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CITIZENS TURN OUT TO ADDRESS CONCERNS AT RE-1J BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-A small group of concerned citizens became a large crowd, spilling out into the parking lot as the RE-1J Board of Education meeting got underway on Tuesday, Aug. 10. In addition to citizens and district staff, Board of Education President Gayle Johnson was present, as were District B Director Jacob Suppes, District A Director Jeff Bachman, District F Director Eric Kelley, Director G Director Stephen Bush, and Vice President Sarah Fishing. District D Director Shawn Carroll was not present.

Johnson called the meeting to order and led all in reciting a resounding Pledge of Allegiance, as the crowd continued to grow.

The Board of Education

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Concerned citizens began to gather early for the Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 10. The small group soon became a standing room only crowd, overflowing to the parking lot.

DMEA REDUCES SIZE, COST OF ELEVATE CEDAR MESA PROJECT

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-**Background** -Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) and its subsidiary company Elevate share the same board of directors. During the July 27 DMEA regular board meeting, a majority of the board voted to table the vote on the Grant Zone Make Ready Budget Amendment. Board President Kyle Martinez voted against tabling the vote.

Since Elevate is owned by DMEA, the make-ready work necessary for the Cedar Mesa fiber build grant zone proposed amendment would increase the DMEA budget by \$850,000. The original budget for the fiber installation needed for Cedar Mesa was underestimated and under budgeted.

During the July meeting DMEA staff was instructed to consider options to reduce the amount of the proposed budget amendment, including possible outreach to the State broadband board on possible modifications to the grant. Time was of the essence because of grant requirements and materials that needed to be ordered.

Special Meeting August 4, 2021

The following week, on Aug. 4,

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DMEA and its subsidiary company Elevate are housed in the same facility and share the same board of directors (file photo).

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7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTY COMPLETES CASE ANALYSIS REGARDING OURAY PD'S REQUEST FOR CRITICAL INCIDENT INVESTIGATIVE TEAM

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OURAY-On Friday, August 13, 2021, 7th Judicial District Attorney Seth Ryan completed a case analysis of the 7th Judicial District Critical Incident Investigative Team's investigation that was initiated by the Ouray Police Department regarding the death of Luther Medina, which occurred on May 24, 2021. The case analysis report and Ouray Police Department's body camera footage can be viewed through the District Attorney's website at www.co7da.org.

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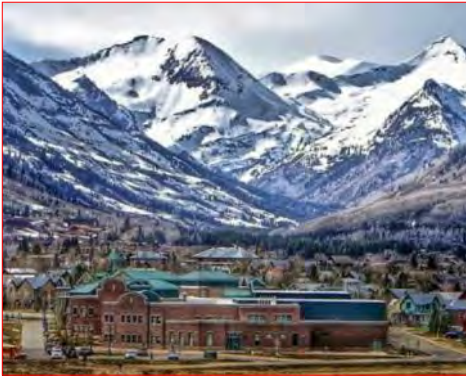
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IN THE AREA: 8.16.21-REGIONAL ROUNDUP



There will be no school bus services to start this fall for the Crested Butte Community School. Photo courtesy Crested Butte Community School PTA.

Crested Butte

Due to worker shortages, there will not be any school bus services to start this fall for the Crested Butte Community School. The kitchen facilities will also be limited. Food will have to be prepared in Gunnison and transported to Crested Butte.

Durango

The Durango School District will require that students wear facemasks when classes begin at the end of the month.

Search and Rescue efforts were deployed Wednesday due to a distress call that was cut off, made by a fisherman on the Colorado Trail near Purgatory. Five search and

rescue crew members looked for the man late into the night on Wednesday but were unable to find the individual. On Thursday his truck was no longer at the original parking location and the rescue was called off with the assumption he made it back safely.

Grand Junction

On Friday, Aug. 13, Mesa County Public Health announced that hospitals in Mesa County will soon require COVID-19 vaccinations for their employees.

Silverton

Effective Aug. 13 (last Friday) the town of Silverton and San Juan County have implemented a Face Mask order for indoor public spaces for all people (vaccinated and not vaccinated). The order was determined by a unanimous vote of three county commissioners. Previously the town of Silverton had boasted large vaccination numbers for residents, however they have seen 29 new positive COVID-19 cases since Aug. 3.



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With the launch of the DMV's new Appointment Online Check-in feature, Coloradans can check-in for their appointments and wait for their turn for service where they choose -- car, coffee shop or wherever is most comfortable or convenient.

The Appointment Online Check-in feature is an upgrade to the DMV's appointment system, which gives greater flexibility to Colorado residents in scheduling appointments and allows them to check-in and wait wherever is most convenient

As part of scheduling an appointment, Coloradans will be asked to enter a contact email address and/or a cell phone number to receive messages about the appointment.

These messages will provide information on checking in, when to come into the lobby, rescheduling or canceling appointments.

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CITY AND COUNTY WASTE COLLECTION EVENT AUG. 28

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MONTROSE — The City of Montrose in partnership with Montrose County has planned a waste collection event to give Montrose area residents an opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous chemicals used in many household products.

Batteries, aerosols, fertilizer, paint supplies, fluorescent light bulbs, and liquid fuels and chemicals will be collected during the 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Event scheduled for Saturday, August 28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the City Public Works Shop located at 1221 64.50 Road. Earlier this spring the city and county agreed to contribute funds to safely dispose of all hazardous materials collected during the event.

“In an effort to promote safety, beautify the community, and expand public services, the City of Montrose and Montrose County desire to host a one-time combined Residential Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection event that will include city and county residents,” the city and county said in a joint statement. “The goal of this event is to encourage citizens to properly collect, handle, and dispose of common household hazardous waste materials.”

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CO SECRETARY OF STATE RELEASES STATEMENT ON INVESTIGATION INTO SECURITY PROTOCOL BREACH IN MESA COUNTY

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DENVER Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold has released the following statement regarding the ongoing investigation into Mesa County Clerk and Recorder's breach of election security protocol.

"Yesterday I ordered the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder to comply with inspection of election equipment, video footage, and other documents in the county. The Clerk's Office must prove that chain of custody remains intact and that there has been no unauthorized access to voting equipment in the county. Failure to do so will result in decertification of the specific voting equipment in Mesa. Colorado has the best election system in the nation, with built in security redundancies. As Secretary of State, my number one priority is to ensure all election security protocols are followed and to safeguard Coloradans' right to vote."

Yesterday, the Secretary of State's office sent an Order to the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder requiring the inspection of election equipment, video footage of the election equipment, and other relevant materials. The Mesa County Clerk and Recorder failed to respond to the Order or any request for information.

Today civil servants with the Secretary of State's Office, accompanied at all times by officials from Mesa County, began to inspect voting equipment and other relevant documents. During their inspection, the Secretary's staff were in contact with the District Attorney and his representatives, who were conducting their own separate, independent investigation. The Secretary directs any inquiries concerning the District Attorney's investigation to that office.

Pending the outcome of the Secretary's preliminary investigation, the Secretary of State's office will determine if it is necessary to take the further action of prohibiting the use of or decertifying specific voting systems equipment in Mesa County.

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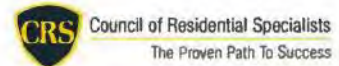


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COUNCIL COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO MUNICIPAL CODE, APPROVAL OF MURA CHANGE ORDER

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council will meet for a work session at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 16 and for a regular meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 17.

