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COUNTY APPROVES TEMPORARY SIGNAL WORK AT AIRPORT, SPECIAL USE FOR TELECOM TOWER



On May 16, Commissioners voted to approve the Uncompangre Valley Special Use Proposal to build a telecommunications tower and wireless telecommunications facility at Parcel 372333303001. Courtesy image.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Commissioner Roger Rash was absent, BOCC Chair Sue Hansen and Commissioner Keith Caddy were present for the regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Tuesday, May 16. County Engineer Keith Laube led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance; Pastor Ben Garate of Calvary Chapel delivered the invocation. Garate said, "...Our commissioners...are open to your wisdom Lord...they are accountable for those of us who have put them in office...so we pray Lord your hand upon them...lift up Commissioner Rash today Lord, and we ask you Lord that you give us wisdom this morning..."

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments heard from the public on non-agenda items.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Jon Waschbusch

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FAST AND FURIOUS, GOVERNOR POLIS INSURES WOLVES AND THROWS RANCHERS UNDER THE BUS

By Lauren Hall Ruddell, Ph.D.

MONTROSE-Rep. Matt Soper, R-Delta is in favor of wolf insurance. Not the sort of insurance that protects a vehicle in case of damage, but rather the kind that protects innocent bystanders harmed by said vehicle. Liability insurance, in other words. In the case of SB256, Soper and three other legislators proposed just exactly that. Governor Polis just cancelled their policy.

On May 16th of this month, Gov. Jared Polis vetoed the bill that would have required the state to have a federal ruling in place before reintroducing wolves on the Western Slope, which is slated for the end of the year. That federal ruling is known as a 10(j), which would designate Colorado introduced wolves as an experimental population. Under current state law, farmers and ranchers experiencing losses from marauding wolves can be prosecuted with up to one year in jail and/or a \$50,000 fine for personally terminating a problem wolf causing them financial harm. With a 10(j) rule in place, lethal control of problem wolves by those experiencing the loss is permissible under certain circumstances.



Collared wolves. Photo courtesy of Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

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MONTROSE—The Montrose County Board of Commissioners is excited to announce a special townhall event on May 25th at 6pm in Olathe. The townhall provides a valuable opportunity for residents to connect with their commissioners, ask questions, and share their concerns. The event will take place at the Town of Olathe Board Room located at 420 Horton Avenue. It's a chance to learn more about our county, find out what projects are happening now and in the future, and most importantly, make sure your voice is heard. Board Chair Sue Hansen shared her thoughts on the event, highlighting its importance for residents to become more informed about the county and its projects. Hansen said, "This townhall is a great way for everyone to learn more about our county and what's going on. You can find out about the projects we're working on now and the ones we have planned for the future. But most importantly, it's an opportunity for you to speak up and let us know what you think. Your opinions and ideas matter to us!" The townhall will begin at 6 PM, and the commissioners and county officials will be there to provide information, listen to your questions, and address any concerns you may have. Whether you have questions about our local rules, want to share your concerns, or simply want to know more about what we're doing, the Montrose County Commissioners' townhall on May 25th in Olathe is the perfect opportunity to get involved in your community. The county is planning additional townhall meetings this year for residents in the West End and Maher. For more information about Montrose County and board meetings, please visit montrosecounty.net

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WENDY VIDELOCK NAMED 6TH WESTERN SLOPE POET LAUREATE

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TELLURIDE- The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Program has named Wendy Videlock of Palisade as the sixth Western Slope Poet Laureate.

A professor emeritus at Colorado Mesa University, A widely published Colorado poet, Videlock's work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Poetry*, *Oprah Magazine*, *Hudson Review*, the anthology *Best American Poetry* and Ted Kooser's syndicated poetry column *American Life in Poetry*. She performs her work around the region, hosts many regional poetry events and publishes a Trickster Ridge newsletter of poetry events and announcements.

A visual artist, whose paintings are featured in a number of galleries, Videlock has published four books of poetry with the Able Muse Press of California: *Nevertheless* (2010), *The Dark Gnu and Other Poems* (2011), *Slingshots and Love Plums* (2015) and *Wise to the West* (2022). She also published a chapbook, *What's That Supposed to Mean*, with EXOT Press of New York (2010). And Lithic Press of Fruita has just brought out her latest, a collection of poetry & prose as a mixture of lyric, critical essay, review and memoir, *The Poetic Imaginarium: A Worthy Difficulty*.

Past Western Slope Poet Laureates include Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer of Placerville, David Rothman of Crested Butte, Art Goodtimes of Norwood and Aaron Abeyta of Antonito.



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MISSING WOMAN IN SAGUACHE COUNTY



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SAGUACHE-The Saguache County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation in the case of a woman missing since May 3. Edna Quintana, at left, was last seen May 3 in the Saguache area. She is 5 foot, 5 inches tall and weighs approximately 120 pounds. She has brown hair and brown eyes. She was reported missing May 6 by family.

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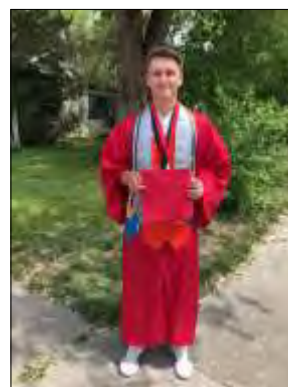
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had no changes to the meeting agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners voted to approve Consent Agenda items as presented, with Resolution No. 19-2023 assigned to Consent Agenda Item 4; Resolution No. 20-2023 assigned to Consent Agenda Item 22; and Resolution No. 21-2022 assigned to Consent Agenda Item 23.

MONTROSE COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

The BOCC left regular session to reconvene as the Montrose County Local Liquor Licensing Authority. Montrose City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo presented an application for a special events permit for San Juan Health Care Foundation, Inc., on June 2, 2023 at Storm King Mountain Ranch, 70777 Buckhorn Road. Commissioners voted to approve the special events permit and returned to regular session as the BOCC.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE

ITEMS

Montrose Regional Airport Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold presented two items related to the Airport. Arnold discussed Item E-1, Consideration and possible action on the 10th (Tenth) Amendment Modification #2 to the On-Call Engineering Services Agreement entered into 11/21/2018 with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for Design, Bidding and Construction Services for the Temporary Signal as detailed in Attachments A and B for a not to exceed amount of \$154,187.63 for work detailed in Attachments A, B and C for a new revised total of \$656,119.43. "I think anybody who has either tried to get in or out of the Airport realizes the congestion and the safety issues that we have there," Arnold said. "...I believe this is an important add for this point in time; it would be my recommendation we approve this."

Commissioners voted to approve Item E-

1. Also approved was Item E-2, the 12th Amendment, Modification 1 to the On-Call Engineering Services Agreement entered into 11/21/2018 with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., for the Passenger Boarding Bridges as detailed...an additional amount not to exceed, of \$4,560...for a new revised total project fee of \$62,362.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Territory Manager for Applicant Atlas Tower, Cornelius Whitehead was present to answer questions as commissioners voted to approve the Uncompahgre Valley Special Use Proposal to build a telecommunications tower and wireless telecommunications facility at Parcel 372333303001.

Commissioners also voted to approve the Hitt Minor Subdivision [M123-002] proposal to divide 5.62 acres into three lots at Parcel 399301100008, 16097 6900 RD.

With no further business, the BOCC voted to adjourn.

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In his veto letter, Polis said Senate Bill 256 would prevent Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission from authorizing the release of gray wolves until after the effective date of the 10(j) rule. He called the bill unnecessary, that it undermined voters' intent, as well as the commission's work, and suggested it could interfere with the state "successfully receiving experimental population designation." Polis spokesman Conor Cahill added, "Unfortunately, the legal analysis of this bill is that it would likely delay or even prevent successful 10-J designation, which is why he is vetoing it." Polis claims to support the state's efforts to obtain what's known as a 10(j) ruling from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, but he doesn't support mandating the ruling be in place before reintroduction, which SB 256 sought to do. In this instance, he is betting on wolf insurance that protects the 'vehicle' and not the injured bystanders. To that end, the governor sent a letter to Department of Natural Resources Executive Director Dan Gibbs, instructing him to continue working with U.S. Fish & Wildlife, the commission, and CPW to obtain the 10(j) ruling. Executive Director Gibbs had previously testified against the bill.

The feds have been working for nearly a year on the 10(j) process and have indicated it should be issued no later than mid-December. That's cutting it pretty close for those who will see wolves reintroduced in their counties by January 1st 2024, hence the perceived need for an additional requirement prior to paws on the ground.

SB 256 followed what every other state that has reintroduced wolves has done, which is to ensure they had a 10(j) ruling in place *before* paws went on the ground, according to bill co-sponsor Soper. Once the 10(j) is in place, wolves can be managed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, which has worked feverishly for more than two years on the wolf restoration plan. That plan was approved unanimously by the Parks and Wildlife Commission two weeks ago. It has been hailed as a masterful, if not perfect, collaboration

between CPW and several groups, which included ranchers, local government, and wildlife experts.

Soper reiterates that the plan was dictated by Proposition 114, which required the state to take the necessary steps to ensure wolves are reintroduced by December 31. "It gets you landowner buy-in, and makes sure farmers and ranchers can protect their livestock and pets and not wind up as felons." Insurance for bystanders.

Any potential for killing wolves is opposed by environmental groups that could sue to prevent 10(j) from being put in place, as they have done in other instances concerning other endangered species.

"Proposition 114 mandated wolf reintroduction by the end of 2023," WildEarth Guardians Southwest Wildlife Advocate Chris Smith said. There is speculation that the governor may privately agree with Mr. Smith about the 10(j) ruling. Could it be he'd rather see wolves released into the five central Western Slope counties under the protections of the Endangered Species Act? That would amount to insurance for the vehicle.

Sen. Dylan Roberts, D-Avon, a Senate co-sponsor of SB 256, said he is "incredibly disappointed" with the news of the governor's veto. SB 256 was "very narrowly tailored to both ensure ranchers and farmers...I don't understand the reasoning behind the veto, and I'm disappointed for my constituents who asked for this flexibility. The process of reintroduction depends on 10(j) being in place." Roberts further added, "The trouble with not signing this bill implies that they will put wolves on the ground with or without a 10(j)".

"It's a slap in the face to agriculture and ranchers," SB 256 co-sponsor Sen. Byron Pelton, R-Sterling, exclaimed. SB 256 was a good compromise, he said, adding, "They'll introduce the wolves with or without 10(j), but livestock producers need to protect their livestock."

SB 256 "was insurance," Rep Soper has stated. He called vetoing the bill akin to not having auto insurance because motorists don't think they're getting into a

wreck on their way home. "We are in agreement: CPW, legislators and the people wanted 10(j) in place. To say it usurps the will of the people is wrong," he said.

Rep. Megan Lukens, D-Steamboat Springs, was sponsor on SB 256. She said in a statement Tuesday she was also disappointed by the veto. "I have heard from ranchers and farmers consistently that it is absolutely imperative we have the 10(j) rule in place prior to state-orchestrated wolf reintroduction, and this bill was a direct request from Western Slope constituents who will be impacted most by wolf reintroduction."

Colorado Farm Bureau, in a statement Tuesday, expressed its disappointment at the veto. "This bipartisan piece of legislation was a great example of legislators responding to their constituents and working together to do what's right for Colorado's Western Slope ranchers and communities," said Farm Bureau president Carlyle Currier.

