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ROCKING W DAIRY CELEBRATES 15 YEARS

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-On Saturday, June 17, the Rocking W Dairy marked 15 years of serving dairy products to local residents. An event to celebrate this milestone was held, complete with a Farm Animal Petting Zoo, music, and drawings for prizes.

To thank the local community for years of support, everyone received a free small ice cream cone, as well as 15 percent off on purchases of milk and cheese.

The Rocking W, which uses all natural and farmstead fresh ingredients, is located west of the town of Olathe at 5644 CO-348.



CITIZENS GRILL BOARD OF EDUCATION ON CEA RESOLUTION; BOARD HEARS PROPOSED 2023-2024 BUDGET; SCOTT RIZZO NOTES NEED FOR TWO NEW NJROTC INSTRUCTORS



By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education President Sarah Fishing called the regular meeting of Tuesday, June 13 to order, and reminded those present to silence all electronic devices. Present for the meeting along with Fishing were Board Vice President Eric Kelley, District A Director Erik Westesen, District B Director Jacob Suppes, District G Director Stephen Bush, and District D Director Tom West. District C Director Alice Murphy was absent.

Fishing led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance; the Board voted to approve the meeting agenda.

STUDENT AND STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Public Information Officer Matt Jenkins presented the [student and staff spotlight](#). Highlights include:

- Teacher Chris Braaten, hosted a "Camp Invention" June 12-16, at Columbine Middle School;
- Teacher Gayle Sofka is hosting a summer reading program at Olathe Elementary School;
- Recent Montrose High School graduate Joseph Simo will be getting his pilot's license on June 26, and has secured a \$290K scholarship to the US Merchant Marine Academy after finishing an earlier flight academy program;
- The Montrose High School Spanish Club is on a two-week summer learning event in Spain;
- Oak Grove Elementary School teacher Cheri Davidson is hosting a Summer Writing Workshop at Oak Grove;
- Montrose High School has a new activities director, Bradd Schafer.

Arguably the highlight of the evening, Joseph Simo was present and addressed the board. Meeting screen capture.

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[Lauren Hall Ruddell:
Your Brain on Nature!](#)

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All retail locations will be open for normal business hours, and regular mail delivery will resume, the next business day, Tuesday, June 20.

Customers are still able to order stamps, shipping supplies, print shipping labels, and request package pickups 24/7, including holidays online. Stamps are also sold at most major grocery stores, big box stores, some pharmacies, and even ATMs.

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CORRECTION

In last week's story on the impacts of a medical taxi crash, it was the Sunshine Rides medical taxi that t-boned the sedan. The article should have read, "At 9:45am, the medical taxi **T-boned a sedan** at 65mph while Westbound on US 50 at Jay Jay Road. At fault was an unregistered, uninsured vehicle driven by a 26-year-old woman with only a Colorado identification card."



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SENIORS' WILL FACE HARDSHIPS DUE TO FCC DEREGULATION IN MONTROSE

Editor:

I strongly oppose the shutdown of landline phone service in Montrose and encourage our local leaders to look out for our vulnerable senior population and stand up to the big telecom companies.

My father relies on his landline to communicate. Though cell phones and internet-based phone services have replaced landlines, he still needs his old-fashioned landline as much as he ever has.

That's why I was shocked to learn that the [FCC deregulated the telecom industry](#) last August and now allows phone companies to shut down copper wire landline service completely, replacing it with internet-based alternatives.

While the rise of mobile and internet-based communication technologies offers undeniable advantages, we cannot disregard the unique benefits landline systems

provide to almost [680 thousand in Colorado](#) like him.

These time-tested systems have been lifelines during emergencies or power outages when cell networks falter. Their familiarity and ease of operation help folks like my father, who may feel uncomfortable using smartphones or internet-based phone services to stay connected.


The FCC may not look out for seniors in Colorado, but our local officials should. If there's anything that can be done to require phone companies operating in

Montrose to provide good old-fashioned landline phone service, our legislators should do it.

I'm not a stick in the mud - I understand that landlines are going the way of the dodo. But there must be a way to find balance in progress. By embracing balance, we can ensure that the unique benefits of these systems are not lost, fostering an inclusive, resilient, and connected society.

*Thanks,
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ANGEL CREEK CAMPGROUND OPENS AFTER MITIGATION WORK

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yon Creek road. The campground was closed May 31 to facilitate critical hazard tree mitigation work after Forest Service officials identified a high presence of trees showing signs of rot, disease and structural weakness. Potential risks posed by the

hazardous trees included falling branches or complete tree failure. Forest Service fire, timber and recreation crews cleared over 140 hazardous trees in the area.

We ask the public to continue to use caution in and around the area due to the slash and debris piles created from the mitigation work. Forest Service crews will continue to work to remove debris from the area. The debris will be piled into slash piles to be burned later this fall or winter. For questions concerning the mitigation work, please contact the Ouray Ranger District at 970-240-5300.

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REGIONAL-The most water in four years will flow through the Uncompahgre River during the 15th Annual Ridgway RiverFest on Saturday, June 24. This June's flows, as measured below Ridgway, have been consistently twice the amount as in June 2022, which was more than in June 2021 and 2020.

The large amount of water flowing through the Uncompahgre means the RiverFest's river races will be faster than usual, a fun challenge for competitors, especially in the Junk of the Unc home-made river-craft race. Other race entrants on standup paddle boards, inflatable and hard shell kayaks, rafts, and canoes are expected to float easily to the finish line, compared to years when boulders and shallow water presented obstacles.

The Ridgway RiverFest at Rollans Park, northeast of the bridge on Highway 62 in Ridgway, is a watershed celebration with free entertainment and education activi-

ties from noon to 5 p.m. Besides promoting awareness of watershed science and stewardship, the festival raises money for the nonprofit Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP) through sponsorships, beer and margarita sales, a large silent auction selection with buy-now options, and a rubber ducky race. The top sponsors in 2023 are Double RL Ranch, Alpine Bank, and Rocky Mountain Cannabis.

The rubber ducky race has been a highlight in recent low-flow years, but may not be possible this Saturday due to the high flows. Race organizers may also be prohibiting inner tubes in the competition due to this year's flows, which are also very cold being so close to the snowmelt. People with questions about the rubber ducky race, inner tubes and other race details can email info@uncompahgrewatershed.org to get answers.

Other highlights this year include a performance of Newgrass and Celtic style music

by The Last Spike from 3 to 5 p.m., jazz sax by Yasuo Ishikawa from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m., and the talents of 2023 RiverFest emcee Collin Sullivan, who has just completed his inaugural season as the new artistic director of theatre and storytelling at Weehawken Arts and the Sherbino Theatre.

Festival goers can purchase locally brewed beers from Colorado Boy Pub & Brewery and margaritas mixed by El Agave Azul restaurant.

Two food trucks, Blue Ribbon Barbecue and Martin's Tacos, will offer great eats and a snow cone stand will please those looking for sweet treats.

The Ridgway RiverFest schedule, race information, silent auction item list, and other details can be found at ridgwayriverfest.org.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

A REBUTTAL IN RESPONSE TO SOME LETTERS

Editor:

It is my pleasure to burst your bubble, Mr. Bartholome! The fact is, there were Gay U.S. soldiers who took part in the D-Day Normandy landings on 6 June, 1944. They served just as bravely to liberate Europe as their heterosexual counterparts, only they had to serve in silence and didn't have all of the freedoms their heterosexual brothers in arms took for granted. Feel free to challenge me on this. Oh, by the way, one of my many assignments while serving in the U.S. Air Force was spent as a

military studies instructor at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

It wasn't President Biden who called our war dead, "Losers" and "Suckers", as his predecessor allegedly did. Keep in mind President Biden lost a son which was likely due to service to our country. No member of Mr. Trump's family has ever served in the military. Also, President Biden does not fit the definition of traitor. Do you know who does? It's the guy who asked Russia to interfere in our elections and took the word of authoritarian war

criminal Putin over our own intelligence community. Do you recall what the Cold War was all about? I sure do from my years of standing on alert with fully loaded B-52G aircraft.

Turning my attention to another letter to the editor, this one by Mr. Laird, who seems to delight in wasting the time of our hometown Montrose County Schools Superintendent. My second career was as a public middle school teacher on the Western Slope. Each day I taught curriculum and interacted with and tried to assist students who didn't have coats during the winter months, students who were suffering with rotting teeth having never seen a dentist nor a toothbrush. I had students with mental and/or health issues, students who didn't get consistent meals, who didn't know where they were sleeping each night, who couldn't sleep because of parents screaming at each other all night, students who were never taught manners at home and students who were given anything they wanted except attention and love from parents. I could go on with the list for many pages and I only had a tiny fraction of the students in my school district.

How about doing a little reframing and try walking in the shoes of educators, including administrators, and school board members in our county? Instead of concentrating on a paragraph by the Colorado Education Association and encouraging outrage emails to the superintendent who has more important things to do with her time than answering emails about something she had nothing to do with, please focus and comment on the myriad of wonderful things happening in our schools. Recognize that leadership and staff members are doing their very difficult and multifaceted jobs to the best of their abilities, for our children. If students gain skills and knowledge to include critical thinking, which will enable them to be successful citizens as adults then, mission accomplished!

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MONTROSE-The Bosom Buddies Cornhole Tournament was a fun success with more than 30 teams competing on the lawn at the Rec Center on June 10. All funds raised by Bosom Buddies are spent locally to help those affected by breast cancer in Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel Counties. Courtesy photos.



At left, The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the Bosom Buddies Cornhole Tournament all donated their winnings back to the organization. Thank you, Cornholers!

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HOME LAKE STATE WILDLIFE AREA WILL REMAIN CLOSED TO FISHING THROUGH AT LEAST JUNE 30

Special to the Mirror

MONTE VISTA— A mandatory fishing closure at Home Lake State Wildlife Area east of Monte Vista has been extended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife through at least June 30.

The closure has been in place since June 2 after the lake was exposed to chemicals used for agriculture operations. Those herbicides can be toxic to aquatic life.

The original closure was through June 16 and has been extended through June 30, as water sampling and monitoring of the fishery continue.

It is important for the public to respect the closure and that no fish from Home Lake State Wildlife Area be consumed at this time.

"We are running into people violating the closure, taking down closure signs and continuing to fish Home Lake," said District Wildlife Manager Tyler Cerny. "We are not doing this to be mean. We are doing this for the benefit of public health and safety."