WORK SESSION

Five new employees will be welcomed at the work session, including: Parks & Special Projects Worker Kody Bise; Engineering Technician Russ Chameroy; Executive Assistant to the City Manager's Office Dawn Dovey; Municipal Court Judge Chuck Greenacre Animal Shelter Technician Elizabeth Pow-ers

Discussion items include a Water Resources Outlook; McCracken Addition Annexation; Pinon Way Right of Way Vacation Ordinance; Revisions to Municipal Code Title 2, Chapter 2, Section 1 - Planning Commission; Revisions to Municipal Code Title 4, Chapter 4 - Family Child Care Homes and Childcare Facilities; Revisions to Municipal Code Section 5-3, Police

Alarm Systems; and Special Events Alcohol Permit for Dinner on Main Street Event. Items scheduled for upcoming City work sessions and meetings include: Sept 7-Youth City Council Applicant Inter-views; Riverbend RV Park Right of Way Exchange; Riverbend RV Park Addition II Annexation; Gray and Black Market Mari-juana Enforcement Grant; Suicide Preven-tion Month Proclamation; Special Meeting / Executive Session.

REGULAR MEETING

Council will consider approving Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$94,668 to Mountain Valley Contracting's Montrose Urban Renewal Authority Phase II Public Infrastructure Construction Contract for piping of the Rice Ditch; Ordinance 2549 on second reading, for the annexation of the Riverside Park Addition II; Ordinance 2550 on second reading, zoning the River-side Park Addition II as a P, Public District; Ordinance 2551 on second reading for the annexation of the Riverside Park Addition



At the regular meeting of Aug. 17, Council will consider approving Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$94,668 to Mountain Valley Contracting's Montrose Urban Renewal Authority Phase II Public Infrastructure Construction Contract for piping of the Rice Ditch. Mirror file photo.

III; and Ordinance 2552 on second read-ing, zoning the Riverside Park Addition III as a P, Public District.

Following staff reports, Council will ad-journ.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

CITY MANAGER'S HABIT OF MAKING PUBLIC 'JOKES' ABOUT POLICE CHIEF HE CAN HIRE AND FIRE ARE UNACCEPTABLE

In a professional setting, in front of the public, I think we all should expect better



Paul Arbogast
Courtesy photo.

By Paul Arbogast,
 Mirror Publisher
 MONTROSE-In the *Mirror's* coverage of last week's City Council meeting, a quote was given from the city manager, Bill Bell, where he was

talking about the new Public Safety building. He made a deadpan comment, "And if not, we will find a new place for Blaine (Police Chief Blaine Hall) to have his office, or eliminate some of the amenities like his shower, personal bathing facility, extra couches, things he's been asking for."

For the first time I recall, one of his comments was rebuked by city council as Councilor Bynum said, "Don't start rumors. There is none of that in this building."

I have been watching City Council meetings for some time, and I recall other times that Bell has made comments that seem inappropriate toward Police Chief Hall. The other most recent was about his inability to grow a beard during no shave November last year, but there are certainly a few other times that I saw this sort of

unprofessional joking in public meetings. This most recent one caused me to wonder about the organizational structure and the city charter. I found that in 2014, City Council adopted Resolution 2014-6 ([text here](#)) which set the ballot language for a change to the city charter to be voted on by city residents. One thing that stuck out to me was that while many of the changes ([redlined version available here](#)) were mentioned in the ballot language, what was not mentioned was a good amount of power/responsibility dropped from the City Council and then given directly to the city manager.

Article VII Section 8 was changed so that the city manager can appoint or remove a Police Chief, and what was deleted was the approval of the City Council in such decisions. Considering the above-mentioned 'joking' I have witnessed from the city manager toward the police chief, this is of great concern to me on several levels.

First being that in a public setting, the city manager can fire a subordinate that he has, more than once, harassed in a public meeting. Of course, our current police chief has never responded in kind, probably because (based on all my discussions with him) he is a good person, but he also

could be fired by the person that is harassing him.

And just to be clear, I was in the Navy, and most of our time spent at sea was giving crap to our friends and picking on them, you had to have thick skin. But this was in private, not in a public session that is also recorded and put online for anyone to see. In addition, this is a government, not a family, so such familiarity among the employees of the city should not exist, as that breeds corruption.

In a professional setting, in front of the public, I think we all should expect better. And I think if the city manager has been mistakenly (because of misleading ballot language) given more power, it is time to reverse those changes. There is absolutely no reason why a city manager should be able to hire and fire a position like Chief of Police, at his/her whim. This is a very important position, and one that either removing or hiring someone new, should run through the city council. The council is made up of those we elect, to represent us, so any big decision like that should allow for the input of the citizens to their elected servants, not just fall to one person, who now has a public history of harassment toward the person in that position currently.

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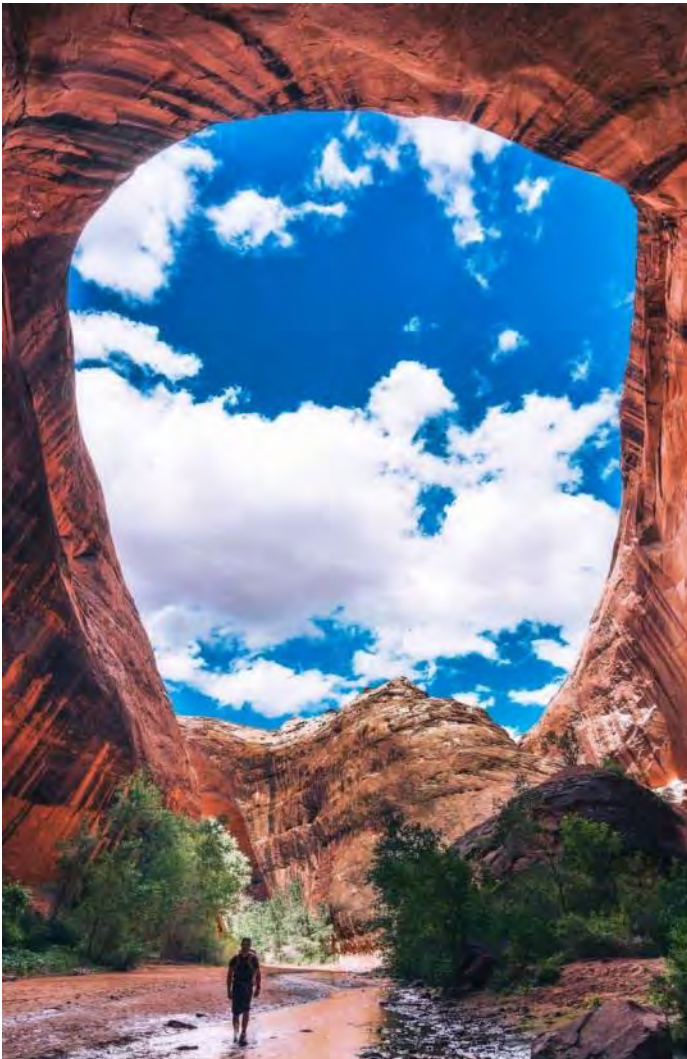
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ROTARY PARK GETS A SIDEWALK REFRESH



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-On Aug. 10, the Montrose Rotary Park received sidewalk upgrades from Ridgway Valley Construction. In addition to the replacement of a section of old sidewalk, a newly poured sidewalk now connects the walkway to the covered patio.



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DMEA REDUCES SIZE, COST OF ELEVATE CEDAR MESA PROJECT ***From pg 1***

the DMEA Board convened for a Special Meeting. Although the meeting was held on Zoom, not all board members were present. Board members in attendance were: President Kyle Martinez, Vice President Stacia Cannon, Damon Lockhart, Ken Watson, Enno Heuscher, and Bill Patterson. Those absent were: Jock Fleming and Brad Harding. Currently there is one board vacancy left by the sudden passing of Chris Hauck.

Staff in attendance at the meeting were: Mateusz Pena, Amy Taylor, Virginia Harman, Wade Pynes, Kent Blackwell, and Mark Kurtz.

