and District G Director Stephen Bush.

For those viewing the livestream, sound quality was improved somewhat but the camera continues to focus intrusively on the audience rather than on the board of education.

At the start of the meeting Fishing said, "I would like to add an agenda item to the new business section for a vote of confidence in

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MONTROSE LIBRARY OVER 125 YEARS OLD *Beer, whiskey and 14 saloons contributed to creation of the first library*

by Dorothy Causey

MONTROSE- Beer, whiskey, and 14 saloons contributed to the creation of the first library. Montrose officially became a town in 1882 and as the town grew so did the number of saloons. Hence, a chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) was started here in 1884. One of the members overheard a man in from the country say, "The only place to relax is a saloon," and that chance remark ignited the idea for the group to start a reading and rest room. Here's how it happened.

In 1882 the Methodist church started having Sunday School and Sunday services in a frame carpenter's shop located on North 1st Street, about half a block west of Cascade Avenue, approximately where the public parking lot is now located. Members would go to the shop Saturday nights and sweep up sawdust and shavings. They'd lay boards across nail kegs for seating, and when they ran out of nail kegs would borrow beer kegs from a

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A welcoming sculpture in front of the Montrose Library. Photo by B. Switzer.

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Montrose County Historical Museum houses many artifacts used in the development of Montrose and the surrounding area. Founding families have donated artifacts used in the settling of the city and the development of the surrounding farmland. Railroad involvement is also a major part of the development of Montrose. The Gunnison Tunnel construction and its significance to the area are explained and artifacts are on display. Many other interest-stimulating items from early Montrose are visible.

The museum is located at the Main Street West railroad crossing, across the street from the Consumers Coop fuel station. (21 N. Rio Grande Ave.) Parents can pick up the students there. The museum closes at 5 pm.

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MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN LUNCH AND MEETING

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MONTROSE-Montrose County Republican Women Lunch and Meeting- Friday, April 21st, noon-1:30pm at Hampton Inn Montrose. Montrose City Councilman & Martial Arts Teacher Ed Ulibarri will give a short instruction and demonstration on self-defense techniques. Brown bag lunch with beverages served.



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ACT LIKE ADULTS

Dear Editor,

Millions of children are being murdered in the name of women's health, paid for by the American government (you and me). Yet when it comes to other aspects

of women's health, such as various cancers, they are ignored. Families and insurance are left to carry the costs of fighting ovarian, breast, cervical and other forms of cancer particular to women. Why does

our government work so hard to destroy lives rather than work to help save them?

What's so special about an unwanted pregnancy that the leftists of America feel they need all of us to pay to end it? Why is an irresponsible act on the part of two individuals deemed to be something that the rest of us must carry the costs for?

Not having children in today's world is very simple. There's abstinence, not having sex if you don't want the possible consequences. There are pills to PREVENT conception, rather than pills to destroy a life after it's created. There are condoms, both male and female types, that prevent conception. All of these come under the definition of SELF CONTROL.

Sexual self control is what's missing in the world today. Too many people refuse to take responsibility for their actions. "I made a mistake, you gotta pay for it" is the prevailing attitude. In case nobody ever told you, that is wrong! YOU are responsible for what you do. If you feel the need to engage in sex, do something to prevent conception if you don't want to get pregnant.

Act like adults for a change. If you ignore the above advice, don't come running to the rest of us to help you. If you feel the need to murder the child you irresponsibly created, then you and your partner handle it.

Bob Ernst, Montrose

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WOMEN'S GIVING CLUB TO MEET MAY 1

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MONTROSE-Another local non-profit organization is about to get a big boost from the Women's Giving Club. The second quarter meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 5:30 p.m. at the Bridges. All women are invited to come and enjoy a combination of socializing and giving with other women who want to make a difference in our community. Three organizations are chosen by drawing to make presentations. Those who attend are asked to make a \$100 donation and participate in choosing the organization who is the recipient. A guest may attend once without donating and without having a vote to see for themselves how it works. A \$10 meeting room fee is requested and includes a drink and appetizers.

This group has now given over \$300,000 in its five years of operation. It is truly amazing to see what such a combined effort can achieve. For more information contact Phoebe Benziger at 970-209-9598 or phebenator@hotmail.com.

Photo- At the Feb. 6 meeting the group voted to award funds to CASA and Region 10's project to build and furnish housing for youth and seniors. A check for \$12,800 was presented. A member of The



Women's Giving Club, Vera Pringle, agreed to match the donation, so the organization received a total of \$25,600. Compelling presentations at this meeting were also made by Bosom Buddies and The Rotary Club's Shoes and Kids Program. Those groups are eligible to partici-

pate again. Photo:

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LIBRARY BOARD SAYS NO TO COLLECTION POLICY CHANGES



Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Public comments were not taken during the special meeting of the Montrose Library Board of Trustees on Wednesday, April 12. Instead, as noted on the special meeting agenda, the Board discussed the comments heard at previous library board meetings and considered Library District “policies and documents, relevant legal cases, information from the Library District’s attorney, and other research completed over the past several months.”

During recent trustee meetings, Library patrons have raised concerns that have centered around books with sexually explicit content aimed at youth, including the graphic novels “Flamer” by Mike Curato and Maia Kobabe’s “Gender Queer.”

Patrons have also raised concerns over the possible censorship of those materials. As library trustee meetings have been drawing crowds too large for the library meeting room, the April 12 meeting was also made available via Zoom.

At that meeting the board chose not to take action, instead voting not to change the collection policy, “and to re-affirm our opposition to censorship,” Library Director Paul Palladino said.

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MONTROSE-The Montrose County Clerk and Recorder, Tressa Guynes is moving her three offices to 317 South 2nd Street (directly across from the Library) and will start serving the public at this new location on April 24. This includes Vehicle Registration, Elections, and Recording. These offices will be closed to the public on April 19 and 20 to move fixtures and equipment.

"I'm excited for this new space," said Clerk and Recorder Tressa Guynes. "There will be more work surface for Vehicle Registration Clerks and a larger waiting area for the public. I'm grateful to the Board for the renovation of the former Administration building—this will serve the Clerk and Recorder's office for many years to come." Tressa Guynes invites the public to an open house on April 21st, from 9-11am to view the new space. Services will not be

available at this time, but the offices will officially open to the public on Monday, April 24 at 7:30am to assist customers.

The Assessor's Office, Treasurer's Office, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) will remain at the historic courthouse offices. The historic courthouse will remain closed on Fridays.

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Letter Carriers walk through the community every day, often coming face to face with a sad reality for too many, hunger.

So, each year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food donations from our customers. These donations go directly to local food pantries to provide food to people in Colorado who need our help. Over the course of its 30-year history, the drive has collected well over 1.82 billion pounds of food, thanks to a postal service universal delivery network that spans the entire nation, including Puerto Rico, Guam and U.S. Virgin Islands.

The need for food donations is great. Currently, more than 35 million Americans are unsure where their next meal is coming from. More than twelve million are children who feel hunger’s impact on their overall health and ability to perform in school. And nearly 5.2 million seniors over age 60 are food insecure, with many who live on fixed incomes often too embarrassed to ask for help.

Our food drive’s timing is crucial. Food banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need.



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HEAVY SNOWPACK INCREASES SAFETY CONCERNS *Escalante Potholes could remain hazardous into late spring*

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MONTROSE— Heavy snowpack this year means that stream flows could be particularly high, making recreation more hazardous. Creeks on the east side of the Uncompahgre Plateau are the most likely to experience high flows. Recreational users should avoid crossing fast-moving waters in flood-prone areas such as Spring Creek, Dry Creek, Roubideau Canyon, and Escalante Canyon.

"Snowpack on Columbine Pass is well above normal," said Uncompahgre Field Office Hydrologist Jedd Sondergard. "For creeks coming off the Uncompahgre Plateau, flow typically peaks around May 1—about a month sooner than rivers like the Gunnison and San Miguel. I expect we could see high flows beginning the middle of April and lasting through the end of May, depending on how fast it warms up."

Perhaps of greatest safety concern is the Escalante Potholes area. Located about 12 miles up Escalante Canyon in the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area (NCA), the Potholes attracts picnickers and swimmers. During spring runoff, the Potholes provides unique recreational opportunities, with extreme kayakers drawn to the up to Class V+ rapids. However, hidden currents in the pothole formations can catch and hold a person under water, regardless of their strength or swimming ability. The BLM has found that most drowning deaths at the Potholes have been related to jumping or diving into the potholes, which is a prohibited activity.

"The Escalante Potholes could remain hazardous for a longer period this year," noted NCA Manager Amber Koski. "Tricky hydraulics coupled with young people nearing the end of the school year can make for a dangerous situation. I would urge parents to be aware of the risks and, if you hear your kids talking about the Potholes, be prepared to discuss the safety considerations."

Kiosks and signage at the three-acre site warn visitors of the dangerous conditions. The BLM and Delta Sheriff's Office attempt to coordinate patrols in order to increase public safety. Personal responsibility is especially critical given that radio and cell phone reception in the canyon is often poor to non-existent. Poor reception has played a role in Potholes fatalities by delaying the ability to call for help. Hazards associated with the Potholes were recognized at least as far back as the 1989 Uncompahgre Basin Resource Management Plan, when the Escalante Canyon was being considered for designation as an area of critical environmental concern. According to the evaluation, the Potholes area has been an "attractive nuisance where visitors have been hurt or killed by jumping from surrounding cliffs into small pools. Cliff jumping has resulted in broken bones, concussions, and drownings."



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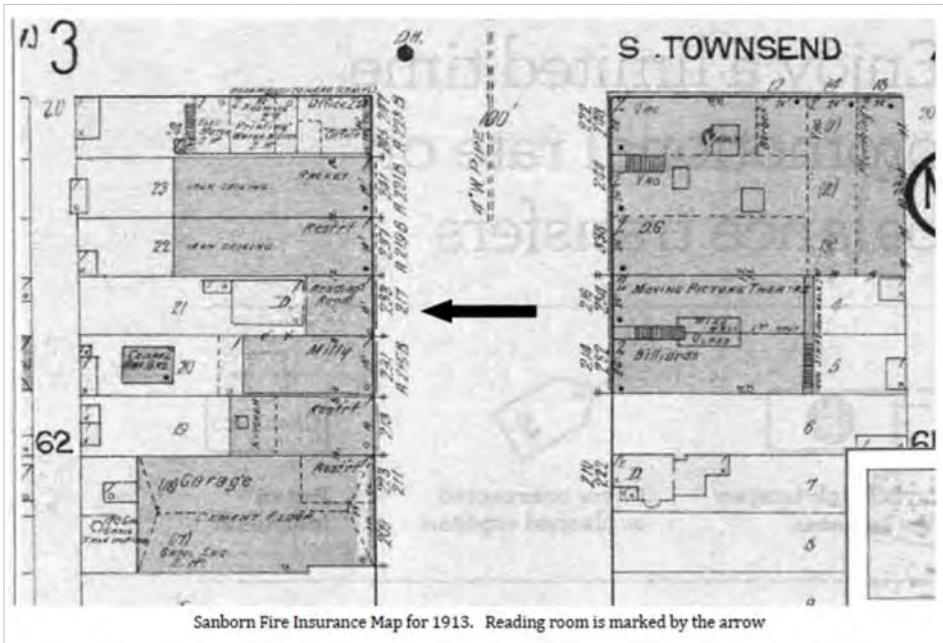
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Sanborn Fire Insurance Map for 1913. Reading room is marked by the arrow

Nearby saloon to use for Sunday seating.