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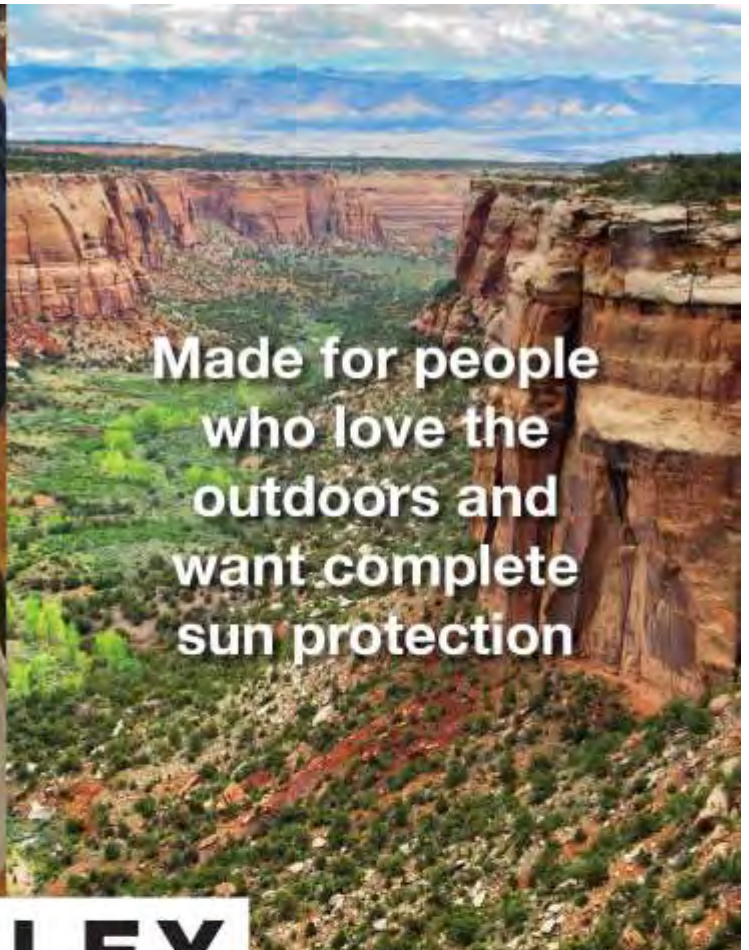
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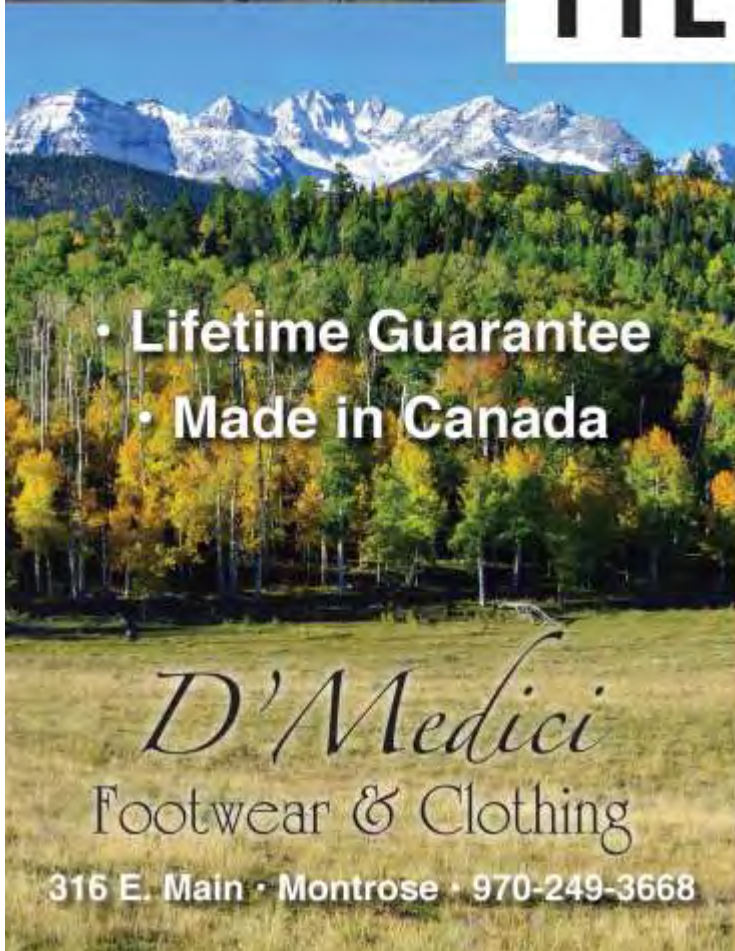
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Providing the music will be Chris Mullen Music, an acoustic, folk trio from Montrose, CO that will play a mix of original songs, cover songs, and inspirational music.

'Sunday in the Park' is an annual patriotic community event co-sponsored by Ridg-

way Community Church and Colona Community Church in an effort to rekindle small town values and community in celebration of our Christian heritage and the freedom and privileges we enjoy as Americans.

Please bring a lawn chair and join us as we enjoy an inspirational message and music followed by a BBQ picnic under 100+ year old cottonwoods following the program.

Hartwell Park is located in the center of Ridgway on Highway 62. For more information, call (970) 626-5692.

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RIDGWAY-The public is invited to join us as we celebrate the 36th Annual 'Sunday in the Park' at Ridgway's Hartwell Park on Sunday, July 2. Activities will begin at 10 a.m. followed by our traditional outdoor western BBQ with all the trimmings catered by The True Grit—FREE to all who attend.

This year's guest speaker is David Brickner, who will be speaking on "The Jubilee and the Kingdom of God." David is the CEO and Executive Director of Jews for Jesus, the leading Jewish mission and evangelistic organization in the world. He has dedicated his career to sharing the hope of the gospel with his Jewish people worldwide. David comes from five generations of Jewish followers of Messiah Jesus and considers himself living proof that following Jesus does not require abandoning one's Jewish identity. David oversees the work of Jews for Jesus in over a dozen countries worldwide and under his leadership, Jews for Jesus has advanced internationally with missionaries in 12 countries, the largest number being in Israel. He is the author of several books, including Christ in the Feast of Tabernacles and Future Hope—A Jewish Christian Look at the



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HAM RADIO OPERATORS ON THE AIR FOR NATIONWIDE EVENT JUNE 23 – 24

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MONTROSE-Ham radio operators from the Montrose Amateur Radio Club will be participating in a national amateur radio exercise from noon on Saturday until noon on Sunday, June 23 – 24. The event is Amateur Radio Relay League Field Day (www.arrl.org/FieldDay), an annual amateur radio activity organized since 1933 by ARRL, the national association for amateur radio in the United States.

Hams from across North America participate in Field Day by establishing temporary ham radio stations in public locations to demonstrate their ability to communicate nation wide without using commer-

cial infrastructure. Field Day highlights ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent, wireless communications network.

According to Kathy Joslin, President of the Montrose Amateur Radio Club, "Hams have a long history of serving our communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, Ham radio can function completely independently of the power, internet, and phone systems and a station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes.

Hams can quickly establish a radio station using an off grid power source and com-

municate effectively with others," Joslin added.

"The public is Invited to visit our Field Day site on Sunset Mesa. Take Main Street west to Chipeta. Turn left and head south on Chipeta to the Sunset Mesa turn. Turn left and climb the hill.

Look for our antennas on the north end of the mesa just as soon as you reach the top. Signs will help guide the way", said Joslin.

For more information contact Lew French 970-417-6141. On the web visit www.montrosehamradio.org the Montrose Amateur Radio Club Facebook page, or www.arrl.org.

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SAN MIGUEL COUNTY--- Every other year, those owning deed restricted property in the county are required to show that they remain qualified for workforce housing. The biennial check, conducted by the San Miguel Regional Housing Authority (SMRHA), begins June 21 and runs through August 25. New this year is an option to fill out the form on-line, which SMRHA Manager Courtney McEleney said should simplify the qualification process for deed restricted homeowners.

"It will be a more streamlined process for owners," she said. "It's very user friendly and takes less than 30 minutes to fill out."

The compliance checks will be phased through the county's various deed restricted areas. Homeowners in San Bernardo and Aldasoro can expect to receive their compliance request emails on June 21. Lawson Hill, Two Rivers and Ilium residents are next on July 13, while the county's newest deed restricted development, Pinion Park in Norwood, will have the request via email on August 4. Residents then have 21 days to return completed forms to SMRHA, either on-line, in person, via email or by mail. McEleney said it's important to fill out the form no matter any potential change in circumstance for the homeowner, such as sickness or injury that might prevent one's ability to work the number of hours required to live in a deed restricted property.

"We always want to work with people's specific circumstances and bring them back into compliance," she said. "Our main priority is to keep people in their homes whenever we can."

Continuing qualifications include, in part:

- the deed restricted property has been your primary residence eight out of the last 12 months

- One owner must have earned 1032 of qualifying income over the past 12 months. Qualifying Income is income earned from presence required in the Telluride R-1 School District

- No member of the household can have interest in other residential property in San Miguel County

- 50 percent or more of the total household income must be made from income earned in the Telluride R1 School District (for those on the Land Use Code only). SMRHA is excited to offer the [form on-line](#) but noted that the link will not be live until June 21.

Those wanting to fill out the printed form can still print and mail it to SMRHA once completed. Return printed forms to SMRHA, PO Box 840, Telluride, Colorado, 81435. If you have any questions about the compliance process or would like to provide an updated email address to SMRHA, please reach out to Courtney McEleney at courtney@smrha.org or 970-728-3034 ext. 4.





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SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BROADBAND PROJECT GOES LIVE

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SAN MIGUEL COUNTY--- Bringing redundant broadband to San Miguel County has finally transcended vision to become reality. County Manager, Mike Bordogna, shared the news with the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at the board's Wednesday meeting, June 7. "The new Broadband fiber is lit," Bordogna announced.

More than seven years in the making, the county and its partners, Region 10 and the Telluride Foundation, have achieved completion of a vision initially conceived in 2002 and pursued by former County Manager Lynn Blac, taken up by her successor, Mike Bordogna, and supported by the elected officials serving in the past seven years. Clearnetworx, San Miguel Power Association and Tri-State Generation and Transmission also played parts in providing wide-bandwidth data transmission to county residents via fiber optic cable laid in the years leading up to today.