The Colorado Cattlemen's Association echoed the sentiment, saying its members are also "extremely disappointed" by the veto. The bill, the group said, would have "provided much-needed flexibility in wolf management practices to protect the livestock industry."

Holy Cross Cattleman's officer Ginny Harrington had this to say about the reintroduction of wolves without the protections that a 10(j) ruling would allow.

"There are so many issues that ranchers are facing. It is almost like the perfect storm that could sink the ship. There are so many challenges that we as ranchers and agriculture, protectors of the western landscapes, are facing. Urbanization of western landscapes is very concerning. There is such an urban rural divide and the spreading of misinformation is like the rapidly spreading wildfires the landscape has faced in the past recent years of drought. Ranchers provide more and more days of habitat than in the past for ungulates and other wildlife as human population increases and recreational activities on public lands are stressors on the wildlife and the wildlife seeks sanctuary on

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private lands of agricultural producers.

"Without the habitat provided for wildlife by ranchers the wildlife would be even more at risk for decreasing numbers.

There are already multiple studies being conducted on the western slope for the elk and the mule deer. An elk calf recruitment study in our area shows only about 35% elk calf recruitment meaning only 35 elk calves per 100 elk cows make it to a year of age.

"So development pressures, whether industrial/commercial or residential and the associated urban sprawl, along with the other pressures on ranchers like reduced water due to drought, rising expenses and inflation, labor shortages, increasing regulations, the urban rural divide with increasing misinformation about meat, wrongly accusing livestock production as causing a huge negative climate impact, and the 'aging out' of agricultural producers and younger folks not staying in the

business... make it increasingly difficult for livestock producers to stay in business.

"If we lose the ranchers we lose the many ecosystem services ranchers provide like local food, community stability, heritage and cultural resources, economic contributions and employment, open space, scenic viewsheds, wildlife habitat and corridors, raptor habitat, water filtration, carbon sequestration, wildfire mitigation and the list goes on..."

To assist with this conundrum and encourage the governor to sign the bill, or at least not veto and allow to it pass into law, Byron Roberts earlier removed language that would have required not just the finished 10(j) rule but also the *conclusion of any litigation* around the federal government's permission of an experimental population of wolves in Colorado. This provision opened the door for a process that could have taken years. In a spirit of practical compromise, this language was

removed from the bill, but to no avail.

WildEarth Guardians, based in Sante Fe, New Mexico, was opposed to Senate Bill 256 from the start, with or without the litigation language. They hold that Prop 114... "did not mandate a 10(j) rule or the ability to kill wolves," Chris Smith said. This may be because the group plans on suing, and didn't want to shoot themselves in the foot. "The (10(j)) rule remains in place while litigation occurs," Mr. Smith said, pointing out that both conservation and industry groups often challenge 10(j) rules in federal court. "I would not be at all surprised if there was a lawsuit coming from anti-wolf entities over the 10(j) rule."

WildEarth Guardians does not interpret Proposition 114 to mean just a plan in place for reintroducing wolves by the end of 2023. Like many environmental and wildlife advocacy groups, they see the vote as a call to actually have wolves roaming the state by the end of 2023.



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The road is not passable and is temporarily closed. Closure barricades have been placed on both sides of the washout. There is a passenger vehicle turnaround at mile post 1.084. Forest Service engineers are assessing the damage. We urge visitors to avoid the area and respect road closure signs.

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 73 RIDERS LEND A HAND TO HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS VETERAN



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MONTROSE-American Legion Post 73 Riders helped with landscaping the yard for Homes For Our Troops veteran Daniel Wallace last Saturday. The key ceremony for the Wallace family home on Spring Creek Road will be June 3. [Here is more on Wallace's story.](#)



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ZIGGI'S COFFEE OPENS FIRST LOCATION IN DELTA



Zigi's Coffee courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Zigi's Coffee continues expansion in the Colorado area, bringing its first location to the Delta community. This new location is a drive-thru, featuring a convenient walk-up window and outdoor seating for the community to gather. Local franchise owners, Blake and Danielle Bynum, are thrilled to bring the taste of Zigi's to the town of Delta, Colo.

The Bynum family has deep roots in Delta, having raised their three children in this community. With the opening of their

Zigi's location, they are excited to continue fostering their friendships, creating new memories, and building relationships with their fellow community members. As proud locals, the Bynums are eager to contribute to the growth and vibrancy of the Delta area.

"We chose to franchise with Zigi's because of their unwavering commitment to quality, service and community," said Blake Bynum. "We are proud to partner with a franchise that sources many of their products locally, in Colorado, and can't wait to share our love of great coffee with our community in Delta."

This location will be open until 9pm during the week to serve as a great outdoor hang out place for the community to enjoy a wide variety of products. Customers can download the Zigi's Mobile App to begin browsing this extensive menu and learn more about the benefits of their loyalty program.

To celebrate, the community is invited to a Grand Opening event on Saturday, May 27, where guests will be treated to a free 16oz drink of choice*. The new location offers a wide selection of handcrafted beverages from coffee classics to Energy Infusions, an assortment of delicious food options and a kidZone menu featuring kid-friendly items.

WHAT: Zigi's Coffee Grand Opening Event

WHERE: 53 Stafford Lane, Delta, CO 81416

WHEN: Saturday, May 27, 2023, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Limit one free 16oz drink per customer. Offer cannot be combined with any other special offer or discount. Excludes all other menu items and bottled beverages. Offer cannot be redeemed through online or mobile app purchases and is not eligible to receive rewards points. Discount valid from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 53 Stafford Lane, Delta, CO 81416 on 5/17/2023 only.*

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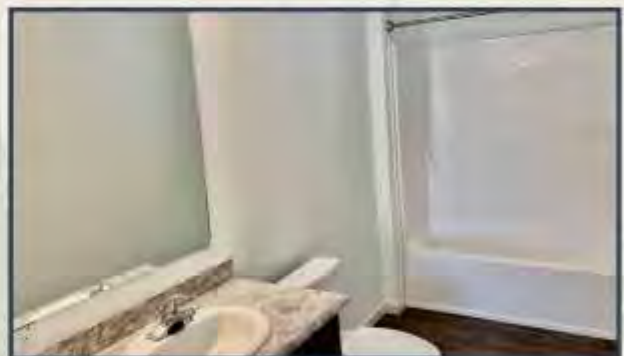
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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

ON FIRST GENERATION STUDENT SUCCESS

By Dr. Tony Frank

Chancellor, Colorado State University System

COLORADO-Of all the people I've worked with at Colorado State University, few embody the spirit of the land grant university like Paul Thayer. Soft-spoken and gentle, Paul is also an incredibly strong and persuasive person who always seems to use those powers for good. He is the exact opposite of whatever it means to be self-promotional. Instead, he has a gift for looking into other people, seeing their potential, and coaxing them into believing in themselves as much as he does.

Paul spent his career at CSU, knocking down obstacles and opening doors for students to enter in. He knew it was within his power to help them, even if it required him to push for systemic and cultural change. He retired as our associate vice president for student success in 2016, but there are educators, professionals, and community leaders all over Colorado who will tell you they owe a share of their success to Paul Thayer and his belief that they belonged and deserved to be in college.

Thanks largely to his leadership, CSU became the first university in the country to offer scholarships to First Generation students in 1984. The CSU model he helped create became the model that other universities around the country followed.

First Gen students are those who weren't raised by a parent with a bachelor's degree. Today, they are the most rapidly growing

student demographic and include many students of color, veterans, and rural students. They are the future of higher education, and as Paul would tell us, we need to do better by them.

And we know they need help. These students attend college at lower rates, and when they do attend, they graduate far less often – with a failure rate more than double that of those whose parents graduated college. These students borrow more and are forced to default on their loans more often than non-First Generation students.

Universities like CSU can be rightly proud of their support for First Generation students. But we also need to remember that providing access to education without also taking the steps needed to assure the success of these students is a cheat ... an illusion. It is beneath what we should expect of ourselves, and what Colorado should expect from its universities. Scholarships to attend are just the first step and must be paired with a robust menu of supportive services including mentorship, tutoring, connections, and high expectations.

Today, at CSU Pueblo, about 1,100 students – 44% of the total resident student population – are First Generation, and they have a track record of graduating at a higher rate than the student body as a whole. At CSU Global, our online university, 68% of our current students are First Gen. At CSU Fort Collins, more than 5,600 students are First Generation, about 25%

of our total student population, and the graduation gap between these students and majority students at CSU is less than half the national average – but there's still a gap.

And as long as there's any gap, we have work to do. Additional support for First Gen students should be a part of how we, as a society, fund higher education because we know the success of First Generation students does, in fact, improve with resources that fund programs that are proven to help them graduate. As an example, at CSU, we are able to pair some First Generation Students with a Scholar Contact – a faculty or staff member who is there to answer questions and provide individualized support. Often, these Scholar Contacts were once First Generation students themselves, who know firsthand how disorienting and frightening it can be to travel a road that no one in your family has previously walked.

This type of support takes time, and it takes funding. We would like to be able to offer this support to every First Generation student because it has a real impact on whether they leave with a diploma in hand.

By the time a First Generation student applies to college, many of them have already had a lifetime of overcoming obstacles. They've charted a course for academic success, and we should do everything in our power to help them realize it. It's absolutely the moral thing to do, and it's within our power.



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MEMORIAL DAY...WHAT IT MEANS FOR MANY

The American Legion Post 73 will host a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 29 at 9 a.m. at the Valley View Cemetery, 18070 US 550, according to American Legion Riders commander John Boughton. There will be colors presented by the Navy Junior ROTC, patriotic music performed by a Montrose High School student, and a speaker. He said the ceremony also bring awareness to the "22 a Day" – an effort to prevent suicide in the veteran community.

By CB Williams

MONTROSE-Sheree Emmons Wanner and her dog Daisy have been pictured in newspapers, social media and magazines a few times lately. Wanner is the long-time owner of Camelot Gardens and a great supporter of activities of many kinds in Montrose and surrounding communities and counties. One day you might stop by Camelot Gardens and overhear a conversation she is having with employees about donating some plants to spiff up a school event; and many people in the area have heard about her support for Wreaths Across Montrose. Camelot Gardens donates the evergreen branches and the space where more than 100 volunteers gather to make wreaths for placing on veterans' graves at Christmastime. The Camelot staff works hard to help get hundreds of wreaths made and loaded up for distribution to area cemeteries.

Wanner has a big heart for helping where she can, and this year she has taken an even bigger step in remembering and honoring veterans. In April Wanner made a generous contribution to the [Montrose Veterans Memorial Coalition](#) (MVMC), the board behind the planned Veterans Memorial Plaza in Cerise Park.

"In 30 years, I haven't donated this amount of money at one time," Wanner said. She laughed and joked she first had to consult her accountant.

Wanner made the contribution after hearing a few members of the MVMC board speaking at a recent Rotary Club luncheon. The talk moved her.

"I absolutely feel that I am so lucky to live in the US, and wake up knowing we are free and with so many privileges," she said.

Her contribution means she will be honoring her family veterans on a portion of a permanent granite bench in the park. Her

father, Norman Emmons, served in the US Marines in 1940-45, getting wounded in Okinawa. Her mother served as an Army nurse and was stationed in New Hampshire.

"She was not in combat, but took care of those returning," Wanner said.

Wanner tries to imagine what her parents went through, and although PTSD was not diagnosed back in WWII, she said the memories of war must have haunted her dad.

"I can't imagine what it takes to go out and sacrifice like that," she said, "I whine if it's above 90 degrees or below 30 degrees."