By 1883 the church had purchased the shop for \$500. The size of the congregation grew and soon the carpenter shop was too small. A tent-like structure was added to the back of the shop, and when a windstorm nearly blew it away members decided it was time to build a church.

The church was completed by 1886 and the carpenter's shop was sold to the WCTU. That year a reading room was established there. It was the first library in Montrose. A Sanborn Fire Insurance Map for 1886 shows the Reading Room on North 1st Street.

Mrs. Harriette Dalton Collins moved to Montrose in 1889 and became the WCTU Reading Room librarian. She is considered the first librarian in Montrose.

One of Mrs. Collins' regular patrons at the Reading Room was Arthur W. Lingham, a prominent Montrose sheep rancher who owned several hundred acres on Horsefly. He was an avid reader and, in order to have a sufficient supply of books while he was at sheep camp, he checked books out under different names – Arthur Lingham, A.W. Lingham and A. Walter Lingham.

Mrs. Collins introduced him to her daughter and namesake, Dr. Harriette Collins, and the two were married. Arthur Lingham never lost his devotion to books and for 30 years he served on the public library board of trustees, more often than not as president.

FIRE DESTROYS READING ROOM

The Hotel Arlington was built adjacent to the

Reading Room and in May 1895 the hotel caught fire and burned to the ground. It was a disastrous fire. One of the guests, Mr. Nehrbas, lost his life. Mrs. Ed Smith, the proprietor of the hotel, nearly lost her life trying to rescue Mr. Nehrbas and was injured after jumping to safety from a second-story window.

The fire spread from the hotel to the Reading Room and it, too, was reduced to ashes. Fortunately, the WCTU members had partially insured their building. They used the insurance money and money from other sources and bought a building on Main Street that would be the Reading Room for over two decades. That building was located on Main Street, about half a block west of Townsend Avenue.

The WCTU actively promoted their Reading Room to both men and women as shown by the following notice in the Montrose Enterprise in 1899:

"The W.C.T.U. invites all women from the country who have occasion to wait in town to spend such time at the reading room. Books and papers are at your disposal and the librarian will give you a Cordial welcome."

CITY LIBRARY STARTED

About 1890 a group of citizens decided it was time for a city library to be started. To collect books they invited residents of the town to a social where attendees were to represent a book and where the price of admission was a book.

The library was started at the local high school in about 1895. One source described it as a niche at the school, another as a shelf of books. Teachers administered the library; volunteers came in two afternoons a week to check books in and out; and students could earn extra credit by assisting.

Membership in the Library Association was required in order to check out books, and cost \$1 a year. That money, as well as overdue fines, was used to buy more books. Over the years there were many fundraisers for the library. There were concerts, baseball games and socials, and many organizations donated books.

READING ROOM/LIBRARY MERGE

By 1902 the library had outgrown its "niche" at the school and the WCTU came to the rescue, offering the library space in their Reading Room. On 1 January 1903, in a recap of the previous year, the *Montrose Enterprise* said. "In the city is a splendid library, which is the pride of the city" and "The W.C.T.U. has a fine brick building in which the high school library is located."

Note: The high school library and the city library were the same thing.

Sources said that by 1904 a librarian had been hired; the name of that person hasn't been learned. It is known that Rose Smith (later married to John Howell) was librarian "for several years" before 1909. In 1904 an announcement said the library would be open Tuesday and Saturday afternoons to accommodate members of the Library Association who live in the country.

The librarian was given living quarters in rooms behind the Reading Room. In exchange she was expected to keep the library clean and neat and in cold weather keep the fire going, in addition to checking books in and out on given days.

UPDATING THE LIBRARY

From 1909 until 1920 Mrs. Anna Christianson was the librarian and she and her family lived in the apartment behind the Reading Room/Library. Mrs. Christianson was also active in the WCTU, having served as president of that group, so she probably did double duty, helping out in the Reading Room as well as running the library.

Mrs. Christianson set out to bring the library up to the standards of the day and spent time at the Ouray Library observing how things were done there. One of her first tasks was to revise the card catalog, which

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was to revise the card catalog, which listed only the title of books and names of authors. She added more categories such as history, poetry, etc., a time-consuming job since all the cards were written by hand.

She also changed the way books were checked in and out. Users had been kept track of in a ledger, and Mrs. Christianson started a card system. That was pretty much the system used until the library was computerized.

The community was highly supportive of the library, which always needed money to pay the librarian, buy new books, and most likely to help pay utilities at the Reading Room/Library. Groups often had fundraisers. For example, in 1909 the barbers and the "Nail Pounders" or hardware men had a baseball game and a share of the proceeds went to the library.

New books at the library, especially fiction, were so popular that the newspaper carried a list of all titles when a new order came in. The new books were so popular the seven-day rule was enacted: new books could be checked out for only seven days, older books could be kept two weeks before the overdue charge kicked in.

LIBRARY GOES PUBLIC

In 1912 Arthur Lingham, president of the Library Association, suggested to the City Council that a building be constructed to house both the library and city hall. That wouldn't happen until 1927, however.

In 1914 a new city charter was adopted which officially made the library a part of the city and a public library. Users no longer had to be members of the Library Association. The library commission was appointed by the council and consisted of W.A. Lingham, president; Mrs. F. Schermerhorn, vice president; Mrs. S.H. Bell, secretary; A.C. Dutcher; and Prof. Wiedmann. A December 1914 newspaper story said the library would have \$500 for the coming year's expenses and about \$150 of that would be used for purchasing new books.

In a letter to the city manager on 2 June 1915 Mr. Lingham said: "In making up your budget for the coming year the library commission would respectfully urge that you take into consideration the pressing needs of the public library. Its present quarters are inadequate, shared as they are with the W.C.T.U. Many who wish to use the reading room are unable to do so owing to the lack of accommodation

and the space for books is so limited that we have two wagon loads of books and pamphlets, many of them valuable for reference, stored, thru courtesy of Mr. Catlin, in his barn, and an additional lot of government reports stored at the courthouse. "

He went on to say, "Further than this it seems possible the W.C.T.U., owners of the property where the present reading room is located, may desire to make some disposition of this property before a new building could be built by raising money at the present rate. The inadequacy of the city hall, library and city jail is of course familiar to members of the council and need not be enlarged upon...."

A report for the year 1915 said the librarian was paid \$240 and 6711 books were circulated. A new type-written index was created to replace the hand-written index.

In January 1916 Mr. Lingham reported to the City Council that because the library building needed repairs, the WCTU was asking \$15 a month rent or that they be give \$250 to make repairs, for which the library would give a two-year lease. Apparently the library had been rent free before then.

"Later that year the WCTU turned over their collection of books to the library and also space in their building," according to a newspaper article by Kay Orton. It appears the WCTU's reading room was closed and the library had the entire building.

Improvements were made to the library and by October four teachers volunteered to assist Mrs. Christianson, so the library would be open six afternoons a week. Florence Allen, Margaret Barnard, Virgie Godwin and Carol Diemer served one afternoon a week; the librarian worked the other two days. Hours were 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 2:30 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

LIBRARY-CITY HALL BUILT

It wasn't until 1927 that the library-city hall became a reality. In 1925 representatives of a number of women's clubs petitioned the City Council to build a library and city hall. The time was right. A mill levy for \$30,000 was passed by the voters, 203 for and 178 against. Architect J.H. Antrobus of Montrose designed the building and Okey and Jones Construction of Montrose was awarded the construction contract. By May 1927 the brick building on South First Street was occupied by the library and city offices.

The librarian(s) between 1920 and 1927 are

unknown. Mrs. Robert Deputy was appointed librarian in 1927 and she was responsible for overseeing moving 4000 books from the former WCTU building to City Hall. She also took on establishing the Dewey Decimal system at the library.

In 1928 the Library Commission decided to hire a trained librarian at a salary of \$100 a month. Some taxpayers started a petition against this, saying there would be considerable savings if a local girl was hired and paid a smaller salary. The petition failed.

Mary Townsend was librarian from January 1928 until 1963. She reported that the first year the library operated in its new location circulation doubled. The first month in the new building, May 1927, circulation was 855; in April 1928 circulation was 1922. During the first year at city hall 683 new cards were issued.

The front doors to the library faced South First Street, and patrons walking in were greeted by the check-in and out desk. Books were on shelves and there was space set aside for a reading room.

CENSORING BOOKS

Marguerite Lathrop was on the Library board in the 1940's and she said this in *A History of Montrose, Colorado 100 years*: "In the 1940s I discovered that a few housewives were censoring the library books. They would read the new books, those they decided were unfit for 'the youth' were put on a shelf behind the librarian's desk. Anyone not (I believe, 21) could not check them out without a note from the teacher or parent. Of course, I made my initial attack at the library board meeting, then I took to letter writing, citing Shakespeare and even the Bible as possible objects of their censorship...."

"We got rid of the shelf of prohibited books. But, fearing for my life—I quit the board, some of the others did too. The librarian threatened to quit but she did not."

Paul Paladino, current director of the Montrose Library District, said they don't ban books because "We tend to push inclusion rather than exclusion."

LIBRARY KEEPS GROWING

Next to serve as librarian after Mrs. Townsend retired was Maybelle Johansen who served from 1964 to 1967. A bookmobile had been purchased in about 1962 and Melba PAULI, who worked with Mrs. Johansen worked on the bookmobile. She said they went out for three days every two weeks.

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They spent two days in the West End ("people didn't travel into town much to get to the library") and stayed overnight to serve that area. The other day was spent at schools around Montrose. Mrs. Pauli is retired now but volunteers at the Montrose Library.

Zee Dee Kinkel headed the library from 1967 to 1991.

In 1968 the Montrose Regional Library District became a reality.

That meant the library district was a separate entity from the city, encompassed all of Montrose County, and was supported by a tax mill levy and that is still true today.

More office space was needed for city offices and the library had outgrown its space so a new library building was constructed across the street from City Hall and was occupied in 1969.

Zee Dee retired in 1991 and Sandra Smagala was the interim librarian for six months until Paul Paladino came on board.