That cable, once "dark" is now lit with a 200GB connection to anchor institutions in Norwood and Telluride, places such as each town's schools, libraries and medical facilities, as well as carrier neutral locations. For individual customers wanting to tap into high-speed internet, contact your internet service providers (ISPs) to inquire if they will be adding the new fiber along with their existing fiber. It cannot be assumed that their existing ISP will be buying into the new fiber to offer redundancy. Currently, Clearnetworx is the sole provider on the new network in Norwood and are expected to offer service in Telluride, as well.

"Our communities have long suffered the impacts of internet outages that created public safety concerns, financial damage to our businesses, and interruptions to our schools and medical institutions," Bordogna said. "This project will allow for greater competition for internet service and potentially lower prices for internet. ISPs that offer this product combined with their existing fiber feed will be able to offer truly redundant internet for the first time in our community."

Mile by mile, cable installations and negotiated rights of use have taken place from Nucla to Norwood and then into Telluride since the need was taken up in earnest by the County and the Telluride Foundation in 2014. The last link is up to the private sector to provide household services.

An undertaking of this scope was made

possible by a patchwork of grants from numerous entities joining forces to complete the nearly \$3 million project. The County received a grant of \$602,000 from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and contributed nearly \$400,000 towards the project. The Telluride Foundation took on the negotiation of the Indefeasible Rights of Use (IRUs) from the private property owners with Tri-State dark fiber. The Foundation additionally received a federal Economic Development Administration grant to construct 21 miles of fiber between Nucla and Norwood. DOLA also awarded a \$200,000 grant to Region 10 to assist in acquiring the IRUs. The Telluride School District won a \$1.1 million eRate grant from the federal government to facilitate infrastructure in the schools and libraries in Norwood and Telluride. This extraordinary project is a stellar

example of the focus and tenacity of a multi-agency public-private partnership.

"The Telluride Foundation began collaborating with the county back in 2014, which is when we identified the need for and importance of bringing high-speed internet service to key anchor institutions as well as providing redundancy across the entire network to help reduce outages," said Elaine Demas, Vice President Initiatives for the Telluride Foundation. "Once we understood the need and scope of the project, we rolled up our sleeves and got to work piecing together what ultimately became a very long, complex and expensive project which included obtaining the rights to utilize existing Tri-State fiber assets as well as working with 63 private landowners between Norwood and Ilium to perfect and record easements across their properties. We are thrilled to

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COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO MEET JUNE 22 - 23

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COLORADO—At a hybrid meeting in Alamosa, the Commission will review for final approval Chapter W-9 and requirements for, or restrictions on, use of wildlife properties controlled by the Division of Parks and Wildlife.

The Commission will discuss the Colorado Natural Areas Program and designation of Coal Creek Tallgrass Prairie and expansions of Colorado Tallgrass Prairie and White Rocks Natural Areas.

The Commission will also receive a Statewide Parks overview and discuss the Southeast Region Pronghorn Herd Management Plans.

On the consent agenda the Commission will consider the Director's recommenda-

tion to deny a citizen petition to allow paragliding on Radium State Wildlife Area. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thu., June 22 and adjourn at 1 p.m. for a Commission field trip. The commission will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Fri., June 23 and adjourn at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be streamed live on CPW's YouTube page.

Additional agenda items include:

- Department of Natural Resources Update
- Department of Agriculture Update
- Financial Update
- GOCO Update
- Colorado Outdoor Partnership Update
- Halligan Water Supply Project Fish and Wildlife Mitigation and Enhancement Plan
- 2023-2024-Snowmobile Program Grants

Funding Recommendations

-Legal Update

-Election of Officers

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

dnr_cpwcommission@state.co.us. Details on providing public comments for hybrid meetings are available on the CPW website.

The Commission meets regularly and travels to communities around the state to facilitate public participation. Anyone can listen to commission meetings through the CPW website. This opportunity keeps constituents informed about the development of regulations and how the commission works with Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff to manage the parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs administered by the agency. Find out more about the commission on the CPW website.

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CITIZENS GRILL BOARD OF EDUCATION ON CEA RESOLUTION *From pg 1*

Arguably the highlight of the evening, young Joseph Simo was present and addressed the board. His interest in flight began in middle school, he said. "I started off this journey when I was probably in eighth grade," he said. "We had a career day down in Columbine Middle School...I was really gung-ho on being an engineer...but I just had to fill in one more box so, 'Let's just see what the pilot has to say,'" he said.

Since then, "I just kind of fell in love with it...as of last year I got accepted to the Aim High Flight Academy which was a three week program in Florida...fully paid for by the Air Force...I got to do my first solo...recently I actually flew from here to Utah all the way up to Rangely, Colorado by myself, getting ready for my check ride, or final...upon doing that I will have my full private pilot's license and after that I can kind of go wherever and get the true sense of freedom up in the Air like that. So, I'm really excited for that."

Also, Simo leaves in 22 days for his appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy in New York. "It's going to be definitely an interesting experience combining athletics, academics, and military life together..."

"Finally, after this tonight, I am also going to finish off my Boy Scout journey," he said. "I've been a Boy Scout for the last 12 years for local Troop 491. I got my Eagle Scout around two years ago...tonight, I will be getting my final award in Boy Scouts, because I turn 18 this Saturday...this is kind of going to be the last hurrah for me tonight..." Simo finished speaking to a round of applause.

PIO Matt Jenkins said that scheduled speaker Doug Goodwin of Cottonwood Elementary School could not attend the meeting as planned, but has been working with young students, "...Maybe he'll be available next week for our board meeting on Tuesday...He's working with some Cottonwood kids currently doing some really cool trails improvements work at Riverbottom Park," Jenkins said. "They're talking about importance of school and community connections, so we'll have some good pictures to put up on our web site or social media...we've got some really great things going on..."

Fishing announced that there will not be a board meeting in July. The second June meeting would take place the following week on June 20. "...Our two June meetings are back-to-back this year..."

COMMUNITY INPUT

First to speak was Kyle Ayer, speaking on behalf of the Uncompahgre Valley Education Association (UVEA), as president. Ayer addressed recent concerns over a resolution authored by Bryan Lindstrom for the Colorado Education Association (CEA).

Ayer read a letter to the Board of Education, "...I know there has been a growing concern with the resolution passed at this year's CEA delegate assembly regarding capitalism. I want to assure you that UVEA shares this very same concern and knows that capitalism is the foundation of our economic system. Our association is composed of local community members, neighbors, and friends that share the same values as you, and work hard to ensure that those values are represented in education."

Resolutions are belief statements and do not compel CEA, UVEA, or any local to action, he said. The resolution in question was narrowly passed, but UVEA delegates did not vote in support.

Ayer said, "We want to reassure all that UVEA works with MCSD to create the best educational environment possible for our students..."

The original CEA Resolution, which was acquired and shared by [The Lion](#) in a screenshot, states that *"The CEA believes that capitalism requires exploitation of children, public schools, land, labor and/or resources, and therefore, the only way to fully address systemic racism (the school to prison pipeline), climate change, patriarchy (gender and LGBTQ disparities), education inequality, and income inequality is to dismantle capitalism and replace it with a new, equitable economic system."*

Next to speak was Marv Schutzius, who said that he had questions about the CEA resolution. "...How many teachers and administrators in our Montrose School District are in the teachers' union?"

Fishing said that none of the administrators are members of the union, and suggested the question regarding teachers

was better answered by UVEA.

"How many of your teachers are going to support that resolution while they're performing their curricula...I'm asking the school board," Schutzius said.

Fishing said that the union partners with the school district, and some teachers are members of the union, but UVEA does not support the Lindstrom resolution. "I would ask you to talk about union issues with the union president..."

Schutzius directed his question to Superintendent Carrie Stephenson as well.

"CEA does not direct what or how we teach our students," Stephenson said.

"...We also don't agree with that resolution...I don't feel that it will have any impact whatsoever on our school district...there's a lot going on out in the nation, and I really try to urge people to stay focused on what is happening in our county, and I think we've made it clear where we stand."

Schutzius thanked the board and staff for the job they are doing, adding, "It's a tough job...I just had those questions to ask."

Next to speak was parent Beth Meek, who said she was there to advocate for her child and all students in the local schools. "...On May 18, our seven-year-old first grader, along with four other first graders, was removed from school by a teacher without permission. They were not gone long, and thankfully, district and law enforcement investigations found that they were not in danger...However, we are lucky that nothing did happen. As parents, we met with Dr. Stephenson and Mr. Pavlich to ask what the plan is moving forward to keep our child and all others safe. We were told that there is no plan. We asked that this incident is taken seriously, and that professional development be put in place for the coming year."

"Dr. Stephenson again said no."

Meek said that there are other policies that require training, and adding another professional development to protect children should be easily accomplished.

"...This matter of safety and security appears not to be a concern for district leadership at this time...many of the families this district serves do not know how or that they can advocate...we ask that you

CITIZENS GRILL BOARD OF EDUCATION ON CEA RESOLUTION

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on the school board are those advocates. Make changes now to protect all kids."

Former Montrose-Olathe Senior Naval Science Instructor (1998-2016) Scott Rizzo also spoke. "On 12 October of this year, the Montrose Olathe Naval Junior ROTC will have provided 50 years of outstanding citizenship service to the students of this school district, as well as being the oldest continuously operating NJROTC in the nation," he said.

"That proud history is about to end unless the school district hires two naval science instructors prior to the new school year...we need two for that program to be successful."

Rizzo said that he has worked with the cadets and current instructor during after school programs, in the areas of STEM, experiential, and project-based learning.

"I will continue to do so at the pleasure of the school district as an in-kind contribution until Naval Science instructors are hired. I had already planned to work with Master Sergeant Kenner in support of the program's summer schedule of events," Rizzo said. "His abrupt departure on the last day of school, leaving the keys on his desk and departing for his next career, has altered but not cancelled that plan for cadet involvement."

Rizzo said that there are new opportunities for hiring instructors, and salaries are good for the job. "...I am available to assist in any transition work necessary to get these new instructors up to speed," he said, "I'll be over at the boat works over there, working with cadets."

Rizzo presented some cowboy hat earrings he made with the year 1973 on them, the year the MHS NJROTC program was established. "I was going to give them to Tom," he said, but instead gave them to Fishing. "Thank you," she said. "You're very kind...I love them, actually."

The final speaker was Allen Boyles. He said that some of his questions had been

answered, but that he wished to see something in writing opposing the CEA resolution, and asked whether any board members are "Okey Dokey" with becoming a socialist environment.

Boyles said, "I'd like to see a show of hands...I don't see a problem with admitting that you're for the existing government of this country. Do you see a problem with having to answer that question?"