This new memorial in the Montrose Veterans Plaza, she said, will honor those who have served and sacrificed in all five major conflict eras: WWI, WWII, Korea War, Vietnam War and War on Terror. And she wants to help it get started.

"I did not know people who gave up everything," she said, "those who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives." But she knows there will be many honored and memorialized in bricks and benches at the new memorial site.

The new Veterans Memorial Plaza will help to educate young people as well, she said, "They could bring a history class there or something to help those understand...to bring it home.

"The memorial will be great for Montrose," she said, "It will be a draw and I want to support this, not only financially but with some time."

Memorial will bring people together

One thing J. Bob Brueske, vice president/chairman of the MVMC board, thinks will happen once the new memorial is built is it will bring people together.

"One of the things that I am looking forward to when this is completed is we will have a central place to gather for veter-



Sheree Wanner and her dog Daisy greet guests at Camelot Gardens. Photo by CB Williams.

ans' events," Brueske said.

"Our local organizations will still do things like Memorial Day flags at the individual cemeteries," he continued, "but we'll have a place where all can gather for one ceremony. Other holidays will have events at the plaza also, he said, such as Veterans Day and Fourth of July.

"We'll be able to see the names on the plaza, remember loved ones – friends, family – and share our appreciation for their sacrifices together."

Being in the city's Cerise Park, which he said has some very nice amenities like the

MEMORIAL DAY...WHAT IT MEANS FOR MANY From previous pg



Wanner, middle, after presenting donation to J. Bob Brueske, MVMC chairman, and Kellie Green, MVMC web/social media manager. Photo by CB Williams.

park, makes the memorial centralized and will help enhance its impact on the community and visitors.

"It's a lot more visible for the public to see it in the city park...for remembering the veterans...and it's accessible."

The plaza will make people think, Brueske said: This is why we have what we have. What a great idea the memorial is, he said, and mentioned that former director of the Montrose Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans Mike Trickey had the vision for the memorial.

"This town needs something like this for the veterans, families, friends, and the education of children," he said.

"It isn't just something for a bunch of old vets.

"This is for the public."

Brueske, who has been active in the American Legion since he returned from Vietnam, and in addition now serves as commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, has been a resident of Montrose County for nearly 23 years. Before that he lived in many places in Colorado and traveled extensively around the country.

"In traveling around...every time I saw a memorial sign, I'd pull over," he said, "Places like Angel Fire, New Mexico, a

really small place, has a pretty surprising memorial."

There's a small town in Nebraska, he said, where there is a really nice memorial – a lot of them tucked away – and many of them for a specific war or era. Like the Fruita memorial meant just for Vietnam veterans.

This one, the Montrose Veterans Memorial set in the Veterans Memorial Plaza in Cerise Park, Brueske said, will be all encompassing. The names engraved on the [bricks and the benches](#) could be from any war or era, and the people might not have grown up in Montrose, but they have family here who care.

"I've purchased bricks for my grandfather who served in the WWI balloon corps," Brueske said, "He was serving but the armistice was signed so he didn't go overseas.

"All five of his sons – my mom's brothers – served in WWII and/or Korea," he continued, "my mother served in Navy intelligence as a codebreaker, and my dad was in the Marine Corps, island hopping in WWII. "He also served during the Korean War era – was a DI (drill instructor) – and his specialties were combat judo and machine guns...He had an accident so didn't go to Korea, but served.

"So, both parents, grandfather, brothers, uncle...all will have bricks," Brueske said. And he knows his family will not be the only family from the Montrose area with a lot of bricks (or a bench) at the memorial site.

"This is for all those that are gone or who have served," he said. "I don't know what my expiration date is, but if we don't do this here for the history part of it, it will disappear."

The bricks will tell the story, and will show that those etched in the bricks were all willing to make the sacrifice for this country.

Bringing the Memorial to light

After just a few months of fundraising, the MVMC board is fast approaching their first \$100,000 raised toward a more than million-dollar goal, he said. There also have been tens of thousands of dollars in in-kind donations, the majority from engineering firms like Strata-Geo, Del-Mont Consultants and Buckhorn Engineering.

"I would love to see us break ground next

spring," Brueske said, "get something in before the following fall."

The City of Montrose has donated land for the Montrose Veterans Plaza, and the board and city together have applied for grants to help in fundraising efforts. Is money the only thing the board is waiting on?

"Pretty much," he said, "The city engineers are looking at the final plans and we need their blessing, but I'd be surprised if they don't approve because they've been beside us the whole way."

"We need a minimum of \$500,000 to put anything substantial in place. This is a very veteran-giving community," he said, "once it gets rolling people will step up."

Companies including Turner Toyota, Spectrum, DMEA, and the aforementioned Camelot Gardens are some of the bigger donors, but the smaller ones are building. One woman started a "check challenge" after the Rotary event where she challenged other individuals to match her donation.

Two fund-raising events in the works include a booth at the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans Memorial Day Fundraiser Saturday, May 27 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Magic Circle Theatre, 420 S. 12th St.; and a beer garden at the Fourth of July concert at the Rotary Amphitheatre in Cerise Park.

"As we get closer to building, I see contractors and suppliers stepping up with more in-kind donations," Brueske said. It helps in the fundraising efforts to have all the local veterans services organizations supporting the Veterans Memorial Plaza project, he said.

"We're all in it for the long haul to make it happen."

He said he would like to thank the City of Montrose for sharing in this vision, particularly Dave Frank, who was mayor when this vision was first put into motion, and who now serves as city council member. Brueske mused that this time next year the new Montrose Veterans Memorial Plaza in Cerise Park could be underway. Donations for the Montrose Veterans Memorial Plaza can be made [online](#), or a check can be made out to MVMC and mailed or dropped off at the Montrose Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way, Montrose CO 81401.



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Assistant City Attorney Matt Magliaro was presenting Ordinance 2625 on second reading when the amplified voice of a city consultant suddenly boomed through the sound system. Meeting screen capture.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The regularly scheduled City Council meeting of Tuesday, May 16 began just after 6pm as Mayor Barbara Bynum was engaged in conversation. "Barbara," Councilor Dave Frank said; Bynum returned to the podium, took her place at the dais, and welcomed all to the meeting. Everyone joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

All councilors were present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed asked that Item 13, Youth City Council Comments, be removed from the Agenda as the Youth City Council is not in session.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF YOUTH CITY COUNCIL MAYOR GRACE HOTSENPILLER

Mayor Bynum recognized the accomplishments of Youth City Council Mayor Grace Hotsenpiller, who has served on Youth City Council for three years and who has attended numerous City council meetings during her tenure. "It's my honor as the Mayor of the City of Montrose to give Grace this outstanding leadership award," Bynum said, noting that Hotsenpiller finished her last day of high school and would graduate on Sunday. Hotsenpiller has obtained her CNA certificate and will pursue a four-year nursing degree from Fort Lewis College. "I know she's going to go off and do great things," Bynum said, "So on behalf of the City of Montrose, thank you so much for your service."

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments heard from the

public on non-agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2023, regular City Council meeting, as IT Manager Greg Story made quick adjustments and helped counselors navigate the new electronic voting system in Council Chambers. "...We're getting used to the new system still," Mayor Bynum said.

ORDINANCE 2625-SECOND READING

The amplified voice of a city consultant suddenly boomed through the sound system as Assistant City Attorney Matt Magliaro was presenting Ordinance 2625 on second reading, clarifying Article 1, Section 7, of the Charter of the City of Montrose regarding qualifications for candidates to the Office of the City of Montrose Councilor.

Calling the consultant by name, Mayor Bynum said, "Can you please mute your microphone."

Previously discussed in work session and on first reading, Ordinance 2625 was approved on second reading.

ORDINANCE 2626-SECOND READING

Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt presented Ordinance 2626 on second reading, amending the Montrose Municipal Code by repealing provisions relating to the Planning Commission and land development, repealing certain chapters of the Montrose Regulations Manual relating to land development and adopting new Title XI- Land Development Regulations for the City.

"I'm not going to promise any non-technical difficulties," Hochwalt said; as he began to speak, his voice reverberated through the system.

"...It's always a challenge," Mayor Bynum said.

There were no changes since first reading, Hochwalt said and began a brief update on the land use code consolidation process. "...This has been kind of a long road..."

His voice echoed briefly while describing a review chart, but Hochwalt persisted. This was phase I of a multiphase approach, he said. "We will look at more substantive changes in the future...it was

a big lift by a lot of people and we're excited to get this one passed."

Reed commended staff and consultants for their efforts.

Bynum asked how quickly the information will be updated on [MuniCode](#).

DelPiccolo said that it will take six to 12 weeks.

Hochwalt said that the consultant has a project web site that would be updated with the changes later that day.

Following a brief public hearing, Council voted to approve Ordinance 2626 on second reading.

WOODS CROSSING AMENDED PRELIMINARY PLAT

Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed recused himself from the discussion and vote, returning after the remaining councilors had voted to approve the Woods Crossing Amended Preliminary Plat.

ORDINANCE 2627 FIRST READING

Council voted to approve Ordinance 2627 on first reading, amending the zoning district designation of 0.14 acres located at 2370 Air Park Way from I-2 General Industrial District to B-3 General Commercial District.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the [Sales, Use & Excise Tax report as well as First Quarter Budget Review](#).

Councilor Reed noted that the Construction Use Tax shows a decrease at -46.5%, and asked Wittenberg about it.

Wittenberg said, "I'm thinking we can probably attribute it to commercial construction..."

"I do think it's important for us to realize and for the public to realize that is a cyclical thing, and it's not anything to be particularly concerned about when we see a number like that," Reed said.

Retail sales tax is the primary source of the city's tax revenue, Bynum said.

Councilor Doug Glaspell commended an article on the city's street repairs that appeared in the *Montrose Daily Press*. "Well done and very timely."

"That was my comment as well," Frank said.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

WEEKLY CARTOONS

SOUR GRAPES

by Tim Jones



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

CHOOSE YOUR SCHOOL BOARD WISELY

Editor:

Four years in the future, today's 8th grade students will suddenly become voter eligible, but will they really be qualified to make good decisions for their country? Thanks to a failing school system that has been politicized by radicals. the new National Report Card indicates barely 60% of 8th graders have even a basic understanding of U S history, while only 13% are proficient in the subject! Additionally 30% lack a basic understanding of civics! That same report card showed concerning lack of understanding about our Constitution, Bill of Rights. our three branches of government, the separation of powers, or states' rights, or that our system of government was designed to ensure individual opportunity, and freedom from centralized government. For a more detailed in-

sight into the disaster our school system has become, refer to : nationsreportcard.gov.

Across the country we are getting real time glimpses of former students, now in positions of decision making, shortchanged in their education by politicized teacher unions, who have focused more on diversity, equity, inclusion, gender identity, critical race theory, and identity politics instead of factual education about our country. We have all seen school boards nationwide usurp parent rights because of warped ideology. Don't think can't happen here because it already has! The Colorado Education Association [CEA] recently adopted the following communist based resolution : "CEA believes that capitalism requires exploitation of children, public schools, land, labor, and/

or resources. Capitalism is in opposition to fully addressing systemic racism (the school to prison pipeline), climate change, patriarchy, (gender and LGBTQ disparities), education inequality, and income inequality." This gives us all an insight into the mindset of these idiots whose only goal is the destruction of our once great school system and country!