Paul is the current head of the library district and he said, "Librarian is my occupation, my job title is library director."

The library again outgrew its space and in 1998 moved into yet another new building at South Second and Cascade Avenue, adjoining Colorado Mesa University, Montrose Campus. Moving 70,000 books to the new six million dollar building a block away was a challenge that Paul solved by borrowing carts from local grocery stores and inviting the community to push them, loaded with books, in a parade from the old building to the new one. A steady stream of carts went back and forth between the libraries and in 2-1/2 hours the move was complete.

It's been over 100 years since the first library was started in Montrose. From a

few books on a shelf, a hand-written card catalog and a ledger used to keep track of books checked out, the library has grown to nearly 20,000 users of its books and computers, and documentation and check-out are computerized. There are branch libraries in Naturita and Paradox.

Paul said, "My main goal has always been to provide the best library we possibly can and to stay relevant to the community."

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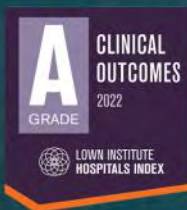





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STATE PATROL SEES CMV-CAUSED CRASHES DUE TO INATTENTIVE BEHAVIORS JUMP UP IN 2022

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COLORADO— The Colorado State Patrol investigated 600 serious injury or fatal crashes across the state in 2022 where the at-fault driver was cited for inattentive driving. In 37 of those crashes, the driver was operating a commercial motor vehicle, this was a 236% increase over 2021. "A driver's number one responsibility when driving a vehicle is to pay attention to the task at hand, stated Captain John Hahn, Colorado State Patrol Motor Carrier Safety Section. "The hazards of being distracted behind the wheel can, and many times do, lead to injuries and fatalities on our roads. When you enter a 40-ton vehi-

cle into that equation, the results can be disastrous." Distractions can come from inside or outside the truck cab. In an effort to curb distractions from electronic devices, in 2010 the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) banned commercial vehicle drivers from texting while driving. Then in 2011, the FMCSA banned all hand-held devices. However, other distractions such as eating behind the wheel, using navigation or dispatching devices while driving and driver fatigue can also be areas of concern for professional drivers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), some of the most common indi-

cators of distracted driving, include:

- Inability to maintain lane position.
- Driving between lanes or sudden swerving for no apparent reason.
- Not keeping a relatively constant speed.
- Sudden braking in reaction to normal traffic stops.
- Running a red light or stop sign.
- Seeing a driver's eyes are not on the road.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

THE PURITANS ARE BACK

Members of the Regional Library District Board of Trustees,

Yes, the puritans are back. This religious group first settled in New England in the early 1600's. During the Salem Witch Trials they expunged people who were "different".

What is a puritan to-day? A simple definition from Merriam-Webster Dictionary is, "One who practices and preaches a more rigorous or professedly purer moral code than that which prevails." In short, puritans, who are a minority, want all of us to believe and live as they do by expunging whatever does not meet their definition of moral through their interpretation of the Bible.

How will they accomplish this? It starts by ignoring the separation of church and state clause in the Bill of Rights. That is followed by attending school board, library board, city council and county commissioner meetings, voicing objections to

certain books, curriculum, and programming in public schools and libraries. It always helps to garner sympathy by including outrage over the perceived harm these things do to children. There are often loud and personal insults, and threats of lawsuits, firings and even bodily harm. It only takes a couple of persistent people to get a book banned from a school or library. Where does it stop? It doesn't. Give an inch and take a mile. For example, Governor DeSantis started with banning books and instruction on certain topics at the kindergarten through 3rd grade levels and within a matter of weeks, is seeking to ban the same topics through 12th grade. This couldn't possibly happen in Montrose County! Well, it is. Puritans have been showing up to library board meetings, held on the first Monday of each month at 3 in the library community room, making demands to remove "offensive" books and diversity programming. As far as we

know, there have not been personal threats. There have been threats of a lawsuit and the pressure on board members has been relentless.

Borrowing a quote from Neil Gaiman, "Libraries are about freedom. Freedom to read, freedom of ideas, freedom of communication. They are about education, about entertainment, about making safe spaces and about access to information."

We wish to thank the Montrose Regional Library District Board of Trustees members for ensuring the public library is serving everyone in spite of pressure. We ask the Montrose County Commissioners to support them in this effort. To those pushing bans, please parent your own children and be careful what you wish for. Banning could lead to including programs, books and curriculum you like.

Respectfully,

Pro Woman Action Group of Montrose

THERE WAS NEVER A REQUEST TO BAN ANY BOOKS: STEP UP AND BE TRUTHFUL

Editor:

It is unfortunate that the Montrose County Library Board, the Director of the Library, and the Montrose Daily Press chose to misrepresent the concerns a number of community members raised about the handling of the LGBTQ+ books at our library. All the of above continue to frame the issue as a move to ban the books in question, although they are well aware

that there was NEVER a request to ban any of these books, i.e. *Gender Queer*, *Flamer*, and the likes by 'Montrose Advocates for Children.'

There may be some individuals in the community who have requested the banning of certain graphic books for children and pre-teens, but it is patently unfair to lump into one group everyone who has an objection to this type of material. All peo-

ple are entitled to their personal opinions about issues, but it is obvious that there is an attempt to generalize about everyone who has voiced an opinion, whether it is to 'age restrict' these books or to ban them. It is time for those with a public forum to step up and be truthful about the differing concerns expressed in the community regarding these books.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MUNICIPAL COURT TO REOPEN IN ELKS BUILDING

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MONTROSE — Following the completion of scheduled renovations, the Montrose Municipal Court will reopen in its permanent home inside the Elks Civic Building at 107 South Cascade Avenue Tuesday, April 18, 2023. To complete the move from the

Montrose Public Safety Complex to the Elks Building, the court will be closed Monday, April 17.

Since December, the court has been operating inside the Montrose Public Safety Complex at 434 South First Street. When the court reopens Tuesday, April 18, the

court will resume normal operations with court staff available Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Montrose Municipal Court can be contacted by phone at 970.240.1428; or via email at court@cityofmontrose.org.

CITY COUNCIL TO RESUME MEETING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — The Montrose City Council will return to holding public meetings inside City Council Chambers located on the third floor of the historic Elks Civic Building at 107 South Cascade Avenue. The Monday, April 17, work session will be the council's first meeting in the chambers since December 2022.

Renovations of the City Council Chambers included a new dais situated on top of new sections of the building's original flooring that were in need of replacement. Other work included upgrades to audio and visual equipment, rehabilitation of the chamber's flooring, enhanced security features, and new carpet.

The City Council will meet Monday, April 17, for a work session at 10 a.m. and Tuesday, April 18, at 6 p.m. for the council's regular meeting. City Council meetings are open to the public and will be broadcast live via the city's website and the city's cable channels; channel 191 for Charter customers and channel 970 for Elevate customers.



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the superintendent."

The Board voted to approve the meeting agenda with the added item.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

RE-1J PIO Matt Jenkins introduced the Student Spotlight, with the following:

-Olathe High School student Nancy Suarez-Duran has been selected as a recipient of this year's 2023 Boettcher Foundation Scholarship (\$20K a year for four years at any Colorado university).

--Montrose High School students Natalie Hernandez and Andrew Jutten are among the list of students recently selected for the distinguished 2023 Daniels Scholarship Program (\$100K each for four years at any university in the nation).

--Members of the Montrose High School Advanced Jazz Band and Winter Guard will be on hand to discuss their recent competition and stream a short musical piece from their competition set.

Present to talk about the program were Montrose High School Students Vaughn Gann and Vivian Ficco from the MHS Advanced Jazz Band, and Ariana Wilkes, Leonor Nieves Chavez, and Ayla Gross from the MHS Winter Guard.

DONATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Jenkins also presented recent donations and recognition:

There was a donation of \$750 to the Oak Grove Elementary School Farm from a former OGES family.

Allison Nadel presented Altrusa International Apple Awards for April to Liliana Santiago and TeeJay Rose of Olathe Middle/High School; Leanne Tafoya of Columbine Middle School; Chris Thompson of Centennial Middle School.

The KREX Golden Apple Award for April went to Juana Jaime of Centennial Middle School.

Centennial Middle School Principal Joe Simo announced that for the third time, Centennial has been named a Colorado School to Watch. There will be a National School to Watch ceremony in June in Washington, DC, Simo said. "It's very exciting to get that recognition again."

2023 Montrose Education Foundation Teacher of the year recipients include:

Elementary - Lisa Franks, Pomona Elementary School

Middle - Amy Jane Priest, Centennial Middle School

High - Reyna Carroll, Olathe Middle/High

School

Kathy Gaber, John Steele, and Heidi Voehringer won the \$10K Impact Award for their plans to pilot a teacher training program for high school students who want to become educators after graduation.

Lisa Thyre won the \$7,000 Superintendent Innovation Award for a greenhouse and garden project at Cottonwood Elementary that teaches students about sustainability.

Kimberly Martin won the \$5,000 Superintendent Innovation Award, which will allow students to attend The Ron Clark Academy's House System Leadership Academy. RCA's Leadership Academy offers fourth through eighth grade students a chance to grow their leadership skills to inspire others.

Finally, Teacher David Perfors and School Counselor Kelli Scheid of Columbine Middle School brought a group of 7th graders to promote Columbine's new "Rams Unite" service leadership program. There is also a group for sixth graders. Rams Unite students do a service project each month. "The highlight of what they did this year, they went to Catalina Island..." Not to enjoy the fun side of the island, Perfors said, but to attend the Catalina Environmental Leadership program. The students spoke about their experiences in the program and what they learned.

BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES

District C Director Alice Murphy mentioned events she has attended since the last board meeting, including a Construction Trade Fair at Friendship Hall, "They had kids building tiny houses, working machines, doing facades," Murphy said. "They were very engaged."

She attended the Forum at CMU to see the Career Pathways presentation, as well as a BioMedical Career Fair at Cerise Park. "That was so cool."

Murphy attended the Fourth Grade Physical Education showcases and commended the teachers by name.

She also attended the Columbine Middle School Career Fair. "We're starting them out early so they kind of get an idea of what they want to do in life."

The District Accountability Committee will meet May 2, she said.

PRESIDENT STATEMENT

Fishing read a prepared statement concerning Superintendent Carrie Stephenson.

"...Dr. Carrie Stephenson has the full support and confidence of the Montrose County School District's Board of Education. If the

board had any doubts about her performance or ability she would not occupy the role of superintendent."

Fishing reminded those listening that Stephenson was chosen after an extensive selection process and has faced many challenges as well as difficult and sometimes controversial decisions during her tenure.

"...We were lucky to have Dr. Stephenson's innovative and forward-thinking perspective during these difficult times. Despite the multiple challenges outside of our control, Montrose County School District has continued to make progress, innovate, and work towards improvements to curriculum and instruction for the ultimate goal of improving outcomes for all of our students.