Fishing said that she did not agree with the CEA resolution but would not force board members to vote on an item that was not on the meeting agenda. Other board members affirmed that they did not agree with the CEA resolution.

Said Boyles, "...You've done fine, I appreciate it, and I'm glad that nobody does agree. Because anybody that thinks this is a socialist country, Golly, I think there were people that were put in jail a couple of years ago by the FBI for trying to overthrow the government or something like that."

Fishing thanked all of those who came to make public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

District D Director Tom West asked that consent Agenda Item 4, "Approve payment to Dell in the amount of \$86,719.15 and Apple in the amount of \$255,131.00 for technology refresh equipment for new staff," be pulled for discussion.

The Board voted to approve remaining Consent Agenda items, and took time to discuss item 4.

West asked whether the equipment listed was refurbished.

Finance Director Emily Imus said that the equipment is new, and asked Technology Director Brian Quon to speak. The purchase will refresh equipment for front-end office and administration staff.

RE-1J Board Vice President Eric Kelley asked whether Quon had any idea how many devices are in the school district in total.

Quon said, "By rough count we're probably close to—if we exclude the Apple TV's, projectors, etc.--...we're probably close to 11,000."

The Board voted to approve Consent Agenda Item 4.

NEW BUSINESS

Directors voted to approve revised Board Policies ADD, GBCA, GCO, JKA, JKA-R and new policy JLCDC.

Directors considered new Board policies ADD-E, GBGE, GBJ, JKA-E1, JKA-E2 and new regulation JLCDC-(First Reading).

Finance Director Emily Imus presented the proposed 2023-2024 Budget. The budget includes total appropriations of \$108,352,029.

The RE-1J Board of Education will vote on the 2023-2024 budget at the meeting of June 20.

Imus thanked Finance Department staff and noted that the District has hired a new Auditor, McMahon & Associates, as the previous auditor has retired.

Also approved was the Negotiated Settlement between MCSD and Uncompahgre Valley Education Association for 2023-2024. The agreement totals \$5,259,697, an overall increase of 12.4 percent.

The Board of Education voted to approve contracts for non-represented staff using the same parameters as approved through negotiations with UVEA for the 2023-2024 school year.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC) UPDATE

ECC information is included in the meeting packet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session with Stephenson and Executive Assistant Laurie Laird to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and contract in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f). Following the executive session, the meeting was adjourned.

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MONTROSE-- The COVID-19 pandemic wreaked havoc on small and medium-sized businesses nationwide, with the federal government creating layers of support programs. CO West Transportation, a Colorado company that provides ground transportation services in and around mountain towns and ski resorts, has endured and seen remarkable resilience and growth thanks to the Main Street Lending Program.

The Main Street Lending Program was a federal initiative that offered loans to small and medium-sized businesses that were in sound financial condition before the COVID-19 pandemic, but then experienced fiscal challenges. The program aimed to support the survival and recovery of these businesses, helping them retain their employees and operations.

CO West Transportation, founded in 2010 with individual operations going back to 1995, has a core of operations in Colorado, including Telluride Express, Alpine Express, Steamboat Express, Roaring Fork Express, as well as various municipal shuttles and bus services in San Miguel County, Gunnison County, and for the Colorado Department of Transportation. CO West also provides services in Mammoth Lakes, CA, and for the Department of Defense.

As an example of the importance of these transportation services to their local economies, or Main Streets, Telluride Express, Steamboat Express and Alpine Express in Gunnison/Crested Butte shuttle 30-40% of visitors coming by air to their respective destinations each winter.

"We are very thankful for the Main Street Priority Loan Program, and the opportunity it provided," said Ogilvie. "The program was a lifeline, allowing us to continue operations and serve the communities and regions that depend on us, and eventually expand and strengthen our business."

Headquartered in Montrose, Colorado, CO West applied for the Main Street Lending Program in 2020 after facing a more than 50% drop in demand due to the travel restrictions and lockdowns caused by the pandemic. The company received a \$21.5 million loan from Flatirons Bank, and was able to retain around 85% of its full-time employees until restrictions loosened and retail demand started to increase during the 2020-21 winter season. At that point the company used the funds to strategically rebuild its organization back to, and eventually beyond, where it was pre-pandemic.

The loan initially enabled the company to invest in maintaining and expanding its fleet and services, adding 62 Ford Transit Vans, 30 new SUVs, and seven new coaches. These strategic moves allowed CO West to serve the recovering and expanding demand in its operating destinations as tourism surged out of the pandemic, seeing significant growth in both ridership and revenue.

Two additional destinations also approached CO West during this time -- Mammoth Lakes, CA, which was in need of new airport shuttle service, and Aspen, CO, which had lost its long-range shuttle service with the withdrawal of Epic Mountain Express. CO West, through loan sup-

port and planning, was able to start operations and serve the needs of these communities even in times of staff and resource scarcity.

The company also diversified its offerings to include an increased focus on public and government transportation. Pre-pandemic, CO West and its subsidiaries' revenues were 90% retail and 10% government or municipal work. Today Co West is 55% retail and 45% government/municipal contracts, with that sector continuing to grow.

"While the start-up time and expense on these contracts can be great, the security and opportunity for consistent work it brings to our employees makes the investment more than worth it," said Ogilvie.

With the support funding, the company has been able to retain its pre-pandemic employee base of 191, and since increase to 269 full time employees, who also now enjoy increased wages (up 19% since 2021), full health benefits and a 401k plan.

"Employees of CO West have the opportunity to enjoy a full career with great benefits and competitive pay, including the opportunity for advancement through our CDL School, Drive America, and the corporate structure," continued Ogilvie.

"The Main Street Priority Loan Program helped us survive the pandemic and grow our operation beyond our expectations. We are proud to serve our communities and our customers with quality and critical transportation services."

CO West plans to repay the loan in full by 2025, as per the terms of the program.



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COLORADO STATE PATROL CONDUCTS STATEWIDE OPERATION TO STOP DISTRACTED DRIVING



Troopers continue to take a low-tolerance approach to lane violations while launching a yearlong campaign called "Stay in Your Lane." This campaign reminds people to control their lane position based on their current driving environment. This campaign also aims to bring attention to three of the most common and avoidable behaviors contributing to lane violations – driving aggressively, driving distracted or driving while impaired. Courtesy image.

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COLORADO-Over the past three years fatal and injury crashes have significantly increased across Colorado and the US. In 2022, Colorado lost 745 lives to traffic

fatalities, the most roadway deaths in the state since 1981. Many of these crashes are caused by simple distractions. Whether your distraction is a cell phone, a quick bite behind the wheel, or even other passengers, that distraction is not worth a life.

On June 16, 2023, troopers across Colorado, in partnership with local jurisdictions, will be conducting a strict enforcement operation to bring awareness to and curb distracted driving. Some of the indicators Troopers will be looking for are lane violations, speeding, and careless and reckless driving behaviors.

Furthermore, troopers will focus on those highways that see tremendous volume during the summer months, giving us maximum visibility.

Motorists could travel across the state and see troopers throughout the entire adventure. The highways that we will be focusing on are Highway 34, Highway 40, Highway 50, Highway 160, Highway 287, I-70, and I-25.

A few tips to avoid meeting one of our

troopers under less-than-ideal conditions are:

Pay close attention to speed limits. Speed limits are set for safety.

Put the distractions aside.

Place that cell phone out of reach and if it is that important, pull off at the next gas station or exit ramp. Please give it to your passengers and let them navigate those messages.

Open those snacks before you start driving and eat those messy meals somewhere other than behind the wheel. Set your navigation and pick your music or other passenger entertainment before you begin your drive.

If you see dangerous or aggressive driving actions by another motorist, slow down and keep them safely in front of you. You can also pull over and call *CSP with a vehicle description and license plate. Let one of our troopers handle that dangerous issue.

Finally, ensure everybody in your vehicle is properly buckled up and NEVER drive impaired by alcohol or drugs.



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SECRETARY OF STATE SENDS NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

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DENVER — The Secretary of State's Office issued a notice of proposed rulemaking to consider preliminary draft rules to implement Senate Bill 22-237 (Ballot Measure Campaign Finance) and Senate Bill 23-276 (Modifications to Laws Regarding Elections), and to revise rules concerning the completion and accuracy of personal financial disclosures.

The preliminary draft rules are intended to promote increased transparency of funds used in ballot measure campaigns by detailing when an organization meets the major purpose standard, clarifying statutory terms, and establishing reporting requirements for independent expenditures, direct ballot measure expenditures, and earmarked contributions and expenditures. The rules also clarify reporting requirements for candidates, candidate commit-

tees, and issue committees; clarify disbursement requirements for excess or unexpended funds and deadlines to terminate candidate committees; and establish complaint standards for all complaints submitted to the Elections Division's campaign and political finance enforcement team. Additionally, the preliminary draft rules establish an enforcement structure for complaints about the content of personal financial disclosures and fines for failure to file accurate and complete affidavits, disclosures, or contribution expenditure, or other finance reports, as well as a corresponding fine schedule.

A public rulemaking hearing is scheduled for July 20, 2023, at 1:00 PM to receive testimony concerning the preliminary draft of permanent rules. This hearing will be conducted in-person and via webinar. The in-person hearing will take place at the

Secretary of State's Office in the Red Rocks Conference Room. Online registration for the hearing can be found at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1502394010614557527>. Public comment opportunities will be provided to all participants, whether in person or online.

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

The public is also invited to send feedback to the Secretary of State's Office regarding the rulemaking process. Those interested in participating can review the preliminary draft rules and submit written comments about the proposed permanent rules to SOS.Rulemaking@coloradosos.gov at any time prior to and during the hearing. All written comments will be added to the official rulemaking record.



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WORLD'S LARGEST SWIMMING LESSON™ - A GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS ATTEMPT

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RIDGWAY- On Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 3 to 4 p.m., thousands of children around the globe will participate in the 14th annual World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ (WLSL) to help beat the single leading cause of unintended death of children ages one to four. The Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (<https://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/>) invites kids and families to participate in this global event at the Swim Beach at Dutch Charlie at Ridgway State Park. Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) is co-hosting and Montrose Recreation District (<https://www.montroserec.com/aquatics>) is providing swimming instructors, with support from Ouray Hot Springs Pool (<https://ourayhotsprings.com/>) as well.

The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ will take place over the course of 24 hours at hundreds of aquatic centers, swim schools and waterparks on six continents. Families should register their children at: <https://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/event/2023-worlds-largest-swimming-lesson>. Children must be accompanied by adults and bring a beach towel to do part of the lesson on.