All the more reason our local school board and superintendents decisions need to be constantly watched by parents and taxpayers! All across the country we have seen elected school board members manipulated into thinking they are not accountable to parents and taxpayers ! Choose your school board wisely and never surrender your children's future to a communist ideology!

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA COUNTY URGES EXTREME CAUTION AROUND STREAMS AND RIVERS

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County, local municipalities and first responders strongly urge residents to exercise extreme caution around streams and rivers for the next few weeks. As school winds down, please remind kids it is not safe to attempt to swim in or float local rivers. Local fire departments and first responders remind residents who wish to recreate on the rivers this spring that the fire departments have limited swift-water rescue capabilities and a response to any water related accident may have an extended response due to limited access to the river.

On Friday, May 12th, the Paonia Reservoir Dam began spilling and the Bureau of Reclamation began releases from the Aspinall Unit (Blue Mesa, Morrow Point and Crystal Dams in the Black Canyon). Aspinall unit releases are required to increase flows in the lower Gunnison River to meet thresholds required for endangered fish species. Due to spring releases from dams and the large amount of snow remaining on the Grand Mesa and surrounding mountains, high flows on local rivers and streams are expected for the near future.

The Town of Cedaredge announced that it has closed the trail along Surface Creek through town after Surface Creek peaked and localized flooding eroded parts of the trail. The City of Delta is also experiencing flooding at Confluence Park and most trails are now closed due to flooding from the Gunnison River. The Paonia River Park and Fairgrounds boat ramps are also closed due to high water flows and unsafe conditions and Hubbard Creek Road is closed until further notice due to a landslide. Please respect all closures which are put in place for your safety and follow [DeltaCountyCO.gov/Flooding](https://deltacountyco.gov/Flooding) for information on active closures across Delta County. Delta County Commissioners, Administration and Emergency Management have been working closely with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), and other local and state agencies on the Highway 133 closure near Somerset since Bear Creek washed out the highway on the evening of May 2nd. CDOT Director Lew and the CDOT engineering team have advised a contractor has been selected to install a temporary bridge over Bear Creek to re-open the highway. Once installed, the bridge will be two lane and allow for normal highway travel except for oversize, overweight loads which will not be permitted on the bridge. We anticipate detailed bridge construction timelines will be announced early the week of May 22-26. Residents and businesses with questions should call the CDOT Customer Service Hotline at 970-243-2368 Monday to Friday between 8 am and 4:30 pm. Please note, Steven's Gulch Road, Bear Creek Road, County Road 265 and County Road 12 (Kebler Pass) are

all still CLOSED and are not detours to the Highway 133 closure and should not be attempted, even if GPS routing suggests these routes.

Delta County Emergency Management and the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management encourage any small business that has experienced economic impacts and financial losses from the Highway 133 closure and extended detour, to fill out the

Highway 133 Small Business Impacts - SBA economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Collection Form. The form is available on the Delta County Website at DeltaCountyCO.gov/Flooding. The form will help the State of Colorado determine if there is interest in low-interest loans to make Delta and Gunnison Counties eligible for a Small Business Association Disaster Declaration.



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COUNCIL CONSIDERS \$150K FOR SIDEWALKS, LOOKS AT 12-HOUR STREET CLOSURES FOR HABITAT 'ROCK THE BLOCK' EVENT IN JUNE



Council considered a design award for the new city hall, above. Mirror file photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Mayor Barbara Bynum welcomed attendees to the Montrose City Council [work session](#) of Monday, May 15. All councilors were present. The first item on the work session agenda was the introduction of new City employees; Human Resources Manager Terri Wilcox welcomed Streets Division Worker Tanner Holzmeister; Utility division Water Worker Trey Smedley; and Police Officer Tyler Cunningham. Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said that Holzmeister's dad has worked for the city for nearly 20 years. "We're glad to have another Holzmeister." "Can't say that I'm not happy to be here...it's a whole new experience...meeting a whole bunch of cool people and doing a whole bunch of cool stuff," Holzmeister said.

Smedley said he graduated from high school two years ago and worked for Home Depot before applying to work for the city. "...I'm just happy to be here." Cunningham said he moved to Montrose with his wife last September after serving five years in the Coast Guard. He has family in the area.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2023 Landfill Agreement Recommendation

Council considered a one-year contract with Waste Management of Colorado, Inc for Landfill services.

Background-A memo from Public Works Manager Jim Scheid to Council states, "The Trash and Recycle Division budgeted \$730,000 in disposal fees in 2023. Disposal fees include tipping fees for solid waste

and for recyclable materials. The bid price of \$60.68/ton is the same price as the city currently pays Waste Management...the disposal fees did however increase 11 percent starting in January of 2023 which is an unprecedented increase based on the CPI index. The increase noticed in solid waste and recycle tipping fees will likely cause the City's overall disposal fees to exceed the budgeted amount of \$730,000." Two bids were received for Landfill Services; Bruin Waste also bid but the tipping fee was higher. The Landfill Agreement will be rebid next year.

Montrose City Hall Phase 3 Design Contract Award Recommendation

Council discussed the award of a contract with Blythe Group in the amount of \$145,030 for the design of the façade replacement on City Hall.

Background-A memo from Scheid to Council states, "The City has worked with Blythe Group on two phases of interior remodeling of the new City Hall... To continue the renovation project, the city has requested a proposal from Blythe to complete the design of the façade replacement of the facility... This design work is to be completed mostly in 2023, allowing for a potential construction start in the spring of 2024."

2023 MoveMo Sidewalk Improvements Project

Council considered authorizing expenses for sidewalk improvements as part of the 2023 MoveMo Project in the amount of \$150,000.

Background-A memo from Scheid to council states, "The City of Montrose has requested formal bids through the Invitation for Bid process for on-call concrete construction services... The successful bidders, Avila Concrete, Bull Basin, OEC Construction, and Agave Construction are responsible for providing on-call concrete services on an as-needed basis at various locations throughout the City...In the 2023 Capital Improvements Budget, there is \$150,000 allocated for Sidewalk Improvements within the MoveMo Contracted Street Maintenance." The Public Works Department will manage the concrete work, which will be performed on a priority basis until the full \$150,000 has been spent.

Dry Cedar Creek II Addition Annexation

Planner William Reiss presented information on the Dry Cedar Creek II Addition Annexation.

Background-A memo from Reis to Council states, "The Dry Cedar Creek II Addition is a proposed annexation approximately 5.06 acres in size. The parcel is located along Ogden Road, southeast of its intersection with Kellie Drive. It is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, City of Montrose Sewer Service Area, and City of Montrose Water Service Area. Annexation of this property will allow for connection to City utilities. An Annexation Agreement is required."

International Code Suite Adoption

Council considered adoption of the 2018 Building and Energy Codes.

Background-A memo from Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler to council states, "... In July 2005, the City of Montrose adopted the 2003 International Building Codes, published by the International Code Council (ICC)...In 2008, the City adopted the 2003 version of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)...State of Colorado legislation (HB22-1362) requires that if a local government adopts new Building Codes prior to July 1, 2023, that either the 2015, 2018, or 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is also adopted. If a municipality adopts a new Building Code after July 1, 2023, the local government must adopt an Energy Code that is equivalent to the 2021 version of the IECC.

"...In December 2022 City Council directed staff to begin drafting an ordinance to adopt the 2018 International Building and Energy Codes. Staff is now presenting the proposed ordinance for Council's consideration. If Council supports the adoption of the ordinance, City staff will host a public open house on May 22, 2023 and then bring the ordinance to Council for first reading on June 6, 2023 and second reading on June 20, 2023..."

Additional information is included in the [work session packet](#).

Strategic budget session

Council discussed scheduling the day-long 2024 Budget Strategic Session. The session was set for Sept. 7, with location to be determined.

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COUNCIL CONSIDERS \$150k IN SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

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Habitat for Humanity 'Rock the Block' street closure

Councilors also considered an Alcohol Permit and requested Street Closure for a Habitat for Humanity Event in June. The item requires the approval of City Council, Mayor Bynum said, and her own approval would be conditional upon seeing the businesses on that block being okay with being closed for 12 hours.

Councilor Dave Frank asked whether this event would be an opportunity for the Block Captain Program promoted by the City's Downtown Area Revitalization Team (DART). He asked that the city contact the owners of impacted businesses rather than just an employee.

DelPiccolo said that the notification process has begun, and notifications will be included in the next council packet.

Frank said, "I like the idea of the event, I think it sounds like a fantastic event and a

great opportunity for citizens to come downtown and shop around, but I think we do want to be careful making sure that our business owners are notified so they that have adequate notification of that to participate or whatever they want to do."

DelPiccolo said, "Absolutely. We will ask for the notifications, schedule this for June 6, and ask for the event organizers to be present."

Bynum said, "I don't take closing down a part of Main Street lightly for 12 hours."

Background-A memo from City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo to Council states, "An application was received from Habitat for Humanity to close the 500 block of Main Street and Uncompahgre Avenue from North First Street to Centennial Plaza for the Rock the Block event on Saturday, June 24. Including event set up and clean up afterward, the streets will be closed from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m."

Event organizers are required to notify all businesses affected by the closures, and at least 75 percent of those businesses must approve of the closures before the Events Use Permit will be approved by city staff. Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club has applied for a Special Events Permit to sell and serve alcohol during the event. The premises were posted in compliance with state statute.

City of Montrose Regulations require City Council approval for street closures exceeding 10 hours in duration and require City Council approval of Special Events Permits to serve alcohol in conjunction with street closures."

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Councilor Ed Ulibarri had asked about travel arrangements for attending the annual [Colorado Municipal League conference](#) in June, Mayor Bynum said that council could discuss plans "offline."

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2023 AUTO THEFT TRENDING DOWN – BUT IT’S STILL NOT TIME TO RELAX

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO – A sliver of blue sky seems to be appearing, in what has been a growing storm of negative auto theft news in Colorado. The first quarter of 2023 shows a significant decline, a whopping 22% decline in auto theft versus 2022. The Q1 numbers of auto theft occurrences resemble numbers from 2020. While Coloradans, the Insurance Industry and law enforcement are happy with the improvements, the Colorado State Patrol business unit CATPA (Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority) wants to remind everyone that this decline does not mean it is a good time to become relaxed about vehicle security, now or ever!

“The noticeable decline of auto theft is a testament to the resiliency of our citizens and the collaborative effort of many law enforcement and key partners across the State,” stated Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. “However, now is no time to rest and relax your vehicle securities. CATPA and the Colorado State Patrol ask you to continue to stay in this fight to reduce auto theft and overall crime in your communities.”

Auto theft is a catalyst crime that often sets off a chain reaction of other crimes. These often include burglaries, smash and grab robberies, reckless driving, eluding, drug crimes, weapons offenses and many times crimes against persons that endanger all of Colorado.

CATPA and the Colorado State Patrol advise all citizens of the best way to combat vehicle theft through a dynamic approach to vehicle security beginning with the basics. Lock your car and take your keys - every time. This is simple, but vehicle owners and operators should practice this

CO Statewide MVT		
Date Range	Total	Percentage Change
Jan - Apr 2023	11473	-22%
Jan - Apr 2022	14684	

	2022	2023	
Theft Area	Jan - Apr	Jan - Apr	Percentage Change Jan-Apr 2022 vs 2023
Denver Metro Area	11076	8400	-24%
Eastern Colorado	92	79	-14%
Northern Colorado	1299	1041	-20%
South West Colorado	149	131	-12%
Southern Colorado	1785	1611	-10%
Western Colorado	210	157	-25%

Data courtesy of the ATICC database.

most basic vehicle security habitually. CATPA recommends establishing a “Lock and Key” routine that has all vehicle operators remove spare keys from the vehicle, including valet keys, then anytime the vehicle is not in use (including during quick trips inside convenience stores), to shut the vehicle off, take the keys out of the ignition and out of the car, then lock the car.