Meeting Summary

In a written summary of the meeting DMEA Executive Assistant Amy Taylor said, "During the August 4 special meeting, staff presented three alternative build options. Upon motion from Director Cannon, seconded by Director Heuscher, the board voted unanimously to authorize executive staff to proceed with an alternative plan that would ensure the majority of the build to Cedar Mesa at a significant cost savings for the overall project. As part of the plan, DMEA will remove nine miles of planned construction from the build, resulting in a decrease of only 13 meters

from the total build. These changes had the result of substantially reducing the fiber-related budget amendment necessary from approximately \$850,000 to \$66,310.31. Separately, DMEA will reallocate some electric grid improvement 2021 construction work plan budget funds to enhance electric grid needs for this same service area."

Cedar Mesa, which is located in DMEA District 7, is represented by Board member Enno Heuscher. By reducing the size of the project (eliminating nine miles and 13 meters) the cost savings for material and labor is \$783,689.69.

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CELEBRATING LOCAL FOOD, FARMS AND CHEFS @ HARVEST FEAST

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MONTROSE-Through its continued mission to promote agriculture throughout the Uncompahgre Valley and beyond, Valley Food Partnership is planning a premier, five-course farm-to-table dinner event hosted by Savor the San Juans called "The Harvest Feast, Celebrating Local Food, Farms, and Chefs" set for Sunday, Sept. 12 at the Storm King Mountain Ranch overlooking the San Juan mountain range.

Valley Food Partnership, VFP, is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization based in Montrose that serves the Uncompahgre Valley with a commitment to strengthen the regional food system with the production and consumption of healthy, local, fresh food.

The Harvest Feast, hosted by Savor the San Juans, is VFP's signature event. It is presented by Alpine Bank, Alpine Wealth Management, and Gaynelle and David Mize as well as other generous sponsors. This is the organization's largest fundraiser, which will help make possible many of VFP's food access programs and nutrition education initiatives.

This year's farm-to-table dinner will feature a delicious asado-style meal prepared by Hotchkiss' Forage Sisters and other local chefs featuring entirely locally-sourced products from area farms and ranches. The event will also have local wine, beer, and signature cocktails, Y-Bar Ranch carriage rides, live music from Bracken Creek, and live and silent auctions.

"We are so excited to introduce this new fundraiser for VFP," said Valley Food Partnership's Board of Directors President

Sara Rinne. "The Harvest Feast will showcase the best of our Valley, in terms of its agricultural bounty, great local music, and generous auction items from local businesses. It's going to be a stellar event and a huge boon for Valley Food Partnership."

Since 2011, VFP has worked to build and foster relationships between the residents of the Uncompahgre Valley and regional farms producing some of the best-grown fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy products in Western Colorado.

VFP accomplishes this through organizing and sponsoring the Montrose Farmers' Market as one of VFP's main programs. The MFM features numerous producers from around the valley, open on Centennial Plaza, Saturdays 9-1. VFP also facilitates educational programs such as Local Pharmacy Rx, where participants are referred by health care providers and social service agencies, receive food and nutrition education classes and then receive a "prescription" for local foods - a prescription that they "fill" using vouchers for the farmers' market and other local food vendors.

VFP also works at the food systems level, through the Partnership's United State Department of Agriculture, USDA, Regional Food Systems Partnership grant, which VFP is using to convene local agriculture producers to work together to increase the sale and consumption of local food in our region. The grant is also working to create a digital platform to aggregate agricultural data to increase efficiencies in accessing local marketplaces.

"Valley Food Partnership is a cornerstone non-profit in our valley, ensuring the

preservation of our agricultural heritage through supporting regional farmers and ranchers in accessing local market channels and in turn, ensuring all community members, regardless of their financial situation, have access to local, nutrient dense food. A strong, regional food system bolsters our community against hardships and provides its residents with a strong sense of place. The Harvest Feast will ensure VFP continues to do this important work to benefit and strengthen our community." VFP Executive Director Penelope Powell said.

In 2020 VFP was forced to suspend its annual Savor the San Juans fundraiser due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

By working with local, state, and federal partners VFP is proud to report the Montrose Farmers Market was never forced to shut down during the pandemic. Following local and state health guidelines the community's ability to access locally produced food from regional farms went on uninterrupted.

Since emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic, VFP is stronger than ever with a focus to increase local food availability throughout the region.

Valley Food Partnership and its Board of Directors would like to welcome the community to the best tasting tribute to local, valley grown food in Western Colorado. So mark your calendars and make it a date to share a local farm to table dinner with friends, family, and community. Tickets are expected to sell quickly, for more information call 970-249-0705 or visit www.valleyfoodpartnership.org.

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MONTROSE – It may still be warm outside, but Dunkin' is turning up the pumpkin heat earlier than ever before with an incredible fall menu. Pumpkin picking season is giving Dunkin' fans the chance to pick from the brand's latest lineup, with an iconic pumpkin pair, new Pumpkin Cream Cold Brew and Pumpkin Spice Signature Latte, as well as classic Pumpkin Flavored Coffees, Donut, Muffin and MUNCHKINS® Donut Hole Treats. The fall menu will be available at participating Dunkin' restaurants nationwide by Aug. 18. Passionate pumpkin fans can find their perfect pumpkin flavored coffees at Dunkin' for an incredible price. Through Sept. 14, all restaurant guests can enjoy a medium Pumpkin Cream Cold Brew or a medium Pumpkin Spice Signature Latte for a special price of \$3*, while supplies last. A perfect side kick to pumpkin, Dunkin' has apple lovers covered too, with the new Apple Cranberry Dunkin' Refreshers, new Apple Cranberry Dunkin' Coconut Refreshers, and an Apple Cider Donut, also available beginning August 18.

Lastly, Dunkin' is introducing a new 100% Guatemalan Coffee. The newest hot coffee in the brand's Limited Batch Series, 100 percent Guatemalan is smooth and rich with chocolate notes. This single-origin coffee has less acidity and sharpness than other roasts, making it approachable and easy to drink. Beginning Sept.15 through Oct. 12, 10 cents of every cup of 100 percent Guatemalan Coffee sold at Dunkin' restaurants will benefit One Tree Planted, to support reforestation efforts in Guatemala. In addition, starting Aug. 18 through Sept. 14, DD Perks® members can earn 2X points on 100 percent Guatemalan Coffee when they order ahead on the Dunkin' app.

To learn more about Dunkin', visit www.DunkinDonuts.com or subscribe to the Dunkin' blog to receive notifications at <https://news.dunkindonuts.com/blog>.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

GMUG ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED FOREST PLAN

Special to the Mirror

DELTA — Forest Supervisor Chad Stewart has announced the availability of the draft Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests revised land management plan and the accompanying draft environmental impact statement for a 90-day public review and comment period. The 90-day public review and comment period will begin Friday, Aug. 13, 2021, when the Notice of Availability publishes in the Federal Register.

Public engagement is a key element in the ongoing forest plan revision, and the Forest Service is using a variety of tools to share information and maintain communication, including webinars, newsletters, story maps, social media and updates on the website and through email. For past publications, webinar recordings, information on how to comment, and other helpful resources, please visit the planning website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/gmug/forestplan>.

Four Zoom webinars and five Zoom virtual open houses have been scheduled to provide context and answer questions about the draft forest plan. Interested community members are encouraged to participate to learn more and offer comments. The recorded webinars will be available on the GMUG website.

The virtual open houses, to be held in partnership with local counties, will be held on the following dates:

Sept. 9—Grand Valley Ranger District—5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Sept. 14—Ouray Ranger District—5 p.m.—7 p.m.

Sept. 21—Paonia Ranger District—5 p.m.—7 p.m.

Sept. 22—Norwood Ranger District—5 p.m.—7 p.m.

Sept. 28—Gunnison Ranger District—5 p.m.—7 p.m.