"This work cannot be done without strong leadership and teamwork," Fishing said. "Our school community is better, more vibrant and a more energetic place to learn thanks to the vision of school district leadership...we have confidence in Dr. Stephenson's leadership and her ability continue to serve our district..."

COMMUNITY INPUT

First to speak was Julia Simon. "I am a mother of two children who attend Oak Grove...I am coming here tonight just to express my thank you...for the concept of offering year-round music and art education in our elementary schools...I know that it would benefit all of the kids in the community..."

Simon said she is from Chicago, and she has never forgotten the opportunity she was given to have music education as a child and how she learned to sing and play music. "It sparked a lot of joy in my life and by the time I was eight years old I joined a children's choir and continued to sing and be in bands all throughout my middle school, high school, college career..."

She went on to sing semi-professionally in a choir after graduation, Simon said. "I attribute a lot of my growth and experience as a person to the grounding and foundational education that I got in music from a young age...I would be very excited for everybody in this community...art and music are just as important to developing young minds and creating beautiful opportunities for their future...I just wanted to say thank you so much..."

Next to speak was Nikki Corn. "I am speaking as both a teacher and a parent of three students in the Olathe Schools. I realize that what I am about to say is contrary to what is

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being put out there right now and will quite possibly put a target on my back. But as I teach my own children, it's important to stand up for what is right even if it's hard. I understand there is a petition circulating around the county for a vote of no confidence in our superintendent. As we all know there are multiple sides to every situation..." Corn said that when Stephenson first returned to Montrose as Superintendent, she "absolutely did not come in with an agenda...one of the first things she did was form a group of middle and high school students from schools in both Montrose and Olathe. She created a connection with this team of six through 12th grade students, inviting them to District Office, where she fed them dinner and intentionally spent time asking them questions...these kids formed a real team, and together they had some great discussions and did some really cool things. They even planned and put on an entire parade just after Covid...my daughter was fortunate enough to have been a part of that group of students, and I am here to tell you that it made a difference for her to be seen and heard by the superintendent of our schools. Dr. Stephenson is a phenomenal instructional leader; if people would take time to sit down and talk to her about her vision for the instruction in our classrooms they would know that...she's extremely approachable. In all of my interactions with Dr. Stephenson and District Office staff, I have always been met with honesty and respect..."

Corn expressed appreciation for the parent surveys sent out by the district. "...Never before have I been asked my opinion on what my kids should be allowed to wear to school...We should be celebrating that we have a voice...I urge everyone to think independently and not jump to conclusions...our focus has shifted from the children of Montrose County to our disagreements with each other...it's time we return our focus to the kids, our most important and precious asset. Let's keep the main thing the main thing."

Next to speak was Olathe parent and RE-1J employee and UVEA member Amber Patterson. "...I am here to express my support for our staff, our teachers, Dr. Stephenson, and our district as a whole..."

Patterson said she believes the situation with former Olathe Elementary School Principal Beth Kusar seemed to have been han-

dled correctly. "In fact, kudos to Dr. Stephenson and HR for maintaining professionalism and upholding confidentiality throughout the process."

Patterson said she has served on district committees including Homework and Grading, Calendar, Spark Cohort and the Teacher Advisory Board. "I am grateful that my input has been valued... in addition to my committee work, I have offered my input on the dress code repeatedly. I support shifting our focus from the minutia of student attire. Let's empower our students to engage in school and their learning."

"Perhaps we do have students who will enter the workforce and have to adapt to new expectations for appearance. But I am confident that the youth of today will make the necessary adjustments to be successful." Teacher Kurt Scriffiny said that after 22 years of working in the district, he felt compelled to address the Board of Education. "...I feel it is necessary to explain why this district staff is the best that I've had the pleasure of working under."

Social Studies had not a curriculum update in 21 years. After talking to members of district office, a set of antiquated texts was replaced by a vibrant and living curriculum, Scriffiny said.

"...Every teacher and coach I interact with has praised the administration at Montrose High School and at the District level. In the past week I have talked to over a dozen teachers at the High School and they unanimously praised what our district has been trying to accomplish over the last two years..."

Scriffiny finished by quoting Maya Angelou, "Stepping onto a brand-new path is difficult but not more difficult than remaining in a situation which is not nurturing..."

Teacher Patti Scriffiny spoke as well, noting that she has taught in the district since 2000. "I wanted to take a few moments to express my support for current district leadership and initiatives that are being implemented...our current leadership has given us both freedom and the expectation that we should grapple with challenging issues...none of these conversations are easy but that's how we grow...I urge the school to continue to support these efforts..."

Speaking on behalf of the non-profit Peer Kindness were Joey Montoya Boese and Maya Haynes, both of whom recalled the

legacy of the late Caitlyn Haynes, a student who took her own life after being relentlessly bullied at Montrose high School. Peer Kindness was created to help stop bullying. Boese reminded that when adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, "they send a message that it is not acceptable."

Boese noted four recent deaths in the U.S. due to bullying. In 2022 Peer Kindness worked with 94 children and their families. So far in 2023 the organization has worked with 21 children. She thanked school, staff, and faculty for working with Peer Kindness.

Also speaking was Caitlyn Haynes' mother and Peer Kindness Founder Maya Haynes, who shared a heartbreaking account of her own family's experience. Despite numerous reporting attempts by students who observed Caitlyn being bullied, "...as soon as she got in high school they just turned away, because reporting did not work...Caitlin was not perfect, but she deserved to be treated kindly at the very least..."

"...I just want everybody to work together to figure out, when these kids come and they don't know what to do because somebody treated somebody poorly, that an adult will step in, and that they will be heard...we want to be that adult. If they come to us, we also want to be able to bridge that gap."

Other speakers who addressed the Board of Education included RE-1J Post-Secondary Coordinator John Steele, "...I'm continually impressed by how dedicated everyone is in working together to do what's best for kids...what I really appreciate most is the leadership...I really appreciate that there's open lines of communication..."

Johnson Elementary School teacher Kim Martin spoke. "...Before this year, our staff and our culture was a mess. Teachers were stifled, they were afraid, and our turnover was huge. This year, we've made a 180 as a building...Teachers are being creative, they're excited, they're laughing—which sadly wasn't allowed before. It's a happy place now, it's safe and supportive...our district is supporting teachers with research-based practices in teaching to Colorado academic standards, rather than following a script page by page like we were required to do before...I grew up here...my daughter graduated last year as a fifth-generation graduate. I love Montrose. It's an amazing place. But we've got to prepare our kids for their future, and be competitive..."

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The final speaker was Israel Combs. Combs read a statement written by Olathe parent Kena Iverson, who has been circulating a petition seeking a vote of No Confidence in Superintendent Stephenson.

Combs read until he ran out of time. "...in just a few weeks we have received just under a thousand signatures...for you to ignore these statements, it is you ignoring what is right for our students...our district is split due to the hostile work environment being headed up by our leaders and what's worse is our kids are feeling it...why are we creating a new space for the board but we can't hire help in the classrooms...we have stated many times that enough is enough. We will not back down..."

ENROLLMENT REPORT

Superintendent Stephenson presented the Enrollment Report, noting that current district enrollment is 6,059, which is an increase of 315 since April of 2021. She noted that the district has an increased emphasis on student engagement. "That says a lot for what we're doing...one size does not fit all...in today's ever-changing world that we're in, we recognize that parents have more choice than ever when it comes to their child's education... our enrollment data demonstrates that we are a trusted choice."

DRESS CODE

Stephenson also introduced a discussion of the proposed updates to the Dress Code. The recommended revisions have gone through four separate layers of revision, and 58 percent of staff and 67 percent of parents are supportive of the changes, she said. "It certainly was crafted with the best of intentions...we know that there is some resistance to this, and I recognize that change is hard, but I do believe that it is important to prioritize what truly matters, and that is building positive relationships with students."

District B Director Jacob Suppes moved to deny; District A Director Erik Westesen sug-

gested making specific changes and then seeking approval.

The Board embarked on an extension discussion of what would not be allowed under the new guidelines. At one point, Fishing reprimanded the audience members still in attendance for talking amongst themselves. "This is a discussion for the board, and not for the audience."

When all questions were discussed, Westesen called several typos to attention, "...We're not going to have anybody fixing our typos in five years."

"So now, we're dropping the (first) motion," Fishing said, as she outlined the options, and called for a new motion.

Board Vice President Eric Kelley moved to approve the Revised Dress Code as amended.

At around 9pm, the Board let Suppes' initial motion die and Fishing read the revised policy into the record before calling for a vote.

The revised dress code policy was approved, with Suppes and Murphy voting "No."

CONSENT AGENDA

Murphy asked that Consent Agenda Item 4, approval of payments to the City of Ouray, Montrose Recreation District and Soak Wellness in the amount of \$169,260 for the Spring Wellness Package, be pulled for further discussion; the remaining Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved as presented.

Stephenson stressed the importance of attracting qualified staff as the Board of Education considered Item 4, the "Spring Wellness package that went out to all staff this spring to incentivize and support mental and physical well-being, emphasize the outdoors, remember why we live in this beautiful community with the surrounding areas, and provide a token of appreciation for staff's commitment to the students, district, community...This will be paid from the General Fund."

Human Resources Director Michelle Pottorff discussed the importance of wellness opportunities to employee retention.

Superintendent Stephenson said, "So Districts and organizations do have a line-item budget for recruiting and retention, and so this item falls, for us, under that."

Item 4 was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Fishing called for a vote of confidence in the Superintendent. All directors voted to approve except Suppes, who said that he needed more information and would abstain.

"You can't abstain," Fishing said. Still, Suppes refused to vote, saying that he needed more information before doing so.

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve Resolution: 03-2023 Supplemental Budget Adoption 2022-2023 to transfer funds from the general fund to the capital reserve fund for additional expenditures related to capital projects.

Murphy presented Revised Board Policy IHCD, Concurrent Enrollment on First Reading.

The Enrollment Report was previously discussed, but Fishing asked if there were questions.

Westesen asked Finance Director Emily Imus, "When you're putting together a planned budget for the coming year, which enrollment number do you plan for?"

Imus said, "We go off of the end of April, the enrollment we currently have."

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC) UPDATE

There was no ECC presentation; documents are included in the agenda packet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) and then returned to regular session for adjournment.

The Board of Education will meet again for a regular meeting/work session on April 25.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NEW! NATURITA PACK BURRO RACE SET FOR MAY 20, 2023

Special to the Mirror

NATURITA-Burro racing is a great sport that begun with some of Colorado's 19th-century miners. Hardy characters used

burros to carry mining tools and supplies through the rugged Colorado terrain as they prospected for valuable minerals & ore. Since the burros were carrying a full

load, the miners had to walk, leading the animal with a rope. Legend has it that two

miners found gold in the same location and raced each other back to town to be the first to stake a claim to the find. Neither could ride their animal because of its load, so one of the basic rules of burro racing was established.