CATPA also advises additional security measures for owners of any vehicle on the Top Ten Most Stolen Car list, any vehicle in an Auto Theft Hot Spot, and any vehicle more than five years old. These additional security measures should consist of any combination of basic “Lock and Key” routine and: environmental changes (Parking the vulnerable vehicle in a garage or secured parking lot if possible), physical security hardening products like Steering

Wheel Locks and Parking Boots, theft deterrent and immobilizing systems like kill switches, alarm systems and security systems that adhere to vehicle immobilizing standards (like the Canadian UL 338 standard).

For vulnerable vehicles, CATPA has a limited supply of steering wheel locks for those unable to purchase one or for citizens already victimized by theft. Other resources like security software updates for Hyundai and Kia vehicles are another great step to take.

Colorado, continue your efforts to reduce your risk of becoming an auto theft victim and perform a self-risk assessment using tools available at lockdownyourcar.org. A combination of public awareness and mindfulness is an essential partnership for reducing auto theft – and all crime, in Colorado.

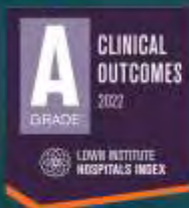




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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ANNE BROWN SELECTED TO FILL D-1 COMMISSIONER SEAT ***Swearing-in May 23, 4:30 p.m., San Miguel County Courthouse courtroom***



Anne Wilson Brown. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY --- Anne Wilson Brown, from District One, was appointed to fill the County Commissioner seat with a majority vote by the San Miguel County Democratic Party Vacancy Committee on May 17, 2023. Brown will fulfill Hilary

Cooper's term, which expires on Jan. 14, 2025. Swearing-in will take place at the San Miguel County Courthouse 2nd floor on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

A 34-year resident of San Miguel County, Brown worked full-time remotely for 30 years as a qualitative market researcher while, together with her husband Tobin Brown, raising two sons (now grown and living in Denver.) She retired from market research in 2020 and joined the county's Public Health Department during the COVID-19 pandemic as Health Educator and Contact Tracing Team Lead.

"I am honored to have been selected to fill the District One Commissioner position. And I'm excited!" Brown said. "I've been cramming to prepare for the selection process since the vacancy was announced — reviewing budgets, reading planning documents, meeting Vacancy Committee members and constituents to gather information and glean insights from their knowledge and experience. "If anything, the process has increased my respect for our local elected officials, the county staff and the commissioner position, and accelerated my eagerness to learn and to lead. I understand that com-

missioner decisions and staff efforts have short and long-term consequences, not only locally, but regionally, state-wide and even on the national level. Our work impacts the well-being of individual residents, the shape of our landscape, the health of our environment, and the strength of our economy. It's a big job and I'm ready to give it my all."

Brown brings to her new role financial acumen, a deep understanding of the issues facing the county, and a strong connection to the county's immigrant population.

"Through my work with Public Health, I have come to understand and appreciate San Miguel County through a different lens," she said. My passion for serving the community, particularly our under-represented and under-served residents, has multiplied as I have learned more about local and regional challenges. While I am proud of the incremental impact my current work makes towards improving the health and well-being of the county, I am eager to shift to a higher-level and more broad-reaching position where I can join the leadership team in helping to set policy and priorities across the county."

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

LAURA MARIE HUDDLESTON

April 2, 1965 - May 8, 2023



LAURA MARIE HUDDLESTON, age 58, tragically passed away on the evening of May 8th, 2023 at her home in Ouray, Colorado with her loving family by her side.

Laura was born on April 2nd, 1965 in Montrose, Colorado, the oldest of three daughters to parents Jerry Wakefield and Janet Williams. She grew up on the Western Slope of Colorado, between Montrose and Ouray, as well

as in Oregon and Arizona.

She met the love of her life, Clint Huddleston in 1985 in Springdale, Arkansas, and they were married in Ridgway, Colorado on July 3rd, 1991. Together they had three children, David, Crystal and Marissa.

Laura loved everything that involved the outdoors, she could often be found on the banks of the Uncompahgre river searching for rocks and minerals. Many things brought her joy; camping with family, going to the Ridgway Reservoir, playing (and usually winning) the game show Jeopardy with family and friends, and hosting the best Fourth of July celebration in town.

She loved her home state of Colorado and all of its sports teams, especially the Den-

ver Broncos. She will be remembered as a kind, colorful, and joyous fixture of the Ouray community, as well as a loving wife, mother, daughter, grammy, sister, aunt and friend.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Clint Huddleston; children, David Huddleston, Crystal Brackman, and Marissa Huddleston; granddaughters, Avery and Abby Brackman; mother, Janet Bush; sisters, Nonie and Neysa Wakefield; nieces and nephews, Christopher Wakefield, Valrie and Kyle Blansett, and Jason Crow.

The family has organized a Celebration of Life gathering for Laura on Saturday, June 3rd, at 11am, at Fellin Park in Ouray, Colorado.

JUAN ANGEL GOMEZ

March 12, 1986 - May 17, 2023

JUAN ANGEL GOMEZ was born March 12, 1986 and peacefully passed away May 17, 2023 with his loving family by his side. Juan fought a courageous battle against ALS. Always with a smile on his face no matter how hard the fight put before him.

Born in Goodland Kansas and raised in Montrose, Colorado. Meeting his beloved wife Kacie Gomez in 2008 and marrying her in 2009, they had three beautiful, amazing children, Juan Gabriel Gomez, Anayah Gomez, and Avalee Gomez.

Juan was a hard worker and made sure his family was always taken care of, never thinking of himself, his family always came first. Juan enjoyed spending time with his family. Juan had a love for riding his Harley.

Juan is survived by his loving parents Emilio & Adelfina Gomez, his wife and three children, his eight siblings Ruby, Reynaldo, Anita, Fina, Mary, Angie, Mario and his twin brother José, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A viewing will be held at the Crippin Funeral Home Chapel Monday May 22, 2023, from 1-3 P.M. 802 E. Main St. Montrose, CO. Celebration of life will be held at Victory Baptist Church Tuesday May 23, at 11 A.M.

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Following the graveside service, Juan's family would like to invite everyone to continue Juan's celebration of life at Mimos, 216 N Townsend Ave.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to Kacie Gomez. To help with the funeral and upcoming expenses.



COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

CONNIE J. GALLEGOS

May 15, 1931 – May 11, 2023

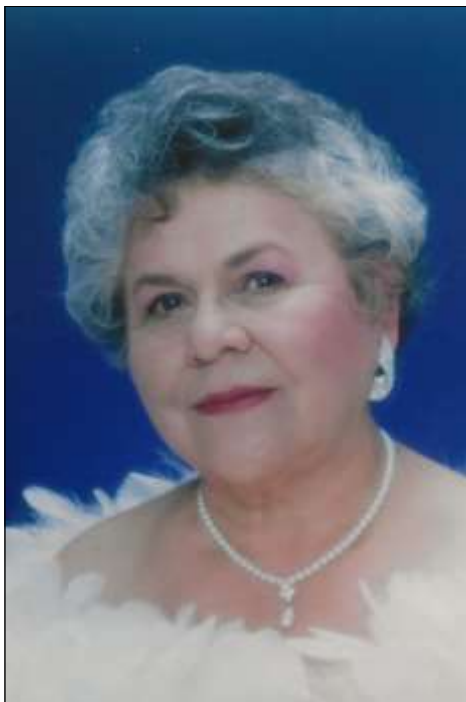


CONNIE J. GALLEGOS, age 91, passed away on May 11th, 2023, at Valley Manor Care Center in Montrose after contracting Covid.

Connie was born on May 15th, 1931, at their family residence in Montrose, Colorado.

She resided at that family residence for most of her life. Connie graduated from Montrose High School.

She was the daughter of Antonio and



Laura Gallegos. Connie had two brothers, Tony, and Marquez Gallegos; they all preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son Douglas and wife Elizabeth Nava. Granddaughter Laura Nava, as well as her sister, Ramona G. Casias, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her favorite jobs were as a teacher's aide at Northside Elementary, and as an adult education aide.

She loved kids, and all the kids loved her. Starting in 1972, she was a caregiver for her mother, and then her father until 1988.

Connie was very good with languages and besides English, could read and write in Spanish, as well as Navajo.

Connie loved music, had a beautiful voice, loved to attend dances, and go to the movies. In later life she loved to travel with her dear friend, Jim Kimble, to Native American fairs, festivals, and pow-wows, and spending time with family at Taos Pueblo.

She loved her pet dogs; Chinle and Jasper. She especially loved cats; Connie fed every stray cat in the neighborhood.

Connie was always jovial, loved life, and was a friend to everyone. She always thought of others first and was a very giving person.

She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

A memorial service for Connie will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday, May 31st at Crippin Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Valley Lawn Cemetery.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

PAT BLACKWELL

October 1, 1942 – May 7, 2023

Pat was born in Dayton, Ohio, on October 1, 1942, making her the second child of Arden Ralph Strang and Pauline Umbarger Strang and younger sister to her brother John.

The Strang family lived on the very east side of Dayton where at that time several acres of woods were nearby, an idyllic place to build tree houses, run and play, fly kites, and hide and seek. Pat then went on to Ohio State University where she studied to become a dental hygienist, graduating in 1964.

She married Steve Blackwell who was a sales executive for United Technologies, a position that required they relocate from time to time. They lived in Charlotte NC, St. Louis MO, Naperville IL, and wherever they moved, Pat always found work in dental offices. Then on July 1, 1968, she gave birth to a little boy they named Bryan and gave up her career to become a full-time mother.

Steve retired and they relocated to Spring Hill, FL where they lived for several years until they decided to part ways. Four years later she met Bob Kravchuck, of Brandon,

FL, who had recently lost his own marriage partner of 35 years to cancer, and he and Pat married on Oct. 1, 2005. Bob was a retired physicist and had four grown children of his own. Together they bought an RV and made several trips across the US and to Colorado and Utah, eventually falling in love with the West and deciding to move there. They settled in Montrose in 2013.


Pat was somewhat subdued, quiet, and withdrawn, when young, and didn't really come into her own until middle life when she found God and blossomed into the radiant woman whose loss now has so many hearts aching among family and friends. One day she was vibrant, happy, active, and by all appearances healthy, and then the doctors found an inoperable cancer in her lung. On May 7th she was taken home by our Holy Father. The world will be a colder place without her, and we will never stop loving and missing her.

Pat was an excellent league tennis player, an adequate golfer, and was fascinated by birds, flowers, and good books. She also volunteered with Hospice Ministries and

along with Bob taught Bible studies at St. Mary's church. Nobody could decorate a house like her and whether it be Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas, her home always reflected the season.


She is survived by her husband, Bob Kravchuck of Montrose, her brother John Strang of Montrose, her son Bryan Blackwell and his wife Sandy of Franklin, Indiana, and two grandsons, Colin, and Nate, also of Franklin. There will be a gathering of family and friends held at Crippin Funeral home on May 22nd from 5-7 pm. Her ashes will be mingled with those of her mother, scattered by family at an undisclosed location. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to Hospice (Hope West).