Virtual open house Zoom link information is located on the GMUG Planning website here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gmug/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fseprd506688>

Comments on the draft forest plan must

be received by Nov. 12, 2021. Only individuals who comment at this time will have standing to object. Comments can be submitted via:

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Citizens and district staff listen as speaker Richard Couterier addressed the Board of Education on Tuesday, Aug. 10. Photo by Paul Arbogast.

voted to approve the meeting agenda.

BACK TO SCHOOL UPDATE

RE-1J Public Information Officer Matt Jenkins spoke. "We are excited to welcome back students next week," Jenkins said. "...We are thankful that we were able to provide free school supplies to all of our families."

Elementary school students will be picking up their school supplies and taking them to their classrooms during Back-to-School Night, Jenkins said. Middle Schoolers will pick up their supplies during registration.

For high school students, the district will pay the \$30 technology fee.

BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Facility Planning committee, which is working with a consultant to develop a facilities master plan, had a meeting scheduled with community members for Aug. 11, Director Eric Kelley said. "Once the company has figured what our needs are, now we're trying to develop some options about how we're going to address those needs."

DISTRICT D DIRECTOR VACANCY

Johnson announced that District D Director Shawn Carroll had turned in his resignation, as he has moved out of his district. RE-1J will accept letters of interest for

Carroll's seat until Aug. 31 by mail or email to the Assistant to the Superintendent Laurie Laird, she said. Information will be on the district web site and available through schools within District D (Cottonwood Elementary, Montrose High School, Johnson Elementary, Columbine Middle School, and Centennial Middle School). At the option of the board, interviews will be conducted by the Board of Education in a public setting during a regular or special meeting no later than Sept. 28, at which time the board will appoint a new director to the District D seat.

COMMUNITY INPUT

The Board of Education heard from a number of citizens who had signed up to speak during the time for public comment. Speakers expressed concerns on subjects ranging from sex education to vaccinations and Critical Race Theory.

First to speak, Richard Couterier referenced Superintendent Carrie Stephenson's letters of July 29, and asked for a show of hands to indicate whether Board of Education members have been fully or partially vaccinated. He asked that directors approach the school year as though it were their own year in school and leave masking and vaccination decisions to families. "...let the parents parent, the teachers

teach, and most importantly let the kids be students, not lab rats and puppets," Couterier said. "...Go back to reading, writing and arithmetic and true American history."

Also signed up to speak was Dan Terhorst, who said that the public school system no longer has a moral compass. "...I graduated in 1974," he said. "I was there when the ten commandments were removed from my high school and God was thrown out." Terhorst read from *Mathew 18:6 (NIV)*. He went on to say that the "wild sexual orgies" of LGBT people would result in anger and depression. He read from *Romans Chapter 1* as well, and said, "The job of a school is to teach reading, writing, arithmetic, not sex ed."

Neisha Balleck spoke next. She asked that children leave the board room while she read a question and answer document concerning condom use that Balleck said came from Peak Academy. "What is the first thing to do when you are about to have sex?" Balleck read. "Open a condom package...talk with your partner, make sure they're ready, excited, and willing! Buy condoms!!!! How do you put on a condom??? Open it, unroll it all the way before you put it on the penis, and then put it on all the way to the base and enjoy. Pinch the tip of the condom, put it on the tip of the penis and slowly unroll until you reach the base, and enjoy!"

Teaching sexual health is the parent's right and responsibility, Balleck said. "We need to really look at what our kids are being exposed to here."

Balleck said that she has called Hilltop Community Resources, which has been providing the sexual health curriculum for the past two years. She asked the Board of Education to better communicate with parents, and to include some way for parents to "opt in" when it comes to sexual education for their child.

Next to speak was Leah Vandersluis, who expressed concerns about the teaching of Critical Race Theory (CRT) in school. CRT is based on the critical theory of Marxism, she said, which breaks people into two

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groups, the proletariat and the bourgeoisie.

"We're telling children that we should base a person's character on the color of their skin," Vandersluis said. "This is what was happening when I was very young in Chicago, Racism. People were prejudiced against black people just because of the color of their skin...Critical race theory does the exact opposite of what it claims. It focuses on skin color...it manipulates, confuses, and terrifies children. We put negative thoughts in their minds that were never there to begin with, and it's the most suggestive form of indoctrination based on Marxism that will destroy our kids and the future of our country."

Compelled speech as used in CRT assaults individual dignity and undermines the search for truth, our institutions, and our democratic system, Vandersluis said. "It also violates the U.S. Constitution," she said.

Wally Smith spoke, "A couple weeks ago I gave the superintendent a book called the *American Covenant*, did she read it and hand it out to you? I hope so," Smith said. "It tells you the true history of this country, what the founders were. It was based on God. Our founders came up with a constitution and bill of rights...if you violate that constitution, it's called treason." Smith said he would die for his country and the flag. "And today they're burning it...we've gotta stand up, we've traded God for money."

Smith suggested schools teach morals, real history, and some math. "You got to do what's right," he said. "We've lost our morals...a lot of the kids that graduate from this damn high school can't count change!"

The final speaker was Jessica Kastendieck. "I want to address the letter that you sent out on the 29th about the COVID vaccination popup clinics in the schools," she said, noting that her 16-year-old daughter had received a message from the Department of Health offering a \$100 reward for getting vaccinated.

"Forcing a medical experiment on an individual as a condition to participate in society is unlawful, illegal, immoral, and rep-



Neisha Balleck asked that children leave the board room while she read a question and answer document on condom use that she said came from Peak Academy. Photo by Paul Arbogast.

rehensible," Kastendieck said, "and is a violation of our God-given natural common laws as expressed and confirmed in the American Declaration of Independence as reflected in the constitution of the state and the constitution of the United States...we know what is going on. There is no emergency, there's never been one. The numbers don't support it.

"You are perpetuating the notion of an emergency," she said, "to get money, to inflict tyranny, and unlawfully enforce medical experimentation on the populace...it doesn't matter if it works or not. What matters is that each individual has sovereignty and authority over their body."

Incidents of harassment over vaccines and opinions expressed in opposition to them will be reported to the FBI, she said. "Your job is to educate, not to inoculate."

EMBEZZLEMENT CASE UPDATE AND DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS

RE-1J Director of Safety and Security James Pavlich spoke about the criminal case for embezzlement against former District Tech Director Steve McEwin. "We just are finalizing and should be receiving the insurance settlement..."

Board President Gayle Johnson asked the crowd to quiet down so Pavlich could be heard. "We're trying to listen and run a board meeting."

Pavlich said the insurance company settlement has been validated, and would be around \$430K, to cover the embezzlement. Retirement funds paid to McEwin have already been retrieved.

McEwin's next court appearance will be at the 7th Judicial Court on Aug. 30, Pavlich said.

He also addressed ongoing asbestos remediation efforts at several local schools. Centennial Middle School and Olathe Middle/High School will be ready for operations when school begins, Pavlich said. The State has re-opened the District's BEST grant fund to allow a 38-percent reimbursement (around \$648K) toward the costs of the remediation.

RE-1J has also won a BEST grant for Phase II of the security project (Phase I encompassed the District Campus, Montrose High School, and Centennial Middle School) and Phase II work has begun at Olathe Middle/High School, Olathe Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary School and Johnson Elementary, Pavlich said.

"That brings everybody up to the same standard for video and for access control."

RE-1J Communications Director Matt Jenkins discussed several grants. The District received \$40K in Federal and State funds for a climate transformation grant, to support a school engagement center.

RE-1J is working with DMEA and Clear

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Citizens gathered outside the RE-1J School District Offices when the crowd grew big enough to overflow to the parking lot during the Board of Education meeting on Aug. 10. Photo by Paul Arbogast.

Networks. The State of Colorado has provided close to \$1.5M.

"We all know that connectivity and internet can be a struggle for a lot of families," Jenkins said. "We're going to use that \$1.5M grant to hopefully get our kids better connected."