The Town of Naturita and the surrounding area have a longstanding, rich history in mining. And although this is the inaugural year for the Naturita Pack Burro Race, there are plans for it to become an annual event and opportunity for locals to celebrate our mining roots. Race director, Nancy Ross says, "this is an event that suits our community and pays homage to our heritage, we're looking forward to a fun event that will continue into the future". Naturita will be the first pack burro race of the season in Colorado and at this time is the only one scheduled on the western slope of Colorado.

The Nucla Naturita Area Chamber of Commerce (NNACC) is hosting this event and is currently taking registrations online at [https://](https://form.jotform.com/230658488136162)

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MONTROSE & STATE GOVERNMENTS AT WORK *Guard Your Wallet – They want more of what's in it!*

By David White

MONTROSE-One thing is for sure when it comes to government and those that are embedded in it or otherwise needing its blessing to further their seemingly more socialistic or, as is now the vernacular, “woke” agenda, actions by various governmental entities that affect your freedoms and financial future are changing literally by the hour. Let’s look at some activities that have taken place in the last few weeks with more coming this week.

Montrose RE1-J Schools: After considerable discussion by the School Board at their April 11th meeting, a few minor changes were made to the Superintendent’s new dress code policy, however, it pretty much passed as written. In a nutshell, wear whatever you want (despite a few minor restrictions) because there are literally no consequences to be had if your child violates the policy. As I’ve said before, the policy changes aren’t all bad, however, my biggest problem with it is that the new dress code has no teeth to enforce it when violated.

The coddling and enabling of our kids will no doubt have many negative emotional and psychological repercussions in the years to come as the cold reality of the real world hits them in their collective faces when they go out into the workforce. Add to this the upcoming no homework or virtually no homework policies being implemented and the ongoing dumbing down of our kids continues with all of the woke nonsense being used as a basis for doing so.

City of Montrose: Like any other entity that uses other people’s money (OPM), the City Manager and the City Council will approve on second reading Tuesday night, April 18th, one of the biggest sweetheart deals their Democratic Socialist hearts have ever concocted.

Having spent roughly \$4.3 million dollars on a “new” City Hall and more coming for a new façade on that building (maybe as much as \$4.5 million), an epiphany was revealed within some of the City Council-

lor’s brains that it would be a good idea to “sell” the old City Hall, but not for the reasons a working class citizen might have for selling a property, i.e. to defray the cost of buying a new one. Nope!

According to Councilor David Reed, *“Our Council decided to relocate City Hall – which left us with the decision about what to do with the current City Hall. To be sure, no one wanted to pursue any option that would put in jeopardy the beauty of the building, its historic significance or the role it plays in a thriving downtown Montrose. So, we went to work looking at options. With the development of the Rathbone Hotel happening right next door, conversation naturally developed about how City Hall might work in conjunction with that new development that will truly be unique in downtown Montrose.”* [City Council Meeting - March 21, 2023 • Montrose Public Meetings Portal • CivicClerk](#)

Really? Without a public process or even so much as a For Sale sign put on the building, your City leaders decided to sell a city asset paid for, improved and maintained with your tax money without so much as a public offering of the property for **\$1,550,000. According to the County Assessor, the building has a value (for current assessment purposes) of approximately \$2.4 million.** So, these real estate moguls just left almost \$850,000 (at a minimum) on the table! Why are they so frivolous with our money?

On page 19 of this week’s Council Agenda are listed, for all to see, the details of the backroom, good ole boy sweetheart deal the Council and Manager struck with our Telluride friends who own the Rathbone Hotel and who have already received in excess of \$500,000 of **YOUR** money for renovations to that property:

“SECTION 1: The sale price of City Hall, which has the address of 433 South First Street, Montrose, Colorado 81401, is \$1,550,000.00. Rathbone PropCo, LLC has placed \$50,000.00 earnest money in escrow and shall pay the City \$250,000.00

of the sale price at closing. City Council hereby authorizes the loan of \$1,250,000.00 of the sale price of City Hall to Rathbone PropCo, LLC as a condition of the sale. SECTION 2: The City Council hereby authorizes the allocation of \$400,000.00 to the Colorado Mesa University Foundation to create the Montrose Permanent Fund, for the current fiscal year. The allocation of the \$400,000.00 is contingent upon the closing of the sale of City Hall.”

It’s nice to know that the City is upping its multi-million-dollar mortgage banking and lending business by adding this to its portfolio of loans which includes the Colorado Outdoors project among many others as well as taking \$400,000 of your money to establish a non-profit foundation for CMU to fund their Culinary Arts program. Of course, anyone “in the know” looking for a sweet deal will go to these Democratic Socialists first as a means of securing funding for their pet projects and not the private sector. This doesn’t bode well for us in the long run.

As Councilor Reed stated in his closing remarks back on March 21st, *“I’d like to thank our visionary City Manager and all of my colleagues for the hours and hours and hours of work they’ve all put into this. Mark my words – this stands to be a transformational project and I’m excited to support it.”* Spoken like a true liberal.

On another front...in line with all of the other wokies on the various governmental boards that rule us, the City Council and their Youth Council, using the virtual signaling that is so popular today, is proclaiming April 21-28, 2023 Montrose Earth Week 2023. The proclamation is peppered with words such as: “global community”; “environmental degradation”; “sustainable environment”; “consumer activism”; “catalyst for environmental change”, etc. What the heck?? The USA has some of the strictest environmental laws on the books and yet not one word is spoken of China, India and all of the other nations that pollute and rape the planet to

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provide us with our electric car batteries and most of the goods found on store shelves today. For once, stand up and call out the real problem makers because they aren't us!

Closing this out...prepare for your sewer (wastewater) rates to rise. The City has hired Carollo Engineers to perform a "sanitary sewer cost of service analysis" and to develop an "updated rate structure" to "fairly" recover the wastewater treatment costs. All of this is code for "we hired a consultant to give us cover so that we can raise your sewer bill." This is the same tactic that was used to increase your water bill. This engineering firm is being contracted to do this study without a public bid because the City's procurement manual doesn't require it. How nice!

State of Colorado: In case you weren't aware, the State Legislature passed a bill in 2021 that increases the gasoline and diesel tax (now called a fee as the tax/fee goes to a specific purpose – tackling the

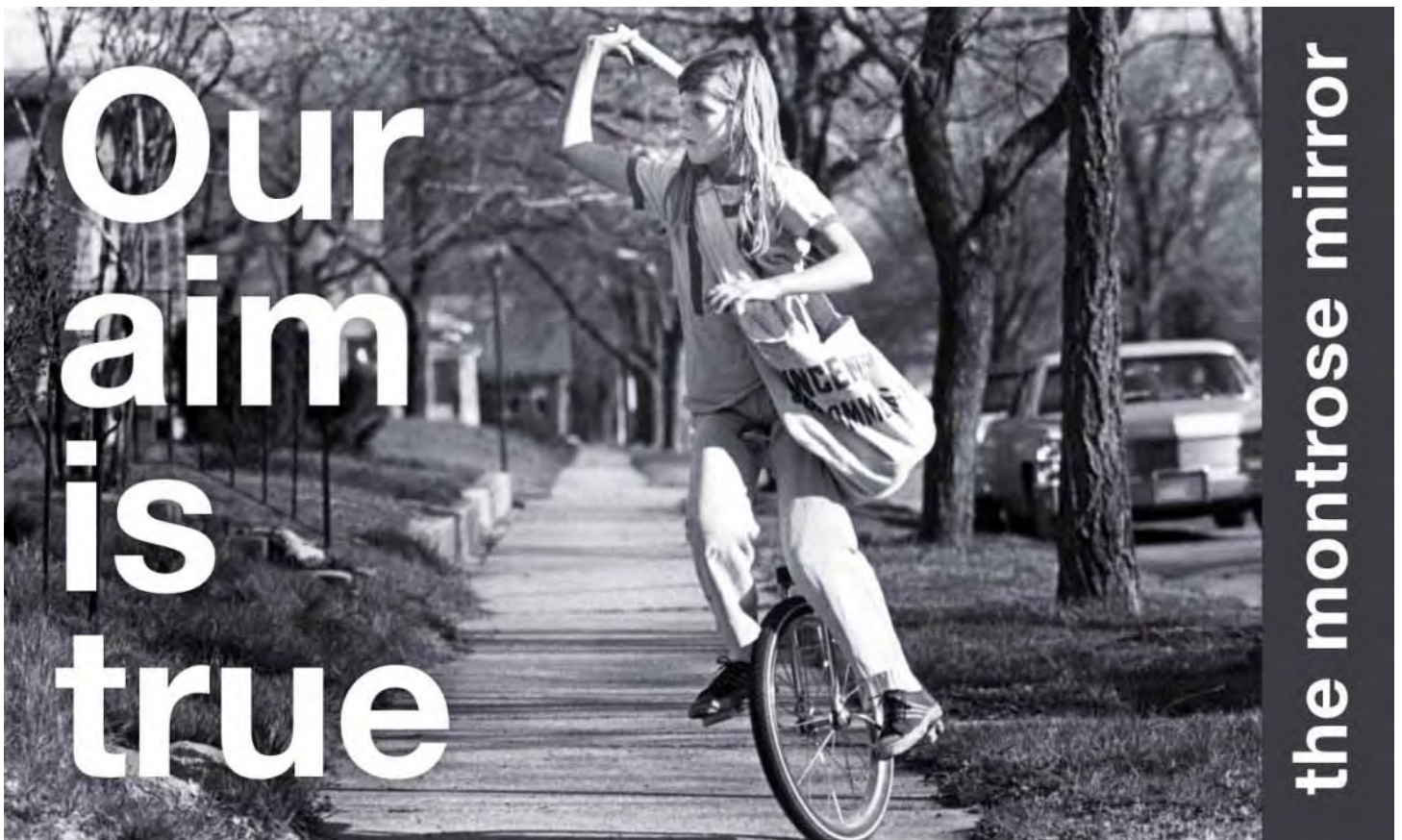
CDOT projects backlog, otherwise it would have had to have gone to a vote, so the legislators figured out a work around via a loophole the courts upheld) from now until 2028. Gasoline prices went up 2 cents a gallon on April 1st and will rise by another 1 cent on July 1st and keep increasing up to 8 cents a gallon by 2028. Diesel went up 4 cents a gallon and increases by 2 cents a gallon until it reaches 16 cents per gallon in 2028. This is on top of the current 22 cent tax on gas and diesel fuels. After 2032, the fee/tax is adjusted annually based on inflation, so get ready to pay California like gas and diesel prices as these increases really ramp up over the next 10 years.