CPW will have their PFD trailer and games on site with chances to learn about swimming safety and win prizes including sunglasses, shirts, and more. UWP will have information about the watershed and ways to be a good steward of the Uncompahgre River and its environment.

Come to the Ridgway State Park Dutch Charlie Entrance, 28555 Highway 550, Ridgway, CO, 81432. (<https://cpw.state.co.us/placetogo/parks/Ridgway>) Park pass or daily entry fee required.

Local partners decided to host the event to educate the public about safe, sustainable recreation on water. Ridgway State Park and other public lands continue to see increased recreational use by visitors from other areas who may not have the knowledge about protecting themselves, wildlife, and the watershed. This event could help save lives and will promote recreation etiquette and outdoor skills.

The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ was created to send the message Swimming Lessons Save Lives™. Tragically, drowning is the single leading cause of unintended death of children ages one to four in the U.S. and the 3rd leading cause

of unintentional injury death worldwide. Research by the American Academy of Pediatrics shows participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning for kids ages one to four by 88 percent.



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FRIENDS OF YOUTH & NATURE: OUTDOOR SMARTS



Several teachers practiced outdoor survival skills- making a fire and building a shelter at a CPW sponsored teacher workshop on the Grand Mesa National Forest. (photo credit: Anne Janik)

*By Kirstin Copeland,
Friends of Youth and Nature*

REGIONAL-One of the best aspects of being in Colorado, especially on the Western Slope of Colorado, is being outdoors. Public lands are just a short drive for most of us, providing fantastic outdoor access. As you head out this Spring to hike, bike, hunt, fish, bird watch, camp, and participate in many other activities, a few proactive things can help you avoid trouble and have a great time. Undoubtedly, you have heard this advice many times before but a little forethought and planning will make your outings safer, and often more fun. Some important planning considerations are:

When are you going out? Both the season, or time of year, and the time of day can make a difference. It is especially important to plan ahead during the spring and fall due to the rapid weather changes that can occur AND the lower temps early

and late in the day that can contribute to hypothermia. Conversely, in summer the highest heat of the day often occurs in late afternoon/early evening, when heat exhaustion and heat stroke can be a real danger. When you are in the high country particularly above tree line in the summer be aware of afternoon thunderstorms and return to a safe location in a shelter or at lower elevations.

What are you taking with you? Some basic supplies can make for both a pleasant experience and a survival difference in the outdoors. Your survival kit cannot consist of just a cell phone. Cell phones have issues with reception and battery life. There are many schools of thought on what is in a basic 'survival' kit. A simple kit should at least have ways to signal (both visual and audible), ways to make a shelter, and ways to start a fire. Bring some simple high-calorie foods, water and water treatment, and a knife or multi-tool. A simple medical/first aid kit is also a good idea. However, having a first aid kit is only helpful if you know why and how to use the supplies. A first aid class (many are online) will prepare you with the most important thing you will need in a medical situation: knowledge.

What will you wear? Layer in wicking, non-cotton clothing, and bring an insulating layer as well as a water-resistant layer. This will allow you to adjust to the rapid changes in weather. Extra socks and a warm hat is also a good idea. Please WEAR GOOD FOOTWEAR! Having flip flops, or shoes with little tread or support is an invitation for trouble.

Where are you going? Are you familiar with the area? If not, look at the area on topographical maps or a mapping app ahead of time so you know potential hazards. Features including major elevation changes, water crossings, or drop-offs can create unsafe situations. Even well-traveled trails can be difficult to follow during storms or after big rains. Unless you learn and practice orienteering, a compass will not be helpful. There are some apps that can help you locate where

you are IF you have cell signal, or services that work using GPS satellites, but these also need time on the front end to learn how they work and may have a cost associated with them.

After planning, the next proactive thing to do outdoors is use good judgment. I survived a few serious incidents early in life and learned from them, but they could have had much worse outcomes. These included a poor choice of time of day to start up a fourteenner! I made the decision to abandon my high-elevation goal for the day and luckily avoided having an emergency. Know your limits based on knowledge or physical condition, and acclimatization to the altitude. If you are new to being outdoors, having an experienced mentor is one great way to have a successful and fun start. They have already learned a lot about preparation and decision making in the outdoors and they likely want to share their experiences.

When venturing outdoors, ALWAYS tell someone where you are going. If you should get lost, stay put in an area with shelter nearby and call or signal in a way to be seen/heard at a distance. By staying in the same safe area, you will use less energy and be closer to your last known location. Be aware of how alcohol or other substances can affect your judgment. Finally, watch the weather and if it changes dramatically, pay attention! It is always the best choice to play it safe, enjoy the experience you've had and save the rest for another day. Remember: the mountains, streams, trails, and lakes will still be there when you return in better conditions!

Friends of Youth and Nature, is a non-profit focused on getting youth to the great outdoors for their health and happiness. For more outdoor safety tips, trail game ideas, and hiking trails, visit the Friends of Youth and Nature website: (www.friendsofyouthandnature.org). FOY-AN is a non-profit that promotes opportunities for youth and families to go outside, experiencing outdoor activities and exploring nature.

MIRROR IMAGES: FLAG DAY 2023



Local citizens celebrate the Stars and Stripes on Flag Day, June 14. Photo by Harry Switzer.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

MARLENE K. TOWNSEND

December 21, 1937 – June 9, 2023



MARLENE (SYLVESTER) TOWNSEND was born in Denver, Colorado, to Everett Sylvester and Helen (Poppert) Sylvester. Marlene was the oldest of two daughters and when she was nine, the Sylvester family moved to Montrose. She attended school in Montrose and

graduated from Montrose High in 1956. While she was there, she was an active member of the marching and concert bands. She loved music. She played the piano and even sang in the chorus for a

few plays at the Magic Circle Players as an adult. After high school she attended Colorado Women's College in Denver, then returned to Montrose and eventually became employed at the First National Bank of Montrose. It was there that she met the love of her life, Kenneth Townsend. They were married on June 14, 1959, and had four children, Brad Townsend of Denver, Kim Townsend of Denver, Kerri Pirzadeh of Glenwood Springs, and Kelli Kingery of Montrose. They embraced Montrose as their lifelong home and giving back to that community was important to them both. Once they had raised their family, Marlene and Kenneth traveled the world together, they were married for 57 years. Kenneth preceded her in death on June 24, 2016.

Marlene owned and raised horses for

most of her adult life and shared that passion with her daughters. She managed a family, along with 40 acres and could work circles around just about anyone. Although Marlene was a private person, those who knew her appreciated that work ethic, sense of humor and her fierce protection of her family.

Marlene is survived by her sister, Marcia (Sylvester) Carlson, four children, their spouses, nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the following: Hope West Hospice and the Townsend Scholarship fund (Montrose Community Foundation), P.O. Box 3020, Montrose, CO 81402. Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.

ALFRED BAILEY COLLINS

ALFRED BAILEY COLLINS, son of Everett and Stella Collins, has passed into God's hands. Bailey, as he preferred to be called, enjoyed the outdoors and raising Romagnola cattle and American Quarter horses. Bailey is predeceased by his wife, Terri; and his two sisters, Lila and Darlene. Bailey is survived by his two sons, Andrew and Bobby; his twin sister, Bernice; his brother, Boyd; and his many, many grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Bailey requested that there be no funeral services, but rather preferred that his ashes be spread in one of his favorite spots: next to his beloved wife, Terri. Ashes will be spread privately by his two sons. Bailey and Terri picked out a poem, an excerpt from Life Struggles by HR, for his final journey:

My virtues are few, my vices are many
But I guess it's hard to find those without any,
To seek to be patient, forbearing and true,
Just put up with me and I'll put up with you.
One thing is my comfort, the God of all grace
Is watching here as I run in this race.
He knows all about me and sees every fall
And loves me so dearly in spite of it all.



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

VICTORIA (VICKY) LEE LEHMANN

June 6, 1943- April 17, 2023



VICTORIA (VICKY) LEE LEHMANN, age 79, passed away unexpectedly on April 17, 2023.

She was a resident of Montrose for 26 years.

Vicky was born on June 6, 1943, in Miami Beach, Florida to PFC Ambrose C. Westerman and Margaret Smith Westerman and spent her childhood in Iola, Kansas.

She attended Enterprise Academy in Kansas and furthered her education at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. This is where

she met the love of her life, David Lehmann. Following a 2 ½ year courtship, they were married on June 21, 1964, in Lincoln. They settled in North Dakota where they had two children, Kelly and Laura. After 15 years in North Dakota, the family moved to Arkansas where they spent seven years before relocating to Louisiana.

In 1997, Vicky and David moved west to Montrose, Colorado to live near Kelly and Laura and their families.

Vicky had a deep passion for Christian education and dedicated nearly 3 ½ decades of her life to teaching. She obtained a degree in elementary and secondary education and taught for the North Dakota, Arkansas-Louisiana, and Colorado Conferences of Seventh-Day Adventists. Vicky's impact as an educator extended beyond the classroom, as she touched the lives of many young students and fostered a love for learning.

Vicky was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and most importantly had a connection with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Family was very important to her; she was a stay-at-home mom until her girls were in school. Some of her greatest joys included family in some way, never wanting to miss an opportunity to spend

time together, travel, share a meal or go on an adventure. Her hobbies included gardening, taking care of her fish, crafts, reading, shopping, shell collecting and cooking.

Vicky especially loved her post-teaching career, using this time to operate a teacher supply store, substitute teach, and tutor. This 'retirement' time also afforded her more opportunities to care for her growing grandchildren. She was the glue of the family and will be greatly missed.

Vicky is survived by David, her loving husband of nearly 59 years, their two children, Kelly Mathieu (Sherman), and Laura Uhl (Tim); three cherished grandchildren, Anthony, Nathan and Sara. Vicky is also survived by her brother, Billy Hershey (Betty), sister, Rhonda Spickard (Craig) and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life honoring Vicky's incredible journey will take place at 2 pm on June 24, 2023, at the Delta Seventh-Day Adventist church in Delta, Colorado. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Delta Seventh-Day Adventist Church School or KSYF Radio Station in Delta, Colorado, in honor of Vicky's commitment to education and her faith.

Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose is assisting the family.