Jenkins introduced Kirsten Brown, who spoke about a 3M STEM equity grant, which will be used to establish a program called "Students as Archeologists, astronomers and researchers," and will provide hands-on learning opportunities for women and girls, students with disabilities, and minority students.

RE-1J Data Specialist Suzi King gave an enrollment report. Enrollment is trending upward, and is currently 5,964 students, which is 300 more than the 2020 October count. "We're still enrolling students at a pretty great rate," King said. "...the number is in flux but it definitely trending in the right upward direction."

There are 395 new Students coming to the district this year, King said. Of those, 135 students are coming from other towns in Colorado. Also coming to RE-1J schools are 106 home-based education students,

54 students from non-public schools, 87 out of state students, and ten from out of the country. Students who are coming from out of the country are coming from Mexico, Vietnam, Honduras and El Salvador. Students are also coming from more than 25 states in the United States. King showed a graph indicating where in Colorado the new students are arriving from, and which non-public schools new students are coming from.

Beller said the district has been allocated a total of \$14.3M in three rounds of ESSR COVID relief funding. She introduced members of the Academic Services Team to discuss how the money will be spent. Elementary Curriculum Coordinator Jamie Simo discussed the Professional Development (PD) Institute menu for educators ; Teachers introduced as Kristin and Kristy spoke about the extended learning network which starts Sept. 7; and Teacher Keely Vaughn spoke about the outdoor learning program.

On Sept. 11 the Outdoor Learning Center will present a condensed version of the programming for Pre-K to fifth grade, to allow families to give feedback.

When the spotlight ended and the regular business portion of the meeting began, District B Director Jacob Suppes thanked all who turned out to comment, "Thank you for showing up."

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items, including Personnel Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Education Vice President Sarah Fishing presented revised board policies on first reading, including: GBGJ, Staff Bereavement Leave - New policy for district as it is represented in Master Contract. Updated due to recent legislative changes; GBGL, Staff Victim Leave - New policy for district as it is represented in Master Contract. Updated due to recent legislative changes; IC/ICA, School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Time - Updated per CASB recommendations.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next work session of the Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education will be Aug. 24; the next regular meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14.

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DMEA AWARDED \$10.5 MILLION IN USDA BROADBAND GRANTS

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MONTROSE-The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), a division of USDA, Reconnect Program has awarded more than \$10.5 Million in grants to DMEA to help construct its network in two out-of-the-way places within Montrose and Delta counties.

“The Delta Montrose Electric Association has set the standard for delivering ultra-fast, affordable broadband in rural America and demonstrated that we do not have to accept a lower broadband standard for rural communities,” said U.S Senator Michael Bennet. “Yesterday, the Senate passed the largest ever broadband investment in American history. I’m gratified that the bill’s broadband provisions were largely based off of my bipartisan BRIDGE Act, which was inspired by the tremendous work DMEA has done to deliver world-class broadband. This USDA investment will go a long way to help DMEA expand its network to provide more Coloradans with high-speed internet.”

This project will build approximately 261 miles of new mainline fiber connecting 2,410 households, 3 educational facilities, 89 businesses, and 115 farms. These grants make it possible for DMEA, in con-

junction with Elevate Internet, to provide symmetrical Gigabit speeds to another 6,877 folks across its rural service territory.

DMEA’s Chief Technology Officer, Kent Blackwell, expressed “This is a great day for DMEA and its members. With these grant funds, a huge area for our membership now has light at the end of the tunnel, bringing with it enormous opportunities for our rural farming communities. These areas can now look forward to having a digital opportunity that has, until now, typically only been available to urban communities. This is a Great Day!”

The advanced network that DMEA and Elevate is constructing is a 100 percent fiber optic network, a truly future proof network that will solve the digital divide for these homes and businesses for 50 years or more.

In addition to its future proof network, Elevate is focused on its reputation and customer loyalty. Net Promoter Scores (NPS), are the best way for companies like DMEA and Elevate to measure their success in customer satisfaction. Elevate measures its NPS on a regular basis, asking each new customer to complete a satis-

faction survey, and annually asking its customers to reassess their happiness with the service. Elevate’s second quarter 2021 report was just received last week and it can again boast of industry leading results after achieving an 89.4 NPS score, which is exponentially higher than the national average.

“Elevate is truly focused on its membership, we are driven every day to find sources of funding to make these network extensions happen in financially responsible ways. Equally we work hard to get this solution to every member that needs and deserves it. It is not an easy task, but unlike our competitors that are driven by profits and margins, Elevate is truly driven by customer satisfaction. So to have an announcement from the USDA like this is ten-million reasons to be happy for our members,” said Blackwell.

While there are still numerous steps left before Elevate can schedule its first internet install, rural citizens across the Pea Green and east Delta areas can take comfort knowing they are now one step closer to a modern internet connection and increased access to online education, telework, and aging in place opportunities.

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COMMUNITY MEMBER MARCIA BAILEY DONATES TO MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE

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MONTROSE-The Montrose County Sheriff's Posse recently received a generous donation from local community member Marcia Bailey, made in memory of her daughter Robin. The donation allowed the posse to purchase a new pump, water tank, and hose assembly to be used on a brush truck for wildfires.

The brush truck is used in the suppression of wildfires in our area when the posse is deployed for support by the Montrose County Sheriff.

Posse President Lewis Wengerd said, "On behalf of the entire posse, I would like to express my gratitude to Ms. Bailey for her support. This new slide-in unit will help our members to efficiently and safely perform fire suppression operations. The posse also would like to express thanks to all the members of our community for their continued support, because without community support and generous donation, our posse could not operate."

The Montrose County Sheriff's Posse is an entirely volunteer organization, conducting search and rescue, recovery operations, traffic control, security and, wildland fire suppression for all of Mont-




L to R Paul Gottlieb, Sheriff Lillard, Marcia Bailey and Paul Martin present a certificate of appreciation to Marcia Bailey for her donation. Below is a picture of the unit. Courtesy photo.

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Editor:

What does Rip Van Winkle find after sleeping since the year 2000?

A "woke" society that doesn't care if you call someone an s.o.b, an a** hole, a m***** f+++++, or a s+++ head, but you better not say n+++++ or the roof caves in on you and you are "canceled"- whatever that means. Everyone chooses to be ultra sensitive if it suits them.

An ego-driven man that's portrayed as

the second coming of Adolf Hitler by about all of the national media.

A political party that is apparently intent on making it's fellow citizens and the world's refugees dependent on a big brother government for free stuff that's given in exchange for votes.

A government that is spending vast amounts of imaginary money on it's way to bankruptcy and oblivion.

A country that is pulling itself apart by

dividing itself into tribes defined by religion, race or political inclination.

The race that feels oppressed by trigger happy policemen but doesn't notice that it's youth are murdering each other and a few cops every day with guns, knives and drugs.

And then there's Global Warming and COVID-19. Go back to sleep, Rip. Don't bet on people coming to their senses.

Barry Lindstrom, Montrose

MASKLESS INVADERS COUGHING, SNEEZING ON BORDER PATROL

Editor:

Does anyone know how many people have come across the border illegally so far this year? Well, nobody does with the southern border wide open for the world to cross! According to the U.S. Customs and Border Control, it's 1.1 million, but that's just wishful thinking. The numbers are rising by the thousands monthly. In July alone the USCBC announced 210,000 illegals crossed. And that doesn't count all the ones that escaped the overwhelmed Border Patrol. This is long passed the theory of it being just a "crisis". (There's that famous and favorite Democrat word again of Obama's Rahm Emanuel when he stated, "Never let a good crisis go to waste"). It is now a serious national security threat. But why is this feckless Biden administration promoting this? First, when elections can't be won on the wrong solutions for the problems that Democrats created, they then have to marginalize or even cancel the votes of patriotic Americans to get their own ilk elected to overwhelm opposition. How? America is now watching it all unfold. Newsweek put it this way, "The number of people who have come to this country illegally so far this year is already large enough to create the tenth largest city in the U.S.!" The Democrats' plan is for these people to vote. That's why Democrats in Congress have been pushing for amnesty for illegal invaders. That would grant them citizenship and the right to vote and Democrats know they will vote for whomever is giving them the

most free stuff paid for by the hard-working American family. Democrats are currently and hurriedly trying to use the budget "reconciliation" process without a single Republican vote to pass "amnesty" before the midterm elections in anticipation of that copious abundance of new voters.