A group by name of "Safe & Healthy Colorado" ([Safe and healthy – Safe & Healthy Colorado \(safeandhealthyco.org\)](http://SafeandHealthyCo.org)) is circulating a petition for a ballot issue in 2024 that will effectively end oil and gas production in Colorado forever. Backed by far-left organizations such as 350.org,

WildEarth Guardians, Stand.Earth, etc., they've raised \$40 million to end the fossil fuel industry in Colorado. If this passes, make sure you have a horse in the garage for transportation as you'll need it! You'll just have to figure out how to feed it.

There's so much more happening that there isn't enough space to list it all. There will be more to share next week. I encourage everyone reading this to take a stand and voice your opinion on all issues, especially the ones that affect your way of life. Have a great week folks!

Mr. White is an active citizen and 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 and his wife are the parents of six children and have 10 grandchildren & one great grandchild.



OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

BIDEN AND HIS DEMOCRATS HAVE ANOTHER TWO YEARS TO FINISH OUR DESTRUCTION

Editor;

It's beyond pathetic to now find out the Democrats are worried about whether some foreign gifts to President Trump might have been used by foreign governments to influence U.S. policy. Golly, Japan gave him some golf clubs. Saudi Arabia gave him some swords. El Salvador gave him a painting. Look at all the huge money "gifts" in \$ millions the Biden crime family are receiving from China and others. (but it's not really a gift when it is in payment for services provided!).

In fact Democrat Rep. Jamie Raskin of Maryland, the top Democrat on the House Oversight and Accountability Committee is worried sick about whether gifts like that might have influenced Trump's foreign policy to those nations and others! Raskin even sent Secretary of State Antony Blinken a letter asking for help investigating the gifts! They don't even have time to clean up the disasters they themselves have caused from all their blunders, corruption and influence peddling; let alone the constant Trump attacks. Being the hypocrites they are makes it necessary to investigate the Biden/Democrat/Chinese Communist influence connections. Currently, the Justice Dept. is hiding from the public and Congress links between China, Joe Biden, his brother James and his son Hunter. The Justice Dept. has scrubbed connections from court documents to destroy evidence of their corruption. (does that sound familiar? HRC!) In addition, they are silencing a disreputable partner from telling what he knows about the Bidens' Chinese connections. Investigators discovered Hunter and uncle James were connected to a Chinese national, Chi Ping "Patrick" Ho who is suspected of paying off officials and their families around the world in exchange for oil rights for a China-based energy company that has ties to Chinese military intelligence. The company, CEFC China Energy, hooked up with the Bidens in 2017 netting the Bidens \$6 million for "unspecified" work. DOJ prosecutors were able to indict and convict Ho in 2018 under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act for his role in a bribery scheme. But Republican congressional leaders investigating the Biden influence-peddling say the DOJ is actively covering up the illicit connection. Chinese bag-man, Kiven Dong is the CEFC principal who

signed a joint venture with Hunter Biden and who initiated most of the wire payments to Hunter in 2017 and 2018 raking in millions in cash for the Biden crime family. What is important here is that Hunter was receiving first-class free transportation on Air Force 2 when he first engaged with CEFC while Joe was vice president. An FBI director stated Hunter and Joe had full knowledge of the connections to Chinese intelligence. So, taxes from hard-working Americans were financing the Bidens' deals with the Chinese Communists!

For those wondering why Joe Biden is soft on China, consider this.....the Biden crime family has done five deals in China totaling some \$31 million arranged by individuals with direct ties to Chinese intelligence. Deal #1: In 2013 Hunter introduced his dad, Joe to a Chinese investment fund, Bohoi Harvest RST (BHR) and had meetings with a company executive in Beijing after a free ride for Hunter on Air Force Two. Joe was the vice president at the time. So ol' Joe lies constantly about not knowing about or not involved in treasonous business deals with our enemy, China. At one point Hunter was business partners with the vice minister for state security in China, which is China's KGB. Another key figure in Hunter's business deals is his connection to Zhao Xuejun. He is in charge of espionage and domestic and overseas intelligence work for China and famous for developing China's "deep water fish" strategy of developing thousands of special agents on foreign soil. THAT'S US!! Thanks Bidens!

Hunter co-founded a firm called Rosemont Realty and as early as 2011 (Joe was vice president) he was looking for a Chinese buyer. That Realty owns commercial buildings around the U.S. Chinese Ocean Shipping Corp. (COSCO) bought the company and now owns the commercial buildings. Chinese intelligence services are closely linked to COSCO and some refer to them as the "fifth arm of the Chinese Navy."

Ye Jianming, a wealthy Chinese business man and close to the Chinese military intelligence apparatus, provided \$6 million to the Biden crime family, according to a Senate investigation. Hunter worked for Ye as a counselor and adviser and Joe's brother James received some of those funds trans-

ferred to Hunter. One curious fact was that in 2014 (Joe was vice president) Hunter Biden instructed the Secret Service that he did not want protection when he traveled overseas. That order happened shortly after he began securing deals in Beijing. Joe Biden was in on it too while transporting Hunter to his business deals on Air Force 2. In a text to his daughter, Hunter indicated he is giving half his salary to "pop". Records show Joe Biden benefited from these financial deals that happened courtesy of executives linked to Chinese spies. It also shows Joe Biden is committing treason.

Americans have a right to know why the Biden crime family received some \$31 million from China and what Biden had to promise them in return. Is it any wonder why the Chinese spy balloon was allowed to traverse the entire United States including Alaska and Canada?

And there is information out now that there have been several more. How about the gift to China of our huge airport in Afghanistan all built by American taxpayers? How about the \$80 billion in American weapons accessed by Communist China in Afghanistan? How about Biden not holding China accountable for their virus killing 1,118,800 Americans? How about Biden cancelling the China initiative which combated Chinese espionage? How about Biden lifting hundreds of tariffs on China, which resulted in ballooning money for their war machine?

There are so many more treasonous acts by Biden and his Democrats that it would fill a history book. Now who is being influenced by foreign governments? Biden or former President Trump? But that's the common Democrat trick to accuse their opponents of what they are actually doing! Democrats are taking down America faster than anyone could have guessed. And why are these traitorous Democrats letting the whole world invade our Country?? We need Trump back to return America the beautiful to what she used to be.

Problem is, Biden and his Democrats have another two years to finish our destruction. Is there any wonder how President Trump has withstood all the unwarranted abuse? No, there is no wonder because.....God is with him! Hurry back!!

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose

COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

DANIEL R. MORGAN

December 22, 1931- April 9, 2023

DANIEL RALPH MORGAN was born in Nucla, Colorado on December 22, 1931 to Frank L. and Mary E. (Ainsworth) Morgan. He was raised on Second Park and talked most about the good and simple life they lived there and the adventures he and his best friend, Vernon Impson, had when they were teenagers. It's amazing that those two were neither killed or jailed during those years...

Daniel met Jacqueline J. Montgomery when her family moved to Naturita for her dad's mining job and she started school in Nucla. Daniel said that the first time he saw Jackie walking across the street, he turned to Vernon and said, "I'm going to marry that girl." And he did.

They were married on June 1, 1952 in Nucla and lived on the Second Park ranch in the winter, and were sheep herders on the Little Cone mountain place during the summer.

Daniel was drafted into the army in 1955 during the Korean conflict and was a Communication Center Specialist stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. Daniel was less than thrilled when he was drafted into the

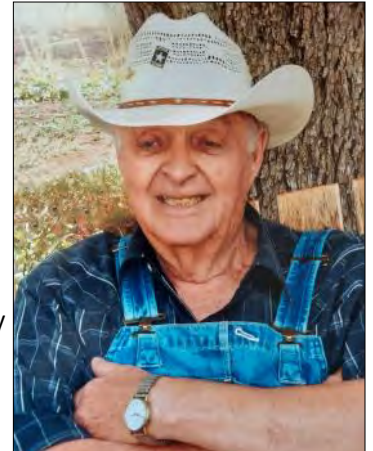
army, but was very proud to be a Veteran in his later years. Jackie and their two children, Valerie and Mark, eventually joined him at Fort Benning and lived in base housing until Daniel's discharge in 1957 when they moved back to Nucla. They lived in Nucla until 1961 when they moved and bought Daniel's Aunt Grace Wagner's ranch south of Norwood.

Daniel and Jackie raised their family and farmed the ranch and raised cattle until the late 1970s when Daniel also went to work for the Norwood Sawmill and then William's Construction. They sold the ranch and moved to Redvale in 1984. Daniel then farmed his Redvale farm and worked for his good friend, Mario Zadra, for the next 25 years until he lost his sight to Macular Degeneration. He often said working for Mario was his ideal job – he could do what he loved to do (farm) and not have to worry about the money (or lack thereof) part of farming.

Daniel's lifelong love was farming and ranching, visiting with friends and family, reading and attending the Sheepdog Trials in Meeker, Colorado every fall. He attend-

ed the Trials for 34 years and was a dog sponsor for the last 15 years. He especially enjoyed visiting with the dog handlers and sheep people that attended.

After he lost his sight, Daniel continued to read listening to the books sent by the Colorado Talking Book Library until his death on April 9, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Frank and sister Gracie, his wife of 61 years, Jackie, and five of his children – Valerie, Mark, Katrina, Morene and Joe. He is survived by his daughters, Twyla (Jay D.) Jensen and Danie Hewlett, and his son, Thomas, 16 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren. He will be missed.



DAVID W KAUFMANN

September 13, 1943-April 11, 2023



DAVID W KAUFMANN passed away peacefully in his home on April 11 at the age of 79 with his wife of 59 years by his

side. Born on September 13, 1943 to Rev. Elmer W and Edna M Kaufmann of Phoenix, Az, David was a long term resident of Prescott, Az, where he raised a loving family. After retiring from general and residential contracting in 1994, David became a full-time artisan, eventually moving to

Montrose, Co, in 2013 to be a part of the woodturning community. A devout Christian and autodidact, David shared his many passions and interests with his community. His dedication to his work was infectious, as was his sense of humor, and he inspired the best in others. Of all his talents and hobbies—hunting, target practice, gardening, and cooking, just to name a few—he loved spending time with his family and little dog Bella more than anything. David was a lifelong member of the NRA and an active member of the American Association of Woodturners and the Montrose Area Woodturners. He is survived by his wife Margaret Kaufmann,

daughters Sandi Berger of Montrose, Co and Debra Phelps (Gilbert Phelps) of Las Vegas, NV. His Sisters Tina Bryant (Bill Bryant) of Cornville, Az and Ruth Carpenter of Colorado Springs, Co. His Grandchildren; Daniel and Patrick Phelps, Kelsey, Travis (Julie), and Jacob Berger.