JAMIE BARKER

February 2, 1964 – January 11, 2023



Died unexpectedly in his home. Jamie is survived by his parents Jerry and Elaine Barker of Rutland Vermont, His sisters Tammy Shattuck and Kim Colomb, and love of his life Donna Tessier. A final jeep ride for Jamie and scattering of ashes will take place Saturday July 1st. Leaving Confluence Park Delta, CO at 10am to the Grand Mesa. All Jamie's FRIENDS and fellow jeepers are invited to attend. Any questions contact Tammy at (802)342-2357. A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday July 2nd from 2pm - 6pm at Confluence Park. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Jamie's family.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

GERALD EARL KRILL "RUSTY" *September 17, 1930 - June 14, 2023*



Former Montrose Colorado resident, Gerald E. Krill, better known as "Rusty", passed away on June 14, 2023 in Goodland Kansas at the age of 92.

He was born September 17, 1930 to George and Leona (Walker) Krill. Rusty grew up in the Coal Creek farming community west of Montrose. He helped on the family farm that was established around 1904 by his grandparents John William and Catherine Krill after immigrating from Germany. Rusty was recognized for his 4-H projects including a seed corn project and an award-winning calf. He attended Coal Creek grade school and graduated from Olathe High School with the class of 1948.

Rusty enlisted in the U.S. Navy on January 11, 1951 and was member of the 'Seabees' Mobile Construction Battalion. He trained in San Diego, CA, built roads and air fields in Bermuda and Cuba and was honorably discharged in Rhode Island

on October 18, 1954.

He returned home to Montrose, where he married Dorothy Belle Seip, of Olathe on April 30, 1955. The day after they were married, they headed to California to work with family in the logging business. But Colorado kept calling them back. Upon their return, Rusty and Dorothy embarked on another adventure by maintaining and managing the San Miguel Ranch located in the San Miguel Canyon near Norwood. Their next home was on the Seip property just east of Olathe. They were joined by their first daughter, Lana in 1957. Once again, an opportunity arose and Rusty and Dorothy moved back to his beloved Coal Creek community where they purchased the old Coal Creek Store and soon began a lifetime of renovations to make this their home. The family welcomed a second daughter, Roxane in 1961.

Rusty was a 'builder' always contributing to a project in some way whether it be running heavy equipment, driving a cement truck, welding something or erecting metal buildings. Many a skill was passed down to his girls including framing, pouring concrete, welding and on occasion, hanging red iron for a metal building and of course the ever present home improvement projects. Thank you, Dad. He retired from Walker & Krill Builders of Montrose in the early 1990's.

Despite always having a project to finish, Rusty and the family always made time for fun. The great outdoors played a huge part in the family with deer and elk hunting in the fall, fishing whenever they could and camping all throughout the summer on the Uncompahgre Plateau or the beautiful mountains surrounding the Silverjack Reservoir area. Large extended family gatherings were also a frequent event at the Krill household. And don't

forget those Saturday night dances! Rusty loved to say, "Have more fun!!"

By the mid 1990's, Rusty and Dorothy longed to spend more time with their grandchildren who had moved to the Goodland Kansas area. They soon found themselves totally immersed in the grandkids and their athletic activities, much like they did with Lana and Roxane during their school years. Rusty very much enjoyed helping out on the farm that Roxane's family owns and operates near Goodland.

After Dorothy's passing in 2017, Rusty chose to remain at his home in Kansas. He made the decision to move to assisted living a few years later where there was a little help if he needed it. The staff quickly dubbed him the 'old geezer' or 'ornery' as nicknames---and always said with a smile. Only in the last sixty days did Rusty's health decline requiring hospitalization and skilled nursing. The family wishes to thank North West Kansas Hospice for their outstanding support and kindness during Rusty's final days.

Rusty is predeceased by his parents George and Leona Krill and wife Dorothy. He is survived by daughter Lana (Kent) Kinsey of Montrose, daughter Roxane (Gary) Brack of Goodland, grand daughter Kendra (Kirk) Pearson and great grandchildren Presley and Carson of Parker, Colorado, grandson Taylor (Shelbi) Brack and great granddaughter Wrenly of Goodland, sisters Peggy Culver and Linda Krill along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Koons-Russell Funeral Home in Goodland is assisting the family with a visitation on Tuesday June 20 from 6 to 8 pm. Crippin Funeral Home in Montrose is handling arrangements for a graveside burial at Valley Lawn Cemetery on Thursday June 22 at 10:30 am.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

JOSEPH DELFIN MORA *March 26, 1957 – May 7, 2023*

JOSEPH MORA passed away peacefully on May 7, 2023, at his home in Montrose, Colorado with family by his side. Joseph was born March 26, 1957, to Adolfo Mora and Selida Mora (Leyba) in Montrose, Colorado. Joseph graduated from Montrose High School in 1975 and lived in Montrose for most of his life. He loved working in the coal mines and for the City of Delta. He loved the outdoors and going up to the mountains. Joseph enjoyed helping people, especially helping his family with yard work. Joseph was always willing to help anyone in need. People would often describe Joseph as a hard-working, dependable, and trustworthy man. Joseph loved music, dancing, artwork and enjoyed teaching his grandkids Spanish. Joseph enjoyed playing pool, board games, and cards in his spare time.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents Adolfo y Selida (Sally) Mora. Paternal grandparents Delfin y Margarita Mora and maternal grandparents Manual y Josefina Leyba. Joseph is survived by his sons, John (Tiffany) Mora and Raymond (Veronica) Mora. Brothers Leroy (Sally) Romero and Lloyd (Josie) Mora. Sisters Lydia (Isidro) Carreno and Darlene Mora. Grandchildren Amaris, Alonzo, Arayah, Sienna, Scarlett, Joaquin, and Ezra Mora. Joseph will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends from Montrose, Utah, New Mexico, and California. Joseph was truly a wonderful, generous, humble man who will be missed greatly.

Joseph's Celebration of Life will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1855 St. Mary's Dr. in Montrose, Colorado on Friday, August 11, 2023, at 10 a.m. followed by his inurnment at Grand View Cemetery. Joseph's Celebration of Life will continue at St. Mary Catholic Church for a luncheon. Joseph's family would like to thank Hope West and River Valley Family Health Center for all their support. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family.



RONALD ANTHONY SOLER

We are sad to announce the passing of Ronald Anthony Soler, 80, on June 6, 2023. Ronald died of heart failure at his home, surrounded by family and friends. As per his wishes, Ronald was cremated, and there will be no service or burial.

Born in Los Angeles, Ronald moved his family to Montrose in 1976, and after a brief return to California, remained a resident of Montrose until his death.

Ronald was a man of service, having worked at Rockwell International as a security guard, for the Montrose Police Department as an officer, and as part owner of Golden Eagle Security in Montrose for 23 years.

Ronald is preceded in death by his father, Paul G. Soler, his mother, Consuelo Medina Soler, his first wife, Maria Fusaro Soler, and his brother, Paul Soler. He is survived by his

second wife, Elizabeth Engwall Soler, his third wife, Lea Soler, his children, Ronald A. Soler II and Amber Soler, and five grandchildren, Samantha, Owen, Emerson, and Joaquin and Emilio Eudave. He is also survived by his sister, Linda Soler-Duran, a resident of California.

Ronald spent most of his childhood in Whittier, California, graduating from Pioneer High School in 1962. He was raised Catholic and baptized at St. Hillary's in Pico Rivera. His affiliations included the North American Hunting Club, and the Montrose Rod and Gun Club. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, sharpshooter, and was always interested in anything military. Other interests included collector cars, the history of World War II, and Egyptian culture.

In his younger years, Ronald spent his time in dance competitions, and loved meeting

the bands of the 50s and 60s. He boasted of having danced with Ann-Margaret and having met

Mohammed Ali. He had many friends both in California and Colorado, but Ron's greatest love was for his family, his son Ronnie, daughter Amber, his sister Linda, and his five grandchildren. He will be missed by many, many people.

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



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YOUR BRAIN ON NATURE – A SENSE OF AWE



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

MONTROSE-The high country will be totally accessible soon, and with that opening up come opportunities for what one of my undergraduate professors referred to as “sublime spiritual awe.” As an undergrad leaning more into biological science as opposed to social or psychological science (that changed later), I thought it was a pretty funny phrase. But it stuck with me and I have a renewed respect for why this experience is important for human well-being.

Awe is the feeling we get in the presence of something vast that challenges our understanding of the world, like looking up at millions of stars in the night sky or marveling at snowcapped, ragged peaks. People in the grip of awe tend to use descriptors of the experience such as wonder, amazement, or transcendence.



Photo courtesy of NASA, 2021

This emotion may have helped our evolutionary ancestors survive in the face of uncertain environments that demanded group cooperation. That could be because of the many prosocial benefits of exposure to the sublime when it prompts feelings of awe and induces a sense of the ‘small self.’ These benefits include clear thinking, connectedness and improved relationships, and improved self-regulation.

Awe has been theorized as a collaborative kind of emotion, one that enables individuals to more smoothly integrate into social collectives, since awe diminishes the sense of self and shifts attention away from individual interests and concerns. Researchers have found that this occurs across both collectivist and individualistic cultures.

A sense of awe or wonder affects discrete and measurable parts of the brain. An fMRI whole-brain analysis of participants

viewing awe inspiring landscape scenes revealed that that several brain regions considered part of the default mode network (DMN), including the frontal pole, the angular gyrus, and the posterior cingulate cortex, were more strongly activated in participants absorbed in the sublime images than those in a neutral control condition. As mentioned in earlier articles, the DMN is the part of the brain that we use when we’re ‘off-duty’ mentally. It is the rest and refresh mode that allows increased creativity and outside of the box thinking, while self-involved thought and rumination are suppressed. When people are asked to view sublime natural scenes and then draw themselves in perspective to those scenes, they tend to represent themselves as smaller than when they depict themselves in urban scenes, hence the labeling of this phenomenon as the ‘small self’. So potent is this small-self effect, it can even change perceptions of time passing.

Three recent experiments have shown that participants who felt awe, relative to other emotions, felt they had more time available and were less impatient. Participants who experienced frequent awe also were more willing to volunteer their time to help other people, more strongly preferred experiences over material products, and experienced greater life satisfaction. Apparently, experiences of awe bring people into the present moment, and being in the present moment underlies

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awe's capacity to adjust time perception, influence decisions, and make life feel more satisfying than it would otherwise. The small-self effect is defined by the two key components; 'self-diminishment' and 'vastness vis-à-vis the self.' Researchers [Shiota et al., 2007](#) and [Piff et al., 2015](#) have some fascinating reads on this subject. The 'self-diminishment' component of the small-self captures the way awe often makes one feel smaller in comparison to something larger (e.g., "I feel insignificant in the grand scheme things"). This perception is often linked to a greater sense of humility and appears to be a key factor in promoting generosity toward others. The small-self sense of 'vastness vis-à-vis the self' captures the way that being in the presence of huge awe-evoking stimuli promotes a greater sense of connectedness to a larger system or community.