So how many illegal invaders are already in the U.S.? It's estimated around 11 million, but the Foundation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) estimates closer to 15 million. But you say, wouldn't "amnesty" only be for people who have lived here for years? Oh no, Democrats have their bases covered there also. That's what H.R. 1, "For the People Act" is all about. And it is badly misnamed because it is not for the people as the name implies. It would be more honest if it was named, "For the Cheaters Act". If that bill passes, which is pushed by, you guessed it, Biden, Pelosi, Schumer, Stacy Abrams et al, it would make it illegal for state officials to impose voter identification requirements; including proof of citizenship and state residency. Couple that with the Democrats' sly same-day voter registration, ballot harvesting, and no ballot identification verification for mail-in ballots and there we would have massive voter fraud. Just as Biden previously planned. In fact, in an article published by the Patriot Post on Oct. 26, 2020, then presidential candidate Joe Biden was shown on camera bragging on Democrat voter fraud. He stated, "WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER, I THINK, THE MOST

EXTENSIVE AND INCLUSIVE VOTER FRAUD ORGANIZATION IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN POLITICS." So, there you have it, from Biden himself admitting to voter fraud!! And notice that was just a few days before the 2020 election.

This administration is playing Americans for fools. There is no government action more despicable than now president (the plan worked!) Biden inviting in hordes of invaders into the United States from all over the world known to have Covid 19 and then shipping them all over the United States by bus and air infecting thousands of Americans. And Biden's tyrannical government refuses to tell America what cities they are shipping them to! So now Biden rails Americans have to mask up again! Ignore the maskless invaders coughing and sneezing on Border Patrol Agents sending them to hospitals where they are quickly filling up with illegals. And there are many reports of these invaders given expensive hotel rooms all across the country complete with all living necessities. Compliments of the hard working American tax-paying families! And at the same time the Biden ilk are telling Americans we have to mask up and get the experimental shots that doctors across the country say are not safe.

And just think, all of this because Democrats just want to win elections, no matter how. So beware, the next hospital filled with Covid illegals might be near you and you might be put on a waiting list.

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose

OPINION/EDITORIAL: GUEST COMMENTARY

LONG TERM EFFECTS OF COVID 19 ARE ALL TOO REAL

By Tracie Bearden, MS, CCC-SLP, CBIST

MONTROSE-COVID-19 is a very real medical virus that does not care about political agendas. The evolving Delta variant is posing a serious threat to both the vaccinated and unvaccinated. COVID-19 is a severe respiratory virus, and is a highly infectious, highly transmissible airborne virus spread through droplets (via sneezing or coughing). This disease is running rampant amongst not only the Western Slope, but throughout the entire country.

I know this firsthand as a medically-based speech-language pathologist. More specifically, as a medical professional working closely with respiratory viruses and respiratory compromised patients for almost 12 years. The unfortunate reality is that the combination of uncertainty and inconsistent safety measures has led to a prolonged pandemic, new variants, and a surge of new chronic diseases never seen before.

Virus transmission and protection from viruses is a topic that I have been extensively trained on in the past decade. Every healthcare worker has been or should be receiving an annual training on viral pathogens, their transmission method, and how to put on the proper PPE (masks, gloves, gowns), and how to remove them properly.

At the time of writing this, 617,000 Americans have died due to the COVID-19 virus. The county of Montrose has had a 68 percent increase in COVID. Per the CDC, 38 percent of Montrose County's population is vaccinated. We can do better than this. A common myth is: "I already had COVID and recovered. I don't need the vaccine."

Studies now show that individuals who have recovered from the COVID-19 virus, regardless of how severe symptoms were, are experiencing cognitive and cognitive communication impairments that are long lasting. This is also known as a COVID long-hauler's disease. These symptoms can look like brain fog, memory loss, inability to stay focused on one task, the inability

to multitask and the inability to problem solve or utilize your executive functions. These symptoms have become so pervasive and even debilitating for many that some disability insurances are now covering "long-haulers" as an official diagnosis.

The cognitive skills I listed above are skills that every person needs to not only functionally execute daily routines and thrive in the work setting, but these are also cognitive functions that help you just manage your life. In general, these impairments are of the most common impairments speech pathologists see amongst brain injury and stroke patients. And now, COVID-19 survivors. This is because COVID-19 causes a neuro inflammatory response. While many people are stuck at looking at the death rate inflicted by COVID, what people really need to be considering are the long-term effects. On a personal note, I do not believe that existing the rest of your life with these impairments, or living with so much scarring in your lungs from being on a ventilator and from the course of the disease itself, is a great marker of successful survivorship. It's an altered, lower quality of life that wrecks your goals and daily routines. All hope is not lost, however. A qualified speech-language pathologist can actually help these symptoms by offering interventions that are similar to the interventions provided for brain injury and stroke survivors. For example, COVID survivors may have difficulty with focusing on a cognitive-demanding task or remembering their schedule for the week. An SLP can tailor therapy to that individual's cognitive needs and guide the survivor on compensatory strategies to improve attention and memory. An individual recovering from COVID may also have severe swallowing difficulty, which is another area treated by speech-language pathology.

If we would just take a small step back and think "I could put a mask on for 30 minutes and it's not that big of a deal," it could very likely alter the entire trajectory

of our community's well-being. No one is asking you to like it. I know I certainly do not like wearing a mask all day while I'm working. And I certainly do not like wearing a mask in public, but I do it because it's the right thing to do.

It's the safe thing to do.

And based on what many of my patients have said, it's one of the things they wish they would have done more often.

Even healthcare providers have found it difficult to understand how to approach the pandemic. Recommendations and guidelines are often changing. One week we feel more confident that the vaccine fully protects everyone who receives two doses, the following week we're introduced to a new variant that may not be as protected against. It's hard. It's frustrating. And my heart is with all of you.

I truly believe that education is key in order to prevent disease spread. Providing our community with scientific information and resources, blasting awareness around the effectiveness and availability of vaccines, and offering free COVID testing can make a huge difference.

I am truly disappointed in the way Montrose County has handled this pandemic. Although I have stayed stationary for the most part since March, 2020, I have had the opportunity to go to different counties in Colorado for various work obligations or doctor's appointments. I've found that other surrounding counties do take this virus and the spread of this virus very seriously. Billboards highlighting the importance of vaccines stand tall on the side of highways. Information on where to find vaccine sites is readily available. Mesa county's website and social media displays updated information on the current COVID positivity rate and other proactive COVID related information. Compare that to the Montrose County website, and a single link to the Colorado state department of health information is all that's offered.

Not a single billboard or sign can be found

LONG TERM EFFECTS OF COVID 19 ARE ALL TOO REAL

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off the highways of Montrose County. We lack the visual reminders and guidance around how and where to get vaccines, and whether or not free testing is available. When you open the newspaper, it's almost like COVID does not exist here. However, with a 68 percent positivity rate increase in the last two weeks, COVID certainly does continue to exist in Montrose. My heart weighs when I consider that this is a virus that is not going away for us, particularly when Montrose County chooses to ignore it. From the perspective of a community member, the deaths and illnesses I often see or hear about are beyond upsetting. From the perspective of a

speech-language pathologist, the chronic (maybe life-long?) symptoms of longhauler's disease are heartbreaking. Witnessing the tears and moments of despair when a longhailer experiences difficulty with swallowing, memory impairments, reduced attention, brain fog, and impaired cognitive skills limiting their ability to work and provide for their loved ones is indeed a difficult part of the job.