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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

GLENN EARL RATLIFF JR. (PAPA G) *November 17, 1956- May 5, 2023*

GLENN EARL RATLIFF JR went home to the Lord on Friday, May 5th, 2023, in Montrose, Colorado.

Glenn was gifted to this world by his parents, Glenn Earl Ratliff Sr., and Margaret Louise Ratliff (Graham) in Amarillo, Texas. He was the first of five children in his military family. His family would spend his childhood moving back and forth between Texas and California until finally settling down in Southern California. He would graduate from Redlands High School in 1974.

Soon after, he would meet his wife, Shelby. They would marry on August 4th, 1978, and give birth to five wonderful children. His family would move to Montrose, Colorado in September of 1996, where they would remain.

Glenn started his business Finer Finish Painting around 2000 and was known around town for his excellent skill in the trade. He would beat cancer twice, and because of this, lived every day with strength and love for everyone around

him. Glenn loved classic rock, mustangs, bowling, golf, the Dallas Cowboys, watching live music around the bars in Montrose, the Lord, and making people laugh, but most of all: his friends and family.

Glenn was a stubborn man but understanding to say the least. His acceptance of others and wisdom guided so many in his life. He will be truly missed. We love you Papa G!

Glenn will be proceeded in death by his parents, brother KC, wife Shelby, nephew Daniel, daughter Celeste, and grandson Waylon.

He was survived by his brother Russell (Ann) Ratliff of Las Vegas, Nevada; sisters Brenda Ratliff Fonseca of Las Vegas, Nevada; Sheree Ratliff Freidman of Wimberly Texas; grandsons Calvin Ratliff, Ryan Ratliff, and Caleb White of Montrose, Colorado; granddaughter Makynna Ratliff of Montrose, Colorado; daughters Gabby Ratliff of Tacoma, Washington; Jackie Ratliff of Grand Junction, Colorado; Kara Ratliff (Justin Harrington) of Montrose, Colorado;



and son Trevor (Gina) Ratliff of Montrose, Colorado.

Arrangements are being handled under the care of Crippin Funeral Home in Montrose.

WILLIAM “BILL” HAMMOND DICKEY

A friend to everyone he met, William “Bill” Hammond Dickey passed away on May 11, 2023 at age 79.

Born to Joseph Stutso and Eva Hammond in Franklin, Kentucky, he was later adopted by Gilbert Dickey, Jr. Bill spent his youth in War, WV, Kentucky and Tennessee. He graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelors of Science in Advertising. Bill proved himself a mediocre student but the life and soul of every party – a trait that he maintained and was known for over the course of his life. He had a varied career, from managing a ranch in Winter Park, Colorado to owning bars and restaurants. He met his beloved wife Becky and together they lived in Prescott, Arizona for twenty years and

raised three children. They moved to be close to his family in Nashville, Tennessee in 2007 before returning to the mountains of Colorado in 2016. Bill was a man of many interests, greatest of which was coaching and mentoring children. He loved his late career as a substitute teacher in Montrose County School District, flexing his natural propensity to guide and teach. He believed in his students and spoke highly of them. His other passions included history and historic artifacts, participating in Rendezvous and the Arizona Roughriders, shooting black powder guns, playing and listening to a wide variety of music, car racing, and quality Kentucky bourbon. Bill is survived by his wife Becky; his children Eva, William Jr. and

Deeanna Dickey; his siblings Joseph Stutso, Jowana Elswick, Gilbert Dickey III, Robin Satyshur, Maris Davis



and many, many, other relatives and loved ones. Bill Dickey is entirely too unforgettable to not still be with us. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to No Kid Hungry, nokidhungry.org, PO Box 75475, Baltimore MD 21275-5475.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

FRANCES LOUISE BELAIR-HAMACHER

April 2, 1945 - September 27, 2022



and Colorado Association of Realtors Director from 1995-1998. Fran looked forward to attending and supporting the local Woolgrowers and Cattlemen's Association every year, as well as the local 4H clubs during Fair Week. She was a board mem-

ber of the junking business. They opened their own business restoring and creating unique pieces of furniture, sewing and making quilts to sell at Flea Markets, Farmers Markets and Craft Show Venues. Fran believed family was the greatest gift and should be cherished. She enjoyed being an active parent and grandmother with her children and their family. Thanksgiving Day was the most meaningful time for her, when all of her children and family would come home. She enjoyed playing Euchre and Mexican Train, fishing and camping, going to baseball, football and hockey games. She also enjoyed road trips with her daughters and all the belly laughs with her family.

Frances Louise was born to Dorothy Louise (Barnes) and Howard Miles April 2nd 1945 in Dodge City Kansas. Fran passed away from complications due to cancer at Nebraska Medicine Bellevue Health Center September 27, 2022 with family by her side.

She was the oldest child of 10. During her young years, she lived with her grandparents, and aunts until her adoption by Robert Angell. During her school years Fran attended schools in Oregon, Utah, Denver, Norwood and completing the 8th grade in Montrose.

Frances married L. Ray Wilson in Montrose in 1961. In that union, they had four children, Karen, Sandra, Zane and Shawna. The marriage ended in divorce. In May of 2000 Fran married Larry Hamacher.

In 1977, Fran began making a career of selling real estate in Montrose. It was later that she became Broker/Owner of Belair and Associates.

Fran was an active member of the Montrose community. Fran was President for Montrose Association of Realtors in 1994

member of Montrose County Airport and a member of the Montrose Chamber of Commerce, assisting with the Grand Opening of new businesses.

In her spare time Fran loved to dance with the local Rockettes Not, dancing for various senior citizen centers and local events. Playing her guitar and singing karaoke with her family and friends.

After closing her real estate office, she moved to Broomfield with her husband Larry to be closer to her family. It was then that Fran strengthened her faith with Jehovah. She developed many friends in the Broomfield Kingdom Hall and enjoyed her time with them. She re-discovered her passion of painting with her daughter Shawna.

She attended weekly oil painting classes and her family was blessed with many of her oil painting masterpieces.

Although Fran and Larry enjoyed Broomfield, they moved to Plattsmouth Nebraska for a slower paced city, near her oldest daughter Karen. Together, the mom and daughter team started a new venture in

Fran is survived by her husband of 22 years Larry Hamacher; three daughters, Karen (Tom) Deyke of Plattsmouth Nebraska, Sandra (JJ) Heyer of Menasha Minnesota and Shawna (Larry) Wall of Broomfield Colorado, along with Larry's children, Scott (Ginger) Hamacher and Tara (Shaun) Purvis. Grand children Aaron, Ryan, Kylee, Heather, Jaryd, Brittany, Erika, Presleigh and Ryann; as well as numerous great-grandchildren. Her siblings; Deborah, Anthony, Juanita, Christina, Billy Joe, Dennis and many nieces and nephews.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, her most beloved son, S. Zane Wilson, siblings, David, Patricia and Raymond, great granddaughter, Hayden Rae. Fran will be laid to rest June 3rd, 2023 10am with immediate family at Grand View Cemetery & Serenity Cremation Gardens.

A Celebration of life will be held at Cerice Park from 11:30 to 1:30pm for friends and family of Fran.

Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose, is assisting the family

CELEBRATING LOCAL BEAUTY.



COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

LESLIE "LES" OWEN MERGELMAN *February 8, 1946 – May 12, 2023*

LESLIE OWEN MERGELMAN, 77, passed away at his home in Elm Creek, Nebraska, on Friday, May 12, 2023. He was formerly of Cedaredge, Colorado. Les was born Feb 8, 1946 to Warren and Margaret Mergelman in Gunnison, CO. Following college at Colorado State University, Les married the love of his life, Dorothy Jean, on March 25, 1972. From this marriage came two children.

Les and Dorothy started their life together in Canon City and Buena Vista, CO, where he held positions in CSU Extension and the local sale barn. A college friend recruited Les into banking in 1974, and Les' banking career took he and Dorothy to Fleming, Steamboat Springs and Gunnison before landing them in Dorothy's hometown of Cedaredge, CO. They remained there for 37 years before relocating to Nebraska.

Les' passions were to advance banking, agriculture, and youth programs. He worked for many years in the independent banking venue where he retired from Olathe State Bank. Les had a huge desire to continually better himself and those who were around him. He worked on many local, county, and state committees for banking and finance and was a Past President of the Independent Bankers of Colorado. Les grew up on a family ranch in the Gunnison River Valley and remained active in agriculture to his final day. Some of Les' fondest memories were from his high-school years working on a ranch in Powderhorn, CO, where he put up hay and rode lots of miles on horseback. He continually worked to advocate for agriculture by serving on boards such as the Delta

County Planning Commission, Farmhouse Fraternity and the Colorado Agricultural Leaders Forum.

Though Les worked in banking and agriculture, the one passion from which he never tired, was local youth development. Les was very active in 4-H and FFA as a member in his own youth, having traveled to Iran as a 4-H IFYE exchange delegate in 1968. Les volunteered for several years on the Delta County Fair Board and was a past Chairman of the Colorado State Fair Commission. In his summer months, Les could be found behind the microphone announcing youth livestock shows and Little Britches Rodeos. He was a lifetime member of the National FFA Alumni Association and donated generously of his time to local FFA chapters in the area. Although Les retired from banking, his devotion to the betterment of business, people and his town did not wain. Instead, Les sunk his energy into Club 20, an organization aimed at furthering political agendas to better the 20 western counties of Colorado. He was an active member 45 years, having served as President of this organization for two of those. He and his wife, Dorothy, were honored for their service just prior to their relocation. Many grew to know Les as the master of the grill. He often sought opportunities to share his love of cooking with others, many recalling every Labor Day Sunday at the Mergelman house...a place where the lamb skewers turned, the bean pot was hot and Les was stoking the fire. If anyone left hungry, it was his own fault!



Les was preceded in death by his parents, Warren and Margret Mergelman. He leaves behind his wife of 51 years, Dorothy Jean. His son, Crandal, and his wife, Jimmie, reside with their two kids, Ryann and Cutler, in Rangely, CO. Les' daughter, Kari, and her husband, Matt, live in Elm Creek, NE, with their two children, Jameson and Scarlett. Les also leaves behind his brothers and sister and their families: Rudl and Darlene Mergelman, Stan and Cara Faulds, and Craig and Lindsay Mergelman.

Memorial services will be held on Monday, May 22. Internment is at 10:00 AM at the Cedaredge Cemetery. Celebration of Life is planned for 11:00 AM at the Eckert Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Cedaredge, Rangely or Elm Creek FFA programs.

CELEBRATING LOCAL BEAUTY.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ANIMAL-BORNE DISEASES THIS SPRING

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Warmer months are approaching, and that means more time outdoors.

The West Central Public Health Partnership (WCPHP) serving Delta, Hinsdale, Gunnison, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel Counties reminds the community that this increases the risk of contracting certain animal-borne diseases that are more common during warm weather months since humans and animals are frequently in close contact.

The WCPHP stresses the importance of controlling the presence of rodents and mosquitoes around homes as well as wearing insect repellent and appropriate clothing when heading outdoors. Additionally, pets should be kept up to date on vaccinations, and protected from fleas and ticks. Do not feed or handle wild animals, especially those that appear sick. Do not handle dead animals or animal waste. Keep your kids safe by making them aware of these precautions. Below is a brief overview of animal-borne diseases that are present in our counties:

Rabies

The rabies virus can affect the nervous system of humans and other mammals if not addressed after exposure. People usually contract rabies from the bite or scratch of a rabies-infected animal. If a bat has been present in a room in which someone sleeps, it is important to trap and test the bat for rabies. Call us for further guidance or to report an encounter with a suspect animal. Also, always vaccinate pets (even indoor pets) to keep them and their humans safe.