For instance, when introducing students to the curriculum of a Global Citizen class I used to teach, the first lesson would involve viewing a video segment of the earth from outer space as seen by astro-

nauts, and narrated by them as well. These explorers always felt an enlarged sense of earthly connectedness as reported by consistent themes of feeling not only a sense of profound awe, but also an awakened sense of global unity with all peoples and the Earth as a whole. Student reflections on the exercise indicated that the effect was similar for them.

Space tourist William Shatner thought he would be captivated by the vastness of the cosmos and feel a genuine sense of a need to 'boldly go where no man has gone before.' His lived experience in space could not have been further from that expectation.

"I was absolutely wrong...what I felt was totally different. I knew that many before me had experienced a greater sense of care while contemplating our planet from above, because they were struck by the apparent fragility of this suspended blue marble. I felt that too. But the strongest feeling, dominating everything else by far, was the deepest grief that I had ever experienced."

Captain Kirk apparently experienced a

blend of sublime awe combined with a need to care-give the very feature that inspired the awe.

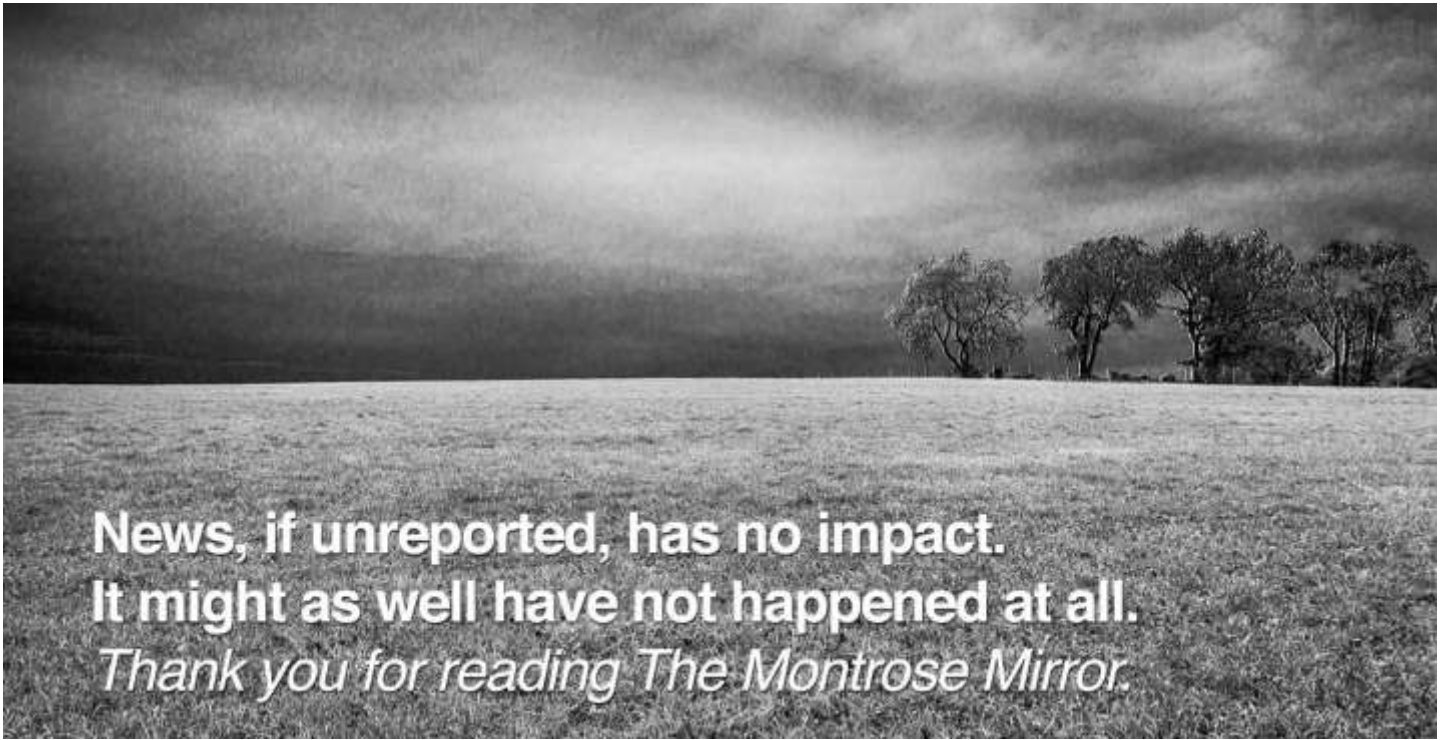
While Shatner had a physical experience of awe, other types of virtual experiences can capture the same essence, and with the same sense of joy, wonder, connection, and fragility.

An indigenous sage narrates a vision he experienced.

"Then I was standing on the highest mountain of them all, and round about beneath me was the whole hoop of the world. And while I stood there, I saw more than I can tell and I understood more than I saw; for I saw seeing in a sacred manner the shape of all things in the spirit, and the shape of all shapes as they must live together like one being. And I saw that the sacred hoop of my people was one of many hoops that made one circle."

(Black Elk, 1961).

When the snows clear and the slush departs the trail treads, try immersion in the local sublime to create a sense of oneness and of wonder. It can be very mind blowing.



News, if unreported, has no impact.
It might as well have not happened at all.
Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.

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

Independent Baptist

112Main St.

P.O. Box 262

Olathe, Co 81425

Tuesday-Friday Phone: 970-808-1021

www.biblebaptistchurcholathe.com

Pastor Gabe Skillo

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Sunday 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer 7 p.m.

CELEBRATION CHURCH

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

Address: 2900 Sunnyside Road, Montrose, CO 81401

Office Hours: By appointment

Phone: (970) 497-4925

Email: celebrationmontrose@gmail.com

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

Senior Pastor:

Pastor Brandon Mathis

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

Demographics: Multi-generational

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

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

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

Other Discipleship Opportunities:

Youth Night: First & Third Wednesdays of month 6pm

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

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

Celebrate Recovery: Friday nights @ 6:30pm

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Denomination: Christ Lutheran Montrose

Affiliation: Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

Contact: 970-633-0226

Website: www.montroselutheran.org

Email: montroselutheran@gmail.com

Pastor: Tim Onnen

Worship: Sundays at 9 AM

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

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

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

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Denomination: Church of the Nazarene

Address: 705 South 12th Street

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

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

Pastor: Buddy Cook

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

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

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

Affiliation: Presbyterian

Address: 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO.

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

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

Pastor: Jesse Mabanglo

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

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

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HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

montroseumc.org
Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Kevin Young
Worship service times:
 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual
 9:45 a.m. Christian Education & Fellowship
 11 a.m. Sanctuary
Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully inclusive, loving, and just servants of

Christ. Our church family welcomes people from various cultural and faith backgrounds: single, married, remarried, with or without children, from diapers to dentures.
Wherever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come discover hope, joy, peace, purpose.

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

Affiliation: Southern Baptist
Address: 1598 E. Niagara Road, Montrose, CO 81401
Office Hours: Tues-Thurs, 9am-4pm
Contact information:
 Phone: 970.249.4887
 website: www.RosemontBaptist.org
 email: office@rosemontbaptist.org
Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson
Worship Service Times: Our engaging and relevant Sunday Worship Service is at

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

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

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

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

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

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

SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

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

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

reaches the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equips Christians to serve the Lord. Summit Church has people of all ages!
We have families with children (babies, school aged, recent high school and college graduates) There are retired couples and widows. During the Sunday sermon we offer teaching for children ages birth to Kindergarten, in a kid friendly room called Base Camp.

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VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

Denomination Affiliation: Independent Baptist

Address: 2890 N Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-12pm

Contact Information: Phone (970) 249-

6874; email at info@vbcmontrose.org;

website: vbcmontrose.org

Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

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

Victory Baptist Church exists to exalt God, edify saints, and evangelize the lost.

Demographics: Victory Baptist serves everyone with age-appropriate classes, groups, and activities. Families with children make up the majority of VBC with young adults, singles, middle-aged couples, and seniors comprising the rest.

Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

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

information to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

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Montrose, CO

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Stone House

1415 Hawk Parkway

Across from Walmart

Montrose, CO

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APPLEBEE'S ALWAYS OFFERS FUN TIMES & GOOD FOOD IN MONTROSE

By Carole Ann McKelvey

MONTROSE – My son, grandson and I decided we'd go out for a fun evening this last Friday night. I let my grandson, Zane, pick his favorite. Yep, he likes Applebee's, so we headed south on Hwy 550.

You can always count on a great time and delicious food here. Applebee's is always kid friendly and Zane being 12 immediately began playing a small matching video game with his grand-mommy (that would be me)

Of course, it took a while for me to get up to speed but we had a rousing game of matching pictures of food. Pretty simple on the small table screen. Now, this is a great place for grandparents to connect with their grandchildren. And matching all those food items helped work up an appetite. My son, Ian, and grandson Zane went for the 2 for \$24 offering and quickly we were noshing on fried mozzarella sticks. Yum dipped in a marianara sauce. Ian ordered a Southwest bowl with lots of veggies and chicken over rice; he pronounced it full of Southwestern flavors and dived right in. I watched Zane trying to manage a half rack of baby-back ribs – more napkins please!

I, of course, had to order a margarita (Ian was driving) and picked a new one mixed with pineapple juice. So good!

It's been a while so many yummy choices on the menu; I went with the for the slightly spicy Bourbon Street chicken with shrimp which came sizzling to the table with a side of mashed potatoes. Washed it down with another margarita. Hey, we came to have fun!

So many choices here. Being 12 Zane didn't want to eat from the kid's menu although that's always a good choice with kid-friendly meal offerings. Feeling more grown-up. Hey, we have a soon-to-be-teen here, he wanted to get down and dirty with the juicy ribs and fries.

You know, I personally didn't want to get an appetizer, although there are many great items as I don't want to get stuffed! Zane wanted to get stuffed so bring on the food!

My chicken with shrimp was hot and sizzly when it arrived and just what I wanted. Ian and Zane's meal looked yummy and I did grab a mozzarella stick which was crunchy and gooey. So tasty!