Please. Wear a mask and consider getting vaccinated.

While we all have the right to choose as we wish, we also carry a responsibility. A responsibility to ourselves and to our neighbors. We have to face the conse-

quences of our inaction eventually. Whether those consequences involve death or living the rest of our lives with new chronic diseases that impact our careers and well-being. Know that I am here to help you if you are a COVID survivor. But also know that you can protect yourself from becoming a longhailer by simply wearing a mask and getting vaccinated. *-Tracie Bearden is a medical speech pathologist with twelve years of clinical experience treating medically complex patients. Tracie owns Neuro-based Speech Solutions, a Speech Therapy private practice in Montrose, Colorado and is a board certified Brain Injury Rehab Specialist.*



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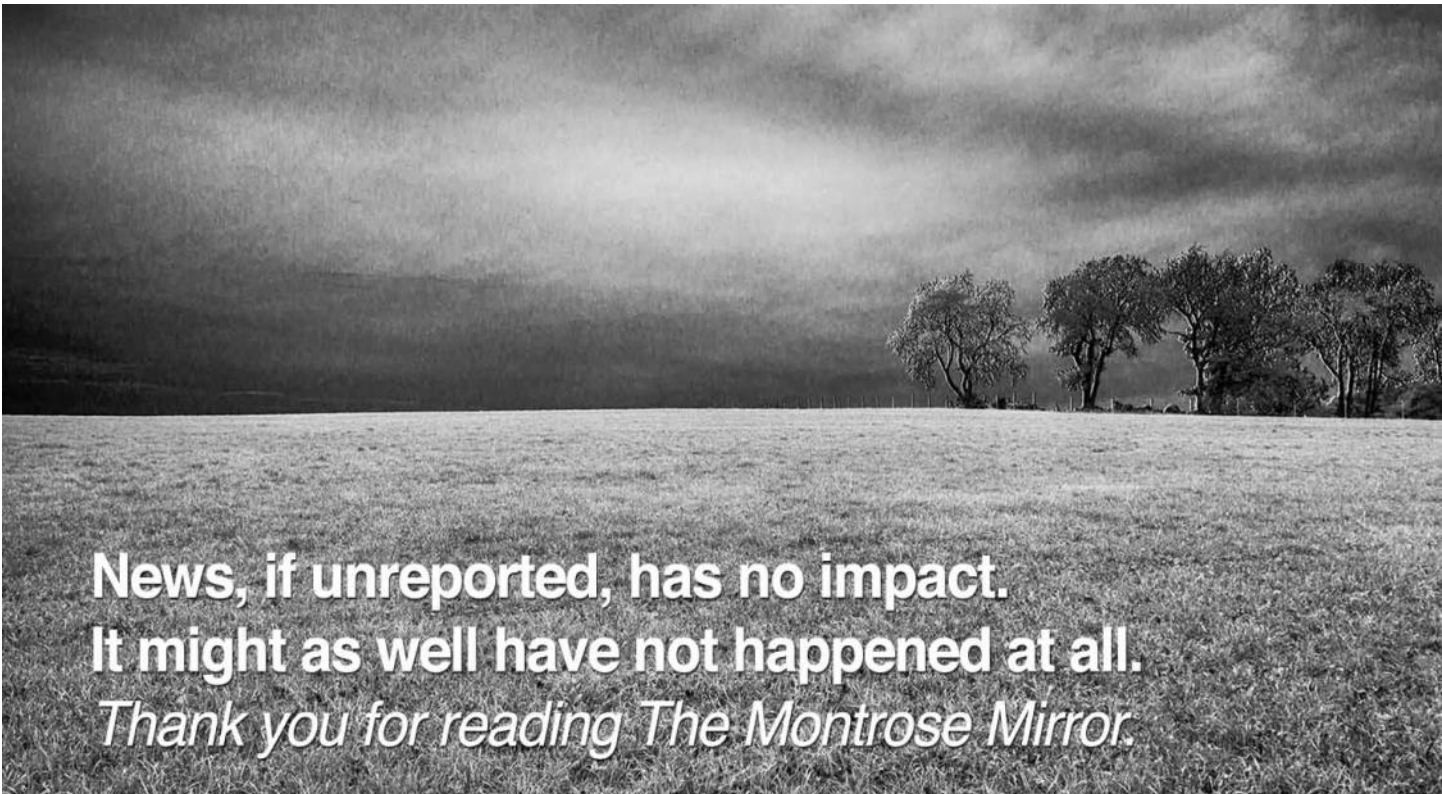
VINCENT 'VINNY BOY' LOVATO

Aug. 4, 1989- Aug. 3, 2021



VINCENT "VINNY BOY" LOVATO was born in Montrose, Colorado, on Aug. 4, 1989, and went to be with his Lord and Savior on Aug. 3, 2021. Vincent attended elementary, junior high, and high school in Montrose. He was a self-taught musician who won the Colorado's Got Talent competition in Salida, Colorado, and played in his bands Cadmium and IN-WAVES. Vincent enjoyed cooking and worked as a sous chef at numerous restaurants in Montrose. Vincent also set up mobile homes in the surrounding area. His smile was very contagious and it brightened any room he was in; he loved making people laugh from the time he

was a very young boy. He leaves behind his 2-year-old son Parker Lovato, whom he called "Gooby" and enjoyed playing music with him. He is also survived by his love, Rachel Raymond; Momma Wanda (Lovato) Clubb; Dad Jim Clubb; sister Daniella Sales and her husband Nathan Sales; grandmother Marjory Clubb; fur brother Newman Clubb, and fur daughter Zoi Lovato. Vincent was preceded in death by Cleo "Granny" Lovato, Daniel "Papo" Lovato, and grandfather JE Clubb. In lieu of flowers the family requests that you donate to The Children's Music Fund in Vincent's name <https://thecmf.org>.



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*Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.***

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

JULIA DOROTHY GUIRE

Julia graduated from Crested Butte High School. She received a scholarship and attended Barnes Business School in 1942. In 1943 she began working in Civil Service in various jobs including the US Army, US Air Force, US Forest Service, Aerospace Defense Command, and North American Aerospace Defense Command. These assignments were in Denver, Great Falls, Honolulu, Johnston Island, Paonia, and Colorado Springs. She retired in 1976, although she held several jobs in civilian life since her retirement. She enjoyed crocheting. In 1989, she entered a tablecloth in the Colorado State Fair and received 2nd place. In 2004 she entered a bedspread and tablecloth and received two first places and a Best of Show. She

moved from Paonia to Colorado Springs in 1965 where she lived. She is survived by her son David Pihl and her daughter Pamela Gallogly; grandchildren Angela Parks, Brett Pihl, and Paul, Ben, and James Gallogly.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at Queen of All Saints Catholic Church, Crested Butte, CO. with Rev. Ayla Santiago Andres. Interment will follow at Crested Butte Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Taylor Funeral Service and Crematory.

View the internet obituary and sign the online guest registry at taylorfuneral-service.com



LILLIAN ADELE HADLEY

LILLIAN ADELE HADLEY, 85, of Montrose passed away peacefully at home Monday, August 2, 2021 after a short illness. Lillian loved to travel, was an avid reader, community volunteer, and loved local restaurants. Family and friends were the light of her life and always welcomed them with open arms.

Lillian was a longtime resident and schoolteacher in Connersville Indiana before moving to Texas with her husband Jim in 1982. In Texas they owned and operated the Tropic Island Resort in Port Aransas on the gulf coast until their retirement to Grapevine Texas in 2001. Lillian moved to Denver Colorado in 2003 and then to Montrose Colorado in 2013 to be closer to family. Lillian delighted in her grandchildren, great grandchildren and her namesake great great grandchild.