Plague

The plague bacterium can be transmitted to humans by the bites of infected fleas or by direct contact with infected animals. Plague is frequently detected in rock squirrels, prairie dogs, wood rats, and other species of ground squirrels and chipmunks. If there has been plague identified in our area, and you should take precautions for yourself, your family and your pets to avoid flea bites.

West Nile Virus

West Nile Virus is carried by mosquitoes and can be passed on to humans through mosquito bites. This disease can cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) and meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord). Use insect repellent when going outdoors and empty standing water around residences to reduce the number of mosquitoes.

Hantavirus

Hantavirus is carried by the deer mice in our area, and is present in droppings, urine, and saliva. Exposure through cleaning can lead to Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS). HPS is a severe, sometimes fatal, respiratory disease. Dried droppings or urine can be stirred up in dust and humans may contract hantavirus by breathing in the contaminated air. When cleaning up mouse droppings, ventilate the area by opening windows and doors. Wear gloves and spray all droppings down with a bleach solution (one part bleach, nine parts water) or an EPA-registered disinfectant until very wet and let soak for five minutes. Use a paper towel to pick up the urine and droppings and then clean the area with a disinfectant.

Tularemia

Tularemia is a bacterium found in rodent and rabbit populations and is transmitted by insect bites, direct transmission, or inhalation or ingestion. Only a small amount of bacteria is needed to infect a human, and the bacterium can persist for long periods of time in the environment in water, soil, and carcasses. Wear gloves when handling animals while hunting, trapping, or dressing them. Do not mow over sick or dead animals when landscaping.

Tick-Borne Diseases

Colorado tick fever is the most common tick-borne disease in Colorado, though most cases go unreported. It's a viral illness characterized by fever, headache, body aches, nausea, abdominal pain and lethargy. Complete recovery may take two to three weeks. The disease is not life-threatening and infection results in life-long immunity. There is currently no preventative vaccine or effective treatment except to let the disease run its course. Rocky Mountain wood ticks can spread Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. There may be a sudden onset of high fever, headache, chills, and muscle aches. A rash often appears a few days later. The illness can be cured with antibiotics, but prompt medical attention is extremely important because Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever can be fatal if treatment is delayed.

To learn more about the symptoms, treatments, and other information about these diseases, visit the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](https://www.colorado.gov/public-health) or [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/diseases) websites.



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GRAND MESA VISITOR CENTER OPENS FOR THE SEASON

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION— The Grand Mesa Visitor Center will open for the summer, May 26, 2023. The visitor center will be open every day through the last Sunday in September, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visitors can purchase maps and Recreation Passes (Annual, Senior and Access Passes). Forest Service fuelwood permits will be available for the 2023 season. Helpful staff are available during the summer season to answer questions, provide education on the new interactive Google Earth display and the latest interpretive additions.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, would like to remind visitors to recreate responsibly when visiting the forest and respect the resource. Do not drive on wet and muddy side roads creating resource damage, adhere to Forest regulations, demonstrate camping etiquette, be bear aware and practice Leave No Trace principles.

For a complete list of campgrounds on the Forest, opening and closing dates, and reservation fees, visit our [website](#). Camp-

ers are asked to observe general camping etiquette including following all posted rules in campgrounds, respecting quiet hours and leaving campsites clean for the next visitor.

Seasonal trail and wilderness crews are out and active on the forest clearing trails and beginning to work on summer projects that are accessible. Visitors can expect to encounter crews working in the vicinity of where they are recreating. If you come across a downed tree or other issues on a trail, campground or overlook, report it to your local Ranger Station. For more information about camping and recreation on the Grand Mesa National Forest, call the Grand Valley Ranger District at (970) 242-8211.

Remember to Leave No Trace

It is up to all of us to minimize our impact, to travel softly, leaving no trace of our visit so that future generations can enjoy these special places we all love. Help to protect your national forests by following the 7 Leave No Trace Principles:

-Plan ahead and prepare.



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- Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
- Dispose of waste properly.
- Leave what you find.
- Minimize campfire impacts.
- Respect wildlife.
- Be considerate of other visitors.

For more information on current fire restrictions, conditions and recreation opportunities, visit the forest website or www.westslopefireinformation.com. Connect with us or follow us on social media ([Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)).



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

TELLURIDE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE SUNSET MUSIC SERIES IN MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, COLORADO *June 21 – August 16, 2023*

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE – The Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association (TMVOA) has announced the return of the Sunset Music Series for the 2023 summer season in Mountain Village.

The event, which celebrates its 23rd anniversary this year, has been recognized as a top ten outdoor summer music series by 10Best of USA Today, making it a must-attend for music lovers.

The Sunset Music Series has become one of the most anticipated events of the summer season, bringing music and entertainment to the San Juan Mountains. The event's producer, Teddy Errico, said, "It's all about creating that sense of community, having some fun, and enjoying world-class music in the Mountain Village — And we do that year in and year out, and I'm so honored to be a long-time part of our success."

The 2023 Sunset Music Series will feature eight spectacular shows held in Sunset Plaza, which is located steps away from the gondola to and from Telluride. The concerts are free and pet-friendly and start at 6:00 p.m. The family-friendly con-

certs are held on the lawn near Lift 1 and offer excellent sun exposure and fantastic sunset views.

Anton Benitez, TMVOA President & CEO, said, "TMVOA is proud to once again bring another summer season of music to Mountain Village. We look forward to having our members, guests, and visitors come together for this weekly community event that is one of the great summer traditions in the region."

The 2023 Sunset Music Series lineup is as follows:

June 21 – Smokey Brights (Seattle Rock and Roll)
June 28 – Cha Wa (Mardi Gras Indian Funk Band from New Orleans)
July 12 – James Hunter (Rhythm & Blues)
July 19 – Local Festival Feature with Telluride Chamber Music and Boyd Meets Girl (Classical)
July 26 – Regional Music Feature with Easy Jim (Grateful Dead Tribute Band)
August 2 – Lindsay Lou (Bluegrass)
August 9 – The Wilder Blue and Special Guests Tylor and the Train Robbers (Country)
August 16– The Sensational Barnes Brothers (Gospel Soul)

ers (Gospel Soul)

The Sunset Music Series is a free event that has been funded by TMVOA since 1999 to create economic diversity with a strong sense of community. The event has become a great summer tradition in the region, and the TMVOA is pleased to provide the public with a free, family-friendly event that is like no other event in the Telluride Region.

Heidi Stenhammer, the Administration and Operations Manager for TMVOA, said, "It's been so much fun planning this awesome series with Teddy since I joined TMVOA in 2015, and the talent he finds to fit within our lean budget is amazing. Earning USA Today's Readers' Choice recognition of 10 Best Outdoor Concerts is so validating and, well, icing on the cake!"

The Sunset Music Series is presented by TMVOA, The Telluride Society for Music, and The Telluride Ski and Golf Company. Supporting sponsors include Broker Associate Teddy Errico of LIV Sotheby's International Realty, The Peaks Resort and Spa, By Sutton, Telluride Brewing Company, and the Town of Mountain Village. The event is held rain or shine.



READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: GENE REIMANN



Deb Reimann shared this photo that hubby Gene Reimann snapped a few days ago in their backyard. "It was a tickle to have this shy and beautiful Western Tanager pay a visit!" Deb said.



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MONTROSE REGIONAL AIRPORT

coloring CONTEST

Winners will help celebrate the Montrose Regional Airport Terminal Expansion at a ribbon cutting ceremony

CONTEST INFO

Looking for kids ages 5 - 11 to participate in the Montrose Regional Airport Coloring Contest. Contest Winners will receive an invitation to attend the official ribbon cutting ceremony and be one of the **first kids** to ride the **first escalator** in Montrose County. Five winners will be chosen for each coloring page. Multiple entries are allowed.



PRIZES

- Be one of the first ten kids to ride the first escalator in Montrose County at a ribbon cutting ceremony
- Prize Basket

COLORING PAGES

Download & print coloring pages from flymontrose.com/coloringcontest

TO ENTER

Mail entries to:
Airport Administration
2100 Airport Road
Montrose, CO 81401

Must be postmarked by June 1, 2023
Need assistance? Call 970-249-3203



GURUS ON MAIN: A TRUE MONTROSE GEM

By Carole Ann McKelvey

MONTROSE – My son, Ian, and I recently returned to Gurus on Main Street in Montrose.

Guru's restaurant and bar was the first Indian and Nepalese restaurant in Montrose serving authentic cuisine from the Himalayan regions of Tibet, India and Nepal.

Several of the menu items are featured in their buffet and all the exotic recipes of Nepal and India are superb.

I asked Ian to order for us, as he's been to Gurus more than I. He went for cheesy naan bread (Naan with cheese!) \$4.99; the Chicken Tikka Masala (chicken in a wonderful Masala sauce to serve over rice) \$16.99; and the fried veg Mo-Mo (a vegetable dumpling served with a Masala dip) \$7.99. Yummy!

If you are craving an authentic exotic

meal Gurus is the place to go in Montrose! Nice people and great service too.

Of course, I ordered a merlot to go with the dinner; Ian had a coke. First, we polished off the delicious Mo-Mo (an appetizer), then dug into the Chicken Tikka Masala accompanied by rice and the naan. I mean, where else can you take a culinary journey like this near to home?

Next time I think we'll go for the lunch buffet so we can sample so many of Guru's truly authentic food. So many possibilities! The lunch buffet is served Monday – Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A small sampling of Guru's menu:

Curries: Chicken Curry (\$11.99); Lamb Curry (\$12.99); Shrimp Curry (\$14.99); Masalas and Makhani: Involves both tandoori cooking and preparation similar to curries but with sweet thicker sauce, Alu Gobi

(\$10.99), Chicken Tikka Masala (\$13.99), Lamb Botti Masala (\$14.99), Shrimp Masala: (\$14.99), Chicken Makhani (\$13.99), Lobster Makhani (\$15.99). Napoli dishes: These include dishes with a lot of flavor and color cooked with bell pepper, onion and served with mild tomato sauce. Vegetable Chili (\$9.99), Chicken Buteyko (\$11.99), Lamb Buteyko (\$12.99), Shrimp Buteyko (\$14.99) vegetables, herbs, and spices, vegetable thupka (\$9.99), chicken thupka (\$11.99) lamb thupka (\$12.99) and shrimp for \$14.99 or try a combo for \$15.99. Many more I didn't mention. Meet you there!

Gurus Restaurant & Bar. 448 Main St. Montrose, CO 81401 Phone 970-252-8777; buffet served Monday through Saturday 11am - 2:30 pm and dinner from 5pm - 9:30 pm, Sunday from 5pm - 9:30 pm.

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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.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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www.biblebaptistchurcholathe.com

Pastor Gabe Skillo

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Sunday 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer 7 p.m.