Appetizers:

In addition to the fried mozzarella, you may choose to order the classic combo (boneless wings, mini chicken tacos, celery, dips, mozzarella sticks and chips) nacho chipotle lime chicken or neighborhood nachos with beef, boneless wings, double crunch bone-in wings, brew pub pretzels and cheese dip, spinach and artichoke dip, crispy cheese bits, chicken quesadilla, white queso dip and chips, or soup or salads or crunchy onion rings with dipper. Appetizers run from \$5.99 to \$15.79.

Entrees:

Steaks and Ribs: Choose from a 6 or 8 oz top sirloin, Bourbon Street steak, shrimp & parmesan sirloin or dig into those ribs, full or half rack cooked just the way you like them, riblett ribs or riblett platter. The prices for steak & ribs aren't bad from \$12.99-22.99.

Chicken: Lots of choices besides the Bourbon Street chicken and shrimp I had (which I can strongly recommend). You can try chicken tenders (platter or plate), or fiesta lime chicken or a grilled chicken breast with all the fixings. \$12.99-\$14.99.

Fish: Feel like some seafood? You'll find blackened Cajun salmon, double church shrimp or hand-battered fish and chips, \$14.99-\$18.59.

Pasta: Applebee's breadsticks with marianara dipping sauce, 3-cheese chicken penne, 4-cheese mac and cheese with chicken tenders, and classic broccoli cheese alfredo (I eyed this one but it has a calorie count of 1,110 so decided to pass!). Or try the classic blacked shrimp alfredo. Prices here run from \$5.99-\$16.99.

Salads: Oriental chicken salad (or grilled chicken salad), grilled or crispy chicken salad, grilled chicken Caesar or blackened shrimp Caesar. \$13.59-\$13.99.

Burgers: In the mood for a good old-fashioned burger? You can chomp into a



Ian and Zane McKelvey enjoy a meal at Applebee's, Photo by Carole McKelvey.

Bourbon Street mushroom swiss burger, neighborhood double burger, whiskey bacon burger, classic bacon cheeseburger, classic burger or classic cheeseburger, quesadilla stacked burger, whiskey bacon burger, all served with fries or onion rings. \$11.99-\$14.79.

Sandwiches: strawberry balsamic chicken, bacon ranch crispy chicken or bacon ranch grilled chicken, sweet and spicy crispy chicken or chicken fajita roll-ups. \$13.59-\$13.99. **Bowls:** Southwest chicken bowl and Tex-Mex chicken bowl. \$13.79-\$14.79.

Desserts: Now we're in the really good stuff! Zane went for the really yummy sugar-dusted donut balls with chocolate or caramel sauces. If you're feeling really sweet you can also get new Cinnabon mini swirls, chocolate brownie bites, sizzling butter pecan blondie or indulge in the triple chocolate melt-down. \$1.99-7.99.

Kiddos Menu: Okay other grannies, round up the grandkids and let them indulge on kids chicken tenders, corn dogs or cheeseburger, grilled cheese sandwich, kids cheesy pizza, kids chicken quesadilla, kids grilled chicken alfredo, macaroni and cheese, or regular kids burger, or give them their head and let them go for the adult menu. \$6.79

Applebee's also does catering with a huge array of choices.

The Montrose Applebee's is located just off Hwy 550 at the south end of town at 1501 Oxbow Dr, Montrose, CO 81401 or call 970-249-1214.



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

CEDAR POINT HEALTH

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

BASIN CLINIC

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

UNCOMPAHGRE MEDICAL CENTER

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

DELTA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

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

RIVER VALLEY FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS

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

THE PIC PLACE

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

MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

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

VFC (VACCINES FOR CHILDREN)

The Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) is a federally funded program that provides vaccines 0-18 years of age who are enrolled in Medicaid, who have no insurance, or who are American Indian / Alaska Native. *Children who are underinsured may receive VFC vaccines at a federally qualified health center (FQHC) or rural health center (RHC).

340b

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

CITY MARKET SOUTH

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

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

WALGREENS

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

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

CVS (IN TARGET)

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

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

CITY MARKET NORTH

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

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

SAFEWAY

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

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

WALMART

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

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

STACIE'S APOTHECARY SHOPPE

112 Village Square West Ridgway
(970) 626-7100

Flu	Pneumonia
Shingles	Tdap



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

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

KENNETH GIFFORD NAMED TO MSOE DEAN'S LIST FOR SPRING QUARTER 2023 WITH HIGH HONORS

Special to Art & Sol

MILWAUKEE, WI-- Kenneth Gifford, from Montrose, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Dean's List with High Honors for the 2023 Spring Quarter. Gifford is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering.

Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the Dean's List. Students who have main-

tained a 3.70 or higher receive "high honors." Milwaukee School of Engineering (www.msOE.edu) is the university of choice for those seeking an inclusive community of experiential learners driven to solve the complex challenges of today and tomorrow. The independent, non-profit university has about 2,700 students and was founded in 1903. MSOE offers bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering, business and nursing. Faculty are student-

focused experts who bring real-world experience into the classroom. This approach to learning makes students ready now as well as prepared for the future. Longstanding partnerships with business and industry leaders enable students to learn alongside professional mentors, and challenge them to go beyond what's possible. MSOE graduates are leaders of character, responsible professionals, passionate learners and value creators.

DON'T MISS THE MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR ART SHOW

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose Center for Arts is pleased to announce that Eileen and Steve Field have become our first sponsors for the Art Show at this year's County Fair. Thank you Eileen and Steve! Anyone else interested in becoming an Art Show Sponsor are invited to contact Montrose Center for Arts for details. MCA is thrilled to announce that a Bob DeJulio Original Painting will be available for purchase only at the County Fair Art Show. Bidding on this magnificent piece of work will be by silent auction open from July 24 until 2pm on July 29. MCA looks forward to seeing you at the 2023 County Fair Art Show!!



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The Montrose Community Band proudly presents

The American Legacy

July 2, 3:00 p.m. Montrose Pavilion

July 4, 5:30 p.m. Montrose Rotary Amphitheater

Featuring the world premiere performance of the
award winning composition,

“Rapids and Reflections”

By Vance Couturier & Natalie Powers



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ONGOING-

RIDGWAY TRUE GRIT WALKING TOUR

Re-live the exciting days in 1968 when Ridgway was transformed into Fort Smith, Arkansas and John Wayne, Henry Hathaway, Robert Duval and Glen Campbell came for the filming of True Grit. A guide will escort you to downtown filming locations and share insights about Ridgway's film history and little-known facts and anecdotes about the Duke. The tour was recognized by True West as Readers Choice for Best Historic Town Tour. Meet at Ridgway's Hartwell Park gazebo. **FREE!** Details: 469.682.9710 (Donations are welcome.) **3 pm every Friday from June 2 to Sept 1; 11 am Monday, September 4, 2023; 12 pm and 2 pm Saturday, September 23, 2023**

SATURDAY: FREE TRAIN RIDES: Free rides every Saturday through mid-October, 9 am - 3 pm, at the Ridgway Railroad Museum, 200 N. Railroad St, Ridgway.

MONTROSE CENTER FOR ARTS-The DeJulio Retrospective is available to view at Montrose Center for Arts through the end of June during normal operating hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 10am until 4pm. 11 S. Park.

MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET-Summer market every Saturday May-October from 9 am to 1 pm in Downtown Montrose. Fresh produce, local meats and eggs, baked goods, beautiful artisan crafts, live music, kids' activities. South Uncompahgre Avenue, Centennial Plaza and South First Street.

BOSOM BUDDIES BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, Wednesdays noon-12:45, 645 S. 5th Street

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

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

GREATER MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS – May 25.

NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP-Breastfeeding Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. An infant scale will also be available to check your baby's weight. Breastfeeding Support Group (Bring your questions and your family!) Montrose County Event Center (1036 North 7th Street Room 3) 10am - 12pm. Questions? Please call 970-252-5015.

BINGO EVERY FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY at 7pm at the American Legion Post 24 Olathe doors open at 5:30. Sunday Bingo will start at 1:30pm. More info call Tom 970 260 8298.

THE HEALING COLLECTIVE OF WESTERN COLORADO welcomes local practitioners, who focus on healing the whole being. Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month and both are from Noon-1 pm, upstairs at the Mother Earth store on Main Street. We support one another with our practices, business, and personal needs. For more information please contact Erin Easton at ErinKEaston@gmail.com

THE MONTROSE GENEALOGY CENTER at 700 E. Main St. is now open Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 1-4 p.m. or call for an appointment: 970-240-1755. Free help and resources for your family history research." (The center is sponsored by the non-profit organization, Fore-Kin Trails Genealogical Society.)

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

MONTHLY

June 20-Montrose Republicans Trivia Tuesday, June 20th at Wild Horse Wine & Whiskey Bar. Join in on the fun during our Conservative Social Hour, 5:30p -7:30p. 439 E Main, Montrose.

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/>

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

June 26--1 p.m. Sara Rinne, librarian at the Montrose Public Library will speak on "Researching Genealogy and History at the Montrose Library" at the Warrior Resource Center, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way. All are welcome to this event sponsored by the Montrose Genealogy Center.

June 27-11am. Free Educational End of Life Care Event-Centennial Towers, 430 South 12th Street, Montrose

July 2-3pm – Free Patriotic Concert, Montrose Community Band. *Strike up the band!!* It is time for iconic American songs and a salute to all who have helped keep our country free.

July 4--5:30pm - Opening band for the 4th of July Celebration at the Rotary Amphitheater in Cerise park.

July 29-30-Colorado Mountain Club Western Slope Group is hosting two days of Wilderness First Aid, July 29 and 30 in Montrose. Details and registration at: https://www.cmc.org/groups-sections/cmc-state/course-templates/wilderness-medicine-school-wilderness-first-aid/copy6_of_wilderness-first-aid-cmc-state-2023

Questions: WSGofCMC@gmail.com

Sept. 16-17-The much-anticipated Tribute to Aviation, the signature event hosted by Montrose Regional Airport, is officially set for Sept. 16-17, 2023. This crowd-favorite event is back this year after a break for a major airport construction and remodel project at Montrose Regional Airport. Tribute to Aviation is one of the largest static displays in the western United States featuring both military and civilian aircraft. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Vendla Stockdale at vstockdale@montrosecounty.net or 970-964-2479.

READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: DEB REIMANN



Up Dead Horse Creek Canyon is enchanting Hanging Lake, a turquoise lake formed by travertine deposits and other dissolved minerals. This site is a perfect example of a hanging garden plant community. Hanging Lake is designated a National Natural Landmark. Photo by Deb Reimann.



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