He is preceded in death by his Sisters Lois Owens, Elma Monday and Vangie Smith. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday April 16th @ 2:30 pm followed by a reception at the Celebration Church 2900 Sunnyside Rd, Montrose, CO. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

MADELINE MARY ABRUZZESE

August 24, 1937-April 1, 2023

On April 1, 2023, Madeline Mary Abruzzese, lovingly known by many as Maddy, passed away peacefully at age 85 around beloved family after a hard-fought battle with small cell lung cancer. She was always a fighter and had previously beat breast cancer over 20 years ago. After being diagnosed with lung cancer in May 2022 she underwent chemotherapy and radiation and had significantly improved giving her a better quality of life for her final months. Unfortunately, the cancer recently spread to her brain and shortly thereafter she passed.

The extra time she had after doing her initial treatment was so valuable. She got to visit with family and friends from near and far, do the things she loved like crafting and relaxing and got to be with her beloved husband of 44 years Salvatore (Steve) Abruzzese and their cat Sammy. Steve was amazing and cared lovingly and diligently for Madeline until she peacefully passed on April Fools' Day, something those of us close to her think she may have gotten a kick out of since she did have a sassy side to her personality.

Madeline was born in Sierra Madre, California on August 24, 1937, where she grew up and then raised her children Douglas, Janice, and Rodney. In 1975 she met her husband Steve and his daughter Stephanie, who she loved and raised from that time on as her own. Her husband Steve did the exact same thing, loving and raising Maddy's three children as his own as well as their combined grandchildren and great grandchildren in the years to come. In 1977 the two were married in Las Vegas, which from the stories that are told, was a very fun-filled and memorable event for all who attended.

In 1981 Maddy and Steve decided to leave the hustle and bustle of California and moved to Pitkin, Colorado to run the Silver Plume General Store. In 1985 they moved to Montrose, Colorado where they have resided ever since.

Madeline and her husband Steve loved

their family dearly and would do anything to help and make each and every family member feel how much they loved them. It didn't matter if it was one of their children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren, the Abruzzese's would drop everything to be there for them in whatever way they needed.

Maddy loved antiquing and crafting. She had an amazing knack for sifting through items at Salvation Army, Goodwill, flea markets or garage sales and finding the diamond in the rough. She had several stores in Montrose over the years including Maddy's Coop, as well as spaces at other local stores selling all her special finds, home décor and crafts.

Madeline had her craft shed and special room at her home to store all of her in progress new creations. She was extremely creative and truly enjoyed crafting and interior decorating. Even during her cancer treatment, she would get enough energy to think about making special gifts for her doctors, nurses and other health care staff. Many of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren continue to have this love and natural talent of crafting and decorating. Some more than others, as she would happily tell you in the kindest but most matter of fact of ways. Every few years she would get a new design idea and put her husband Steve to work on redecorating their home.

Maddy also loved to "veg out" and watch tv, cozy on the couch or in her room. All her family fondly remember watching her tv favorites with her like anything on HGTV, Lifetime movies and many silly shows on TLC like 90 Day Fiancé, which became one of her favorites.

Madeline is preceded in death by many loved ones including her parents Richard Morago and Eugenia (Jenny) Rosa Morago, sister Carol Morago Starkey, son Rodney, and grandson Tyler.



She is survived by her

husband Salvatore (Steve) Abruzzese, brother Richard (Dick) Morago, children Douglas and Dorothy, Janice, Stephanie and Cindy, grandchildren Brandon, Nicole, Christian, Ashley, Cameron, Garet, Ryan and Makenna, and great grandchildren Lane, Zach, Hayden, Landon, Angelica, Adriana, Danny, Lacey, Alacrity, Kayden, Jayce, Jameson, Quinn, Avery, and Johnathon. She also has many other extended family members not named here who were very special to her and that she loved dearly.

Madeline lived her life to the fullest. She worked hard, she loved big, and she was just the most likeable and lovable sassy lady you could ever hope to meet. Her family will miss her dearly, but the memories we have and the impact she has made on each and every one of us will last forever, until we meet again.

A Celebration of Life will take place in Montrose, CO at Crippin Funeral Home in several weeks followed by a burial at a later date at Grand View Cemetery. Dates and times for both the Celebration of Life and burial will be shared once they are available. If you would like to be included on the details once they have been scheduled, feel free to reach out to Madeline's husband Steve at 970-209-4295 or sjitalia@aol.com or granddaughter Christian at 832-348-3360 or cac9705@gmail.com.

Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose, is assisting the family.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

DARREN JACKET

November 11, 1959- April 6, 2023



DARREN JACKET, or Chief, age 64, passed away on April 6, 2023 in Montrose Colorado.

Darren Jacket was a Ute Mountain Ute tribal member and, was known as Chief to most, people close to him called him Zoo or Zoo Boy. Darren was born in Cortez Co on November 11, 1959. Darren was raised by Mellie and Jim Workman in Mancos Co. Ida Jacket was his biological mother. Zoo graduated in 1979 from Mancos High School and went to Vo-Tech to receive an



Associates in Drafting in 1981.

Darren was raised a cowboy, he loved to work on any kind of vehicle and was good at it. Chief also played pool from the time he was young and loved the game. He was also very good at leather craft that he learned from Jim Workman or Dad. Darren was also an amazing artist. He was offered a position with Walt Disney at the age of 11, after Disney saw some of his art and talent. Mellie and everyone tried to convince him what an amazing chance this would be for his future, but Darren refused to go. He was stubborn. He was a



man with many talents, and had a passion for helping whomever was down and out. Almost everyone in Montrose knew about Darren or knew who he was. Zoo had a huge heart and was loved by many.

Thank you for reading
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YOUR BRAIN ON NATURE – IQ



Schoolyards like this may one day help to raise human IQ. Photo courtesy of J. Keefer, 2018

By Lauren Hall Ruddell, Ph.D
Greetings Mirrorites!

First the bad news. At the turn of the twentieth century, humans got smarter faster, at a rate of about 3 IQ points per decade. Human intelligence increased during the first three-quarters of the twentieth century – a phenomenon known as the Flynn Effect. Alarming, recent research points to a clear downturn in human brainpower since 1975. The Flynn effect in reverse.

Some experts have argued, quite controversially, that the explanation lies in reproductive patterns, with less intelligent people having more offspring than smarter folks. Others claim that immigration patterns offer answers. Still others blame a category of chemicals now pervasive in the environment, endocrine disrupters.

The debate rages on. For instance, a Norwegian study of within-family trends over three decades throws shade on some of these explanations. They showed a trend for increasing and then decreasing IQ *within the same family* lineage over three decades. They concluded that genetics for lower intelligence could not be in play in this case. Environmental factors almost certainly were.

In my view, there is explanatory power in a migration pattern hypothesis. Not the kind of migration however, where people leave home to take up residence in another country. I believe it more likely that people traveling from rural to city locations has a greater effect.

For instance, the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2009 mathematics scores illustrated that only

32 percent of US students reached an acceptable proficiency level compared to Australia with 44 percent, Canada with 50 percent, and Singapore with 63 percent. Reduced proficiency plus increased high school dropout rates since the 1970s do not bode well for US productivity and prosperity.

In that same PISA assessment, Finland ranked sixth in math, second in science, and third in reading. By comparison, U.S. students ranked 30th, 23rd, and 17th. Although a highly urbanized country at 72 percent city dwellers, more people do live and work in rural areas as compared to the US at 82 percent. Further, a 2020 survey indicated that around 80 percent of Finns reported that they walked in nature at least three times a week. Among the other popular outdoor activities are swimming, mushroom and berry-picking, cycling, and hiking, with *more than half* of 15–80-year-olds engaged in them. In the United States, only 26 percent of Americans of all age groups spend that much time in similar activities in nature. This could of course be a very specious correlation between time spent in nature and scholastic aptitude, especially since the US and Finnish education systems differ so very widely from one another.

The differences between the US and Canadian educational systems are smaller, with Canada being considered 7th in the

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world. PISA student scores show that Canadian students rank right up there with Finnish students. Seventy-seven percent of Canadians spend time in adjacent nature weekly. There appears to be a strong possibility that access to green space influences intelligence as measured by standardized test scores.

Now for the good news. It has been suggested that school performance might actually “grow on trees,” as one researcher put it. Green cover adjacent to high-poverty schools in the Chicago area predicted better math scores, specifically tree cover in the schoolyards, even after controlling for variables such as poverty levels and minority status (Kuo et al., 2018). Similar results were obtained for elementary schools in a Toronto (Canada) school district for reading, writing, and math in third and sixth graders, for primary schools in the Twin Cities in Minnesota, and a number of schools in Oregon and Atlanta, Georgia. Adjacent nature is important for classroom success, but so is leisure time spent outside of the schoolyard.

The average adult spends 70 percent of their life sitting or lying completely still. Most children spend up to 50 percent of

their free time (outside of school) sitting. Children who engage in very little exercise and watch excessive amounts of TV have less gray matter volume in six brain regions. Playing video games shrinks three brain regions. Two of the affected regions appear to be directly connected to intelligence.

“It is time to take nature seriously as a resource for learning. In fact, the trend of increasing indoor instruction in hopes of maximizing standardized test performance may be doing more harm than good,” said Professor Ming Kuo, University of Illinois, in a 2019 research study published in the journal, *Frontiers in Psychology*. Therefore, could decreasing exposure to nature be responsible for declining intelligence? And if so, what mechanisms may be at work?

When children are not exposed to nature early in life, a number of chemical and hormonal processes critical for maximizing intelligence are hampered. Take BDNF for instance. As mentioned in an earlier article, this neurotransmitter is a linchpin for optimal functioning. A 2021 study of children with insufficient amounts indicated that low levels were correlated with poor

cognitive performance in children with learning disabilities.

We know that exercise is critical for good health and this is news to no one. The fact that exercise is critical for intelligence is a little more obscure but definitely getting some air time. Fortunately, we can now measure the effects of time spent outdoors on intelligence.

A 2021 study released by the Max Planck Institute illustrated this. Brain scans show that the time spent outdoors by their participants was positively related to gray matter density in the right dorsolateral-prefrontal cortex, a part of the brain directly responsible for IQ. The more time outside, the greater the measured density. They found that the results persisted regardless of sunshine duration, number of hours of free time, physical activity, and fluid intake. It seems that time spent outdoors has a positive effect on the brain all by itself, regardless of the other influencing factors.

Mud season is drawing to a close here on the Western Slope, so nourish your inner brainiac by walking in nature at least three times per week in this beautiful setting. And make sure the kids do so as well.



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MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Anglican Church in North America

Address: 2057 S. Townsend, Montrose, CO 81401

Office Hours: Varies and by appointment

Contact Information: (970) 249-2451

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

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

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

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

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.