CELEBRATION CHURCH

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

Address: 2900 Sunnyside Road, Montrose, CO 81401

Office Hours: By appointment

Phone: (970) 497-4925

Email: celebrationmontrose@gmail.com

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

Senior Pastor:

Pastor Brandon Mathis

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

Demographics: Multi-generational

Celebration Kids: Nursery (Birth-4 years old) 8am, 9:30am & 11am
Celebration Kids (Ages 5 – 10) 9:30am & 11am

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

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

Other Discipleship Opportunities:

Youth Night: First & Third Wednesdays of month 6pm

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

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

Celebrate Recovery: Friday nights @ 6:30pm

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Denomination: Christ Lutheran Montrose

Affiliation: Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

Contact: 970-633-0226

Website: www.montroselutheran.org

Email: montroselutheran@gmail.com

Pastor: Tim Onnen

Worship: Sundays at 9 AM

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

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

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

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Denomination: Church of the Nazarene

Address: 705 South 12th Street

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

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

Pastor: Buddy Cook

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

Wednesday: Prayer Boot Camp - 7 PM
Mission Statement: *Montrose First Church of the Nazarene exists to make Christlike*

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

Affiliation: Presbyterian

Address: 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO.

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

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

Pastor: Jesse Mabanglo

Worship Service times: 9:30AM, Student Worship at 6PM. *We strive to encourage, challenge and support one another*

er through spiritual growth, worship, and service in our community, country, and world. We also encourage children and youth to grow their relationship with Christ through our children and student ministries.

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Denomination affiliation: United Church of Christ

Address: 611 South Hillcrest Drive, Montrose, CO 81401

Office hours: By appointment

Contact information:

Phone number: (970) 249-9047

Email address: office@montroseucc.org

Website: montroseucc.org

Current Pastor: Rev. Wendy Kidd

Worship service times: Sunday, 10 a.m.

Hillcrest Congregational UCC is a welcoming, open and affirming church, open to all no matter who you are or where you are

on life's journey.

Church demographics: HCUCC welcomes all ages to worship with us. (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles)

We offer inter-generational worship with a children's "prayer-ground" and activity packets. A cry room is also available.

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Denomination Affiliation: United Methodist

Address: 19 S. Park Avenue Montrose CO. 81401

Office Hours: M-Thu, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

montroseumc.org

Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Kevin Young

Worship service times:

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual

9:45 a.m. Christian Education & Fellowship

11 a.m. Sanctuary

Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully inclusive, loving, and just servants of

Christ. Our church family welcomes people from various cultural and faith backgrounds: single, married, remarried, with or without children, from diapers to dentures.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come discover hope, joy, peace, purpose.

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

Affiliation: Southern Baptist

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

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

Contact information:

Phone: 970.249.4887

website: www.RosemontBaptist.org

email: office@rosemontbaptist.org

Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson

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

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

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

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

matter what stage of life they are in.

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

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

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

Denomination affiliation: Independent Interfaith

Address: Meeting at Lions Park Community Building, 602 N. Nevada, Montrose

Office hours: Tues-Fri, 9 am to 4 pm,

Home Office – 970-252-0908

Contact information: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, 970-252-0908,

arlyn@spiritaware.org,

www.spiritaware.org

Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn

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

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

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

SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation:

Southern Baptist

Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

Office hours: Varies

Contact information:

phone number: 970-275-7026

email: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com

website: www.summitchurchmontrose.org

Name of current Senior Pastor: John De-

Sario

Worship service times: Sunday Worship is at 9 am followed by a time of fellowship and snacks. Summit Church has frequent Bible studies and other events for adults, young adults, youth and children. Please visit <https://www.summitchurchmontrose.org/events> for more information.

Summit Church Montrose is a new church plant that preaches the Word of God,

reaches the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equips Christians to serve the Lord. Summit Church has people of all ages!

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Contact Information: Phone (970) 249-

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Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

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Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

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

information to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DAVIS WALTON TAKES A SEAT AND WELCOMES BACK SOPER TO DELTA HEALTH'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA- The Delta Health Board of Directors welcomed and swore in its newest member, Davis Walton, during Monday night's meeting. Matt Soper will also be serving his second term on the board.

Walton brings vast experience as a former Administrator at Singing River Hospital in Mississippi as well as a former Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer for Humana Inc.

"Since moving to Paonia ten years ago, my family and I have always been impressed with the quality of healthcare provided by Delta Health," said Walton. "The hospital, clinics and medical staff are so important to our communities. I am very pleased to be a part of this vital organization. Having spent my career working in healthcare, I

feel well prepared to assist Delta Health in achieving its mission."

During the opening part of the meeting, the past chair, Jean Ceriani, was honored for her time and service on the board. "I just want to say thank you to all of you," she said. "It has been some of the best and hardest times of my life here. Truly, thank you, everybody."

Julie Huffman, Interim CEO, and Chief Legal Officer, made remarks on Ceriani's parting. "Your fiery spirit, your integrity, your common sense, and most importantly your passion for quality healthcare in Delta with forever be remembered and deeply missed," said Huffman. "Thank you for the 7 years of blood, sweat, and tears on behalf of this wonderful, little, rural hospital. We love you."

The Board also voted for Dr. Doug Speedie as the new Board Chair. Speedie hopes to accomplish many things while in this position such as turning the hospital into a sound financial place while simultaneously focusing on the quality of overall care. He wants to make sure Delta Health remains for those that work here and for the people in the community whose health needs they serve.

"I am honored to serve on the Board of Delta Health," said Speedie. "[As the board] we want to make sure that Delta Health continues to be available for all

those who work here and contribute to the community. We need to focus on making the healthcare in Delta County the best that can be achieved."

Tammy Smith was also appointed as Vice Chairman, and Dr. Bruce Mixter will continue as the Board Secretary and Treasurer.

During a special board meeting on March 16, Delta Health Board of Directors initially appointed Huffman as Interim CEO. The board said this will allow time for Huffman to provide a stable foundation for Delta Health, as well as give the board time to evaluate and recruit a permanent CEO.

During the May 15th regular board meeting, the board, Huffman, and in collaboration with Interim Chief Financial Officer, Kelly Johnston, agreed to continue in the interim for one year.

"We've been very impressed in our Interim CEO Julie Huffman's performance over the last 60 days that we've decided to extend the contract from one year from tonight," said Soper. "[We want to] continue the good work of everything she's been able to accomplish over the last 60 days and for her to help keep our hospital on the right track."

To learn more about the Delta Health Board of Directors, visit deltahealthco.org/board-directors/.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: EDUCATION

CHARLES TERRELL GRADUATES FROM CENTRAL COLLEGE

Special to Art & Sol

PELLA, IA-- Charles Terrell, from Olathe, was one of 222 Central College students who were celebrated during Commencement 2023 on Saturday, May 13, in the P.H. Kuyper Gymnasium.

Terrell earned a bachelor's degree, majoring in Exercise Science.

Central College of Pella, Iowa, is a private, four-year liberal arts college. Central is known for its academic rigor and leadership formation and for cultivating diversity of thought and culture through the arts and sciences, professional fields of study and experiential learning.

KAYLA MARTIN NAMED TO SNHU DEAN'S LIST

Special to Art & Sol

MANCHESTER, NH--Kayla Martin of Montrose has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2023 Dean's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 90-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 170,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

MICHAEL VOGLER INDUCTED INTO THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

Special to Art & Sol

BATON ROUGE, LA -- Michael Vogler of Montrose, Colorado, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Vogler was initiated at University of Idaho.

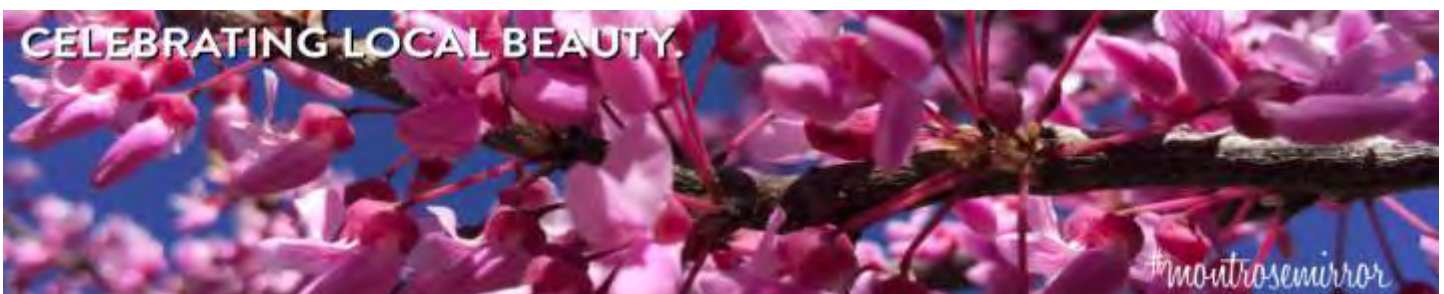
Vogler is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of can-

didates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

More About Phi Kappa Phi

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards \$1.3 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikappaphi.org.





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Meningitis	Polio
Varicella	Japanese Encephalitis
Hep A	Typhoid
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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 & Jj)

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

SIX YEARS OF AFTERNOON TEA; A GROWING MINISTRY

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE- On Sunday, May 7th, the ladies of the Women's Ministries of the Montrose Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted over 150 community women for afternoon tea. This is the sixth year that the Montrose Women's Ministries have gathered to put on fancy hats, drink tea, and snack on a lavish variety of delicacies fit for any proper tea provided by ladies from the church. The idea came from Judy Kelley, who wanted to do something special for her mother. She remembered her mother always loved hats and had a large collection. Judy recalled the story of her and her sister, pulling out all the hats and having a special tea party making her mother feel special prior to her passing. Later, Judy, Ruth (Judy's sister) and Jerilyn Pester start-

ed the small women's ministry event in the fellowship hall of the church.

"We had to take a couple of years off because of Covid," said Judy, "But how much it's grown has been so special. [This year] we welcome twice as many ladies as last year. They come from around the community, and we just really love to share our special moments with them and the ladies seem to really enjoy it."

The afternoon tea included speaker, Jeanie Ryan, and musical accompaniment by musician, Michelle Cranson on the violin.

"We do this for no charge because we want to make sure that anyone who wants to be a part of it can be," said Kelly.

"Church ministry isn't just about coming to church. Sometimes it's about reaching out to the people in your community and shar-



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MONTHLY

May 22- The City of Montrose is updating its building codes to the 2018 International Code Council's (ICC) building code series. The city's Building Services Department will host an open house on the building code updates on Monday, May 22, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The open house will be held in the Community Room of the Montrose Public Safety Complex at 434 South First Street downtown.

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

June 6-On Monday, June 6-430-630 Citizens' Climate Lobby.org meets at Montrose library meeting rm, Non -partisan, national, environmental, All welcome. info 970-765-9095.

June 8-San Miguel Power Association Annual Meeting- 5:30pm. www.smpa.com.

June 12-Monday June 12, 430-630 Citizens' Climate Lobby.org meets at Montrose library meeting rm, Non -partisan, national, environmental, All welcome. info 970-765-9095.

June 17-The Montrose Wine and Food Festival is back for its 20th year on Saturday, June 17 from 1 – 5 pm at the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater with its Grand Tasting Event. The afternoon will consist of several local food, beverage, and craft vendors. Benefitting the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club, the Festival is a premiere event in Montrose, and is a day not to be missed. Tickets for the Grand Tasting are \$35 and are available online at www.blackcanyontickets.com and at the gate Saturday, June 17th, 2023.

June 24-15th Annual Ridgway RiverFest, Sat., June 24, 2023, Noon to 5 p.m., Rollans Park, Ridgway. Free festival fun: live music, river races, food trucks, margaritas and local brews, watershed education, and more! Sponsors, volunteers, river racers, Junk of the Unc competitors, and festival goers needed! INFO: <https://ridgwayriverfest.org/>

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