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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 Ser-

vices where children four years old

through 9 years can learn to be worship-

pers 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 morn-

ing 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 con-

nection to the Divine through Unity ser-

vices, classes, family and community pro-

jects, including the Great Community Give-

away and Wellness Fair. People of all ages

are welcome. There are currently no Sun-

day 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-

Sario

Worship service times: Sunday Worship is

at 9 am followed by a time of fellowship

and snacks. Summit Church has frequent

Bible studies and other events for adults,

young adults, youth and children. Please

visit [https://](https://www.summitchurchmontrose.org/events)

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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 ag-

es!

We have families with children (babies,

school aged, recent high school and col-

lege graduates) There are retired couples

and widows. During the Sunday sermon we

offer teaching for children ages birth to

Kindergarten, in a kid friendly room called

Base Camp.

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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).

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

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thepediatricassociates.com

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528 North Uncompahgre Ave Montrose
(970) 240-6438 **VFC PROVIDER**
pfb.com/northsidechildhealthcenter

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300 South Nevada Ave Montrose
(970) 249-7751
cedarpointhealth.com

BASIN CLINIC

421 Adams Street Naturita
(970) 865-2665 **VFC PROVIDER (RHC)**
basinclinic.org

UNCOMPAHGRE MEDICAL CENTER

1350 South Aspen Street Norwood
(970) 327-4233 **VFC PROVIDER (FQHC)**
umclinic.org **340B PARTICIPANT**

DELTA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

255 West Sixth Street Delta
(970) 874-2165 **VFC PROVIDER**
deltacounty.com/8/personal-health-services

RIVER VALLEY FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS

1010 Rio Grande Montrose
(970) 497-3333
308 Main Street Olathe
(970) 323-6141
rivervalleyfhc.com
340B PARTICIPANT & VFC PROVIDER (FQHC)

THE PIC PLACE

87 Merchant Drive Montrose
(970) 252-8896
pic.place

MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

510 29 1/2 Rd Grand Junction
(970) 248-6900 **VFC PROVIDER**
health.mesacounty.us/services/family/immunizations

VFC (VACCINES FOR CHILDREN)

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340b

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

WALGREENS

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

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

CVS (IN TARGET)

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

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

CITY MARKET NORTH

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

Flu	Shingles
Pneumonia	MMR
Tdap	Rabies
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MONTROSE – Montrose High School seniors Natalie Hernandez and Andrew Jutten are among the list of students recently selected for the distinguished 2023 Daniels Scholarship Program. According to the Daniels Fund, as selected Daniels Scholars, Hernandez and Jutten will both, "receive up to \$100,000 over four years towards their undergraduate degree, depending on financial need. Daniels Scholars may use their scholarship at any accredited nonprofit college or university anywhere in the United States. Students are selected for their strength of character, leadership potential, commitment to serving the community, and academic potential."

The Daniels Fund believes that investing in education is one of the most effective ways to improve the quality of life for individuals and communities. The program seeks to support young people who demonstrate exceptional character, leadership, and a commitment to giving back to their communities.

Montrose County School District (MCSD) is proud to have two of its own students selected for this program and wishes them both the best of luck as they pursue their academic and career goals. MCSD congratulates Natalie and Andrew, their families, and all the Montrose schools and educators that helped them on the path toward this prestigious and highly competitive accomplishment.

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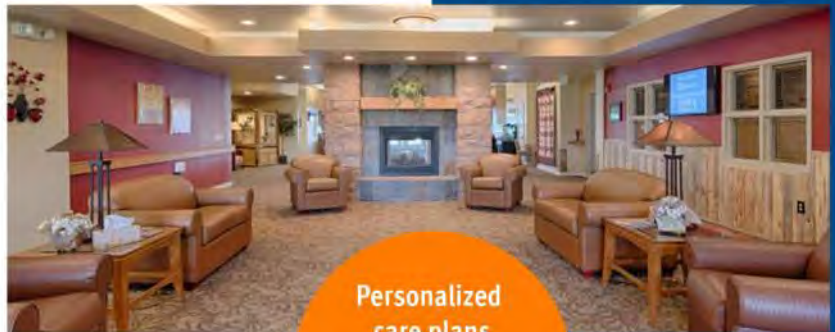
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By Carole Ann McKelvey

Delta -- I recently had a very good "girl's lunch" with four girlfriends at, where else, but the Grove in Delta. Couldn't have asked for a better time, or finer lunch! The occasion? A girlfriend visiting from Michigan. Not just any girlfriend but a bestie girlfriend! Now the Grove is a wonderful upscale restaurant with a great atmosphere and wonderful food. If you haven't tried it you MUST travel down the road to Delta to get some great food.

It being lunch and celebrating my friend, I ordered the Greek salad with a glass of Merlot, \$13. Delicious!

Now, as Grove advertising says, "Nothing brings people together like a good meal—especially when it's served with a glass of wine or a local beer, shared among family or friends. Taste our fresh home-grown ingredients and savor the wine, friendship, and conversation that always flows around our table." Well said and believe me, they follow through on this promise.

The menu includes numerous gluten-friendly items. My friends enjoyed orders of Lamb Shank (Slow cooked lamb with tomato demi sauce, served with garlic truffle mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables) \$xx; Beet salad (Locally grown beets with crisp chickpeas, shallots, and almonds under chiffonade kale) \$xx; Pesto pasta (Homemade basil pesto served over linguini with parmesan, topped with fresh vegetables) \$xx. All pronounced their meals as "exquisite."

Three of us had wine and cocktails and decided to linger for a little while to catch up. The fourth had to return to work, so it was her loss.

The Grove sources food from their chef's own garden, as well as local growers and producers from the Western Slope. There is an emphasis on local and organic foods and you can be sure they serve the highest quality seasonal ingredients available.

Children are welcome here; during our visit we observed several family tables. The kids' menu includes grilled cheese, chicken tenders, mac and cheese, and buttered noodles. The Grove also offers catering for events.

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Appetizers:

Homemade hummus with veggies and pita chips. \$8

Salads:

Roasted beet salad tossed with homemade cumin vinaigrette and feta. \$12; Greek salad (Tomato, red onion, cucumber, and fresh local organic greens tossed in a red wine vinaigrette, topped with kalamata olives and feta cheese), \$13; Chicken salad (Chef's home-grown garden greens served with vegetables and grilled chicken breast) \$12;

Entres: Gyro meat served in a fresh pita with cucumber, red onion, tomato, and kalamata olives with tzatziki and feta, \$14; Veggie gyro (Gyro minus the meat, with added seasonal veggies and creamy tzatziki sauce) \$10; Chicken tenders (House battered chicken tenders served with homemade honey mustard. \$12); Southwest chicken wrap (Chicken, pico, lettuce, avocado, and bacon with chipotle aioli wrapped in a pita) \$13. During lunch guests have a choice of fries, green chili mac and cheese or the special kale slaw.

Lunch is served from 11-3. The Grove reopens from 5-8pm for dinner

Pita and Sandwiches:

Shrimp Taco Pita (Topped with pico, fresh cilantro, avocado, shredded lettuce, and lime crema) \$13; Burger (6oz burger grilled to order with lettuce, tomato, red onion, and special sauce) \$12; Chicken bacon ranch (Grilled chicken breast with bacon, ranch, and swiss served on a bun) \$14 You can add bacon, avocado, grilled mushroom, grilled onions, truffle oil or ub Living Farm grass finished Beef (+\$3); GF Bun (+\$2); (All day) Green chili fries (French fries smothered with cheese and topped with green chili) \$7. Burgers are cooked to order. Choice of French fries, carrot sticks and ranch, or apple slices; \$6 Chef Mike is from the Living Farm Cafe in Paonia. Colorado, and is the artist in the kitchen.

Dinner Entries:

Seared pork chops (Pan-seared pork chop with apple and kale slaw, served over rosemary risotto with fresh veggies) \$25; Shrimp



linguini (Sautéed shrimp with shallot, mushroom, capers, fresh veggies, olive oil, white wine, and lemon, served over linguini with parmesan) \$23; Living Farm grass finished steak (Rotating cut with chimichurri sauce and seared green chilis, served with fresh veggies) \$28; Dinner lamb shank (Slow cooked lamb with tomato demi sauce, served on garlic truffle mashers with fresh veggies) \$27; Seared Atlantic salmon (Seared salmon served over red pepper quinoa with a tomatillo corn salsa); \$25; or add chicken (+\$3), Shrimp (+\$4), or Salmon (+\$7) GF Pasta available upon request (+\$2); Pesto pasta (Fresh veggies with homemade basil pesto, served over linguini with parmesan) \$21.

Signature Cocktails:

Huckleberry margarita, \$10; The Grove's Moscow Mule, \$8; Ginger hot toddy, \$8; Gin or Vodka Martini, \$7; Bloody Mary, \$8; & Sweet tart Huckleberry vodka and lemonade in a sugar-rimmed glass, \$8.25; wines run from \$6 a glass and bottles are available.

Desserts:

Carrot cake with cream cheese frosting; Flourless chocolate torte; Apple crumble and cheesecake.

RESTAURANT HOURS:

Monday : Closed, Tuesday: 11am – 3pm, Wednesday - Saturday : 11am – 8 pm, Sunday: 11am – 3pm

Reservations are highly recommended on weekends. Call: 970-874-4999. The Grove is located at 1978 Main Street, Delta, Co.

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

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 17-The Colorado Archaeological Society will present an illustrated introduction to conservation of artifacts, by Museum Collections manager Katy Corneli of the USU Prehistoric Museum in Price Utah. She will discuss how artifacts are preserved or preserved after an excavation, with examples from the Colorado Plateau. Basics on how to care for objects in your own home will also be covered. Katy studied art conservation in the United Kingdom and has worked with art and artifacts from Historic Jamestown Virginia and the Utah Museum of Fine Art as well as the Pre-historic Museum. The talk is at 7 p.m. at United Methodist Church, Baldridge Hall, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose. The public is invited (no charge; donation accepted); new members are always welcome.

April 18-Montrose County Republicans are hosting its monthly Conservative Social Hour.

Tuesday April 18th, 5:30pm at Wild Horse Wine & Whiskey Bar - 439 E. Main St. Montrose. Come share your thoughts and a drink with like-minded conservatives.

April 21-Montrose County Republican Women Lunch and Meeting- Friday, April 21st, noon-1:30pm at Hampton Inn Montrose. Montrose City Councilman & Martial Arts Teacher Ed Ulibarri will give a short instruction and demonstration on self-defense techniques. Brown bag lunch with beverages served.

April 22-Earth Day Prayer Gathering at the Peace Pole in Ute Indian Park, across the street from the Ute Indian Museum. All ages are welcome. Bring drums and prayers for the healing of Mother Earth and for peace. Special river blessing ceremony. Sponsored by the Spiritual Awareness Center, 970-252-0908.

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 3-Cleaning Expo-10am, 1020 S. Townsend Ave. 970-787-2006

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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