Survivors include her three children Lois Mahoney, Laurie Hadley, Jay Hadley, sons-in-laws Chris Mahoney and Danny Melendrez, sister June Despos, two grandchildren, Ryan Brown and Lacey Miller, five great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Lillian was preceded in death by her loving husband James(Jim), parents Charles and Ethyl Norris, sister and brother-in-law Doris and Bill Bomar, and brother-in-law Ted Despos.

Memorial services will be at 11am, Saturday August 21, 2021, at 10614 Bostwick Park Road, Montrose, Colorado 81401.

In lieu of flowers and cards, memorial contributions may be made to Hope West Hospice, 725 S. 4th Street, Montrose, CO 81401. Website: Hopewestco.org

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ART & SOL

CHAMBER MUSIC RETURNS IN AUGUST TO OURAY

Special to Art & Sol OURAY-The Ouray County Performing Arts Guild will feature an abridged 2021 chamber music celebration on August 20 and 21 in Ouray at the historic Wright Opera House. Concert pianist Max Levinson will be featured in a solo piano concert Friday evening. Harumi Rhodes on violin and Alice Yoo on cello will join him performing chamber music selections Saturday night.

Levinson has been the Artistic Director for the San Juan Chamber MusicFest for the past 17 years. Levinson has performed widely as a soloist throughout the US, Canada, Europe and Asia, and is known as an intelligent and sensitive artist with fearless technique. He is also an active chamber musician and regularly appears at music festivals all over the world. Levinson is the Chair of the Piano Department at the Boston Conservatory, and is also a faculty member at the New He England Conservatory. Pieces Levinson plans to perform include *Beethoven: Sonata in C minor, op. 111*, Stravinsky: Three Movements from "Petrouchka" and Chopin: *Po-noise in A-flat major, op. 53* ("Heroic").

Saturday night, Levinson will be joined by Harumi Rhodes on violin and Alice Yoo on the cello for a chamber music presenta-



Alice Yoo. Courtesy photo.



Harumi Rhodes. Courtesy photo.

tion. The trio plans to play *Mendelssohn D minor Trio*, *Mother and Child* by William

Grant Still, pieces by Debussy and Schumann and more.

Harumi Rhodes is the second violinist of the internationally-renowned Takács Quartet. Acclaimed by *The New York Times* as a "deeply expressive violinist," Rhodes gained recognition as a multi-faceted musician with a distinctive musical voice. She is an Associate Professor of Violin, Artist in Residence and Ralph E. and Barbara Christoffersen Faculty Fellow at the University of Colorado Boulder. Rhodes combines her performing career with a passionate commitment to guiding young instrumentalists, composers and ensembles.

Cellist Alice Yoo has been warmly hailed for her sensitive musicianship, expressive nuance and passionate commitment to teaching. She has performed extensively throughout the United States and abroad



Concert pianist Max Levinson. Courtesy photo.

as a soloist, recitalist and chamber musician. Yoo is the co-founder and co-artistic director of the Denver Chamber Music Festival. She is currently on the chamber music faculty at the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music.

Tickets for the concerts are \$20, \$5 for students 18 years and under. We are requesting that concert attendees please wear a mask to the performances in the theater. There will be a reception following the Friday night concert in the Tavern at the Wright, and also a reception following Saturday night's concert just down the street at the Citizens State Bank in Ouray. To purchase advance tickets online and for more information, please visit ocpag.org.

The Ouray County Performing Arts Guild is a not-for-profit organization bringing quality events in music, dance, theater and other genres to Ouray and Ridgway. Its purpose is to sponsor presentations and performers of the highest caliber in the performing arts for the enjoyment of Ouray County's residents and visitors. www.ocpag.org.

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Misuse of Cairn construction at Joshua Tree NPS.



Cairn on Humboldt Peak, Colorado.

along the trail. A traditional trail blaze resembles the lowercase "i" carved into the bark of a tree by an axe or a knife. These marks are falling out of favor for environmental reasons but are still found on older established trails. More recently developed trails are marked with painted blazes.

These are arranged in certain configurations to help you know where the trail leads:

Here in Colorado, you also might see colored blazes indicating different uses of trails. Blue paint, poles, diamonds, or arrows on wooded trails indicate cross country ski trails. Orange paint, poles, arrows, or diamonds indicate snowmobile or ATV trails. Other trails, such as those on BLM land, national parks, and other public lands, usually have markers with universal international symbols indicating the approved use for that trail. Some trails will have multiple uses, so be sure to be aware if you are hiking on a trail that may also be used by bicyclists or horses. On multiple use trails, common sense should prevail with respect to trail etiquette. As a general rule, hikers and cyclists give way to horses.

If you are in a desert or alpine area, trail markings called cairns, or simply stacked rocks, are often used to indicate the correct trail where it crosses barren landscapes and the path may not be clearly evident.

Rock pillars have been used throughout history for navigation and marking sacred spots by people around the world. There has been a lot of discussion recently about making sure people do not construct random piles of rock for several reasons. In the backcountry of Colorado, rock cairns are meant to be used for navigation without disturbing the natural environment. A

constructed or complex rock arrangement, could cause confusion for other hikers as to the location of the official designated trail. These random arrangements diminish the wilderness experience, and violates the Leave No Trace principles followed by hikers and backpackers.

CONTINUE STRAIGHT 	START OF TRAIL 	RIGHT TURN
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Trail blaze symbols

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trail. These random arrangements diminish the wilderness experience, and

violates the Leave No Trace principles followed by hikers and backpackers. Wherever you go with your family, make sure you always let someone know where you are going and "Know before you go." Check in with the management agency about trail conditions and conditions of the roads accessing the trailhead. Be prepared!

Make sure you have the 10 essentials in your daypack like water, food, extra clothing, raingear, a map, a headlamp, and a basic first aid kit. Then follow the trail markings and enjoy your time in Colorado's backcountry!

Friends of Youth and Nature is a non-profit that promotes opportunities for youth and families to get outside, experience outdoor activities, and explore nature. For some great hip pocket trail games, outdoor safety tips, hiking trails and other ideas to get your kids outside, follow our outdoor news blog and receive monthly tips on connecting your children to nature. Visit:

www.friendsofyouthandnature.org

By Anita Evans,
Friends of Youth and Nature

REGIONAL-We are so fortunate to live in a place surrounded by public lands here in Western Colorado. Lands open to the public include National Forests, Bureau of Land Management areas, National Parks, portions of National Wildlife Refuges and Colorado State Parks and Wildlife Areas.

Within most of these areas, there is a vast array of established trails open for you and your family to access. But once you're hiking on the trail, how do you know if you're following the right path? Once you choose an area to explore and you have selected a trail on a map, or from one of the many trail apps such as COTREX (Colorado Trail Explorer), knowing how to identify trail markings will help guide you on the trail you intended to be on - a key factor in having an enjoyable outing.

There are numerous trail markings that help you know you are on the right trail. Most trailheads will have an information kiosk with a topographic map of the area and a "You Are Here" mark to let you know you are at the correct place. Other important information will be provided on this information board, such as reminders about keeping your dog in control, or warnings of recent bear sightings. In addition to the path beneath your feet, most hiking paths in heavily wooded areas are marked with trail blazes on the trees



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NEW MEXICO BASED ARTIST TO SHOW AT WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE IN OURAY

Special to Art & Sol
OURAY—"The Air I Breathe, Landscapes of Colorado" a fine art exhibit by New Mexi-

co based artist, Teresa Lynn Johnson, will show at the Wright Opera House in Ouray, Colorado from August 28-October 8.

Teresa began her professional art journey as one of twelve artists chosen for a year-long mentorship under the guidance of well known artist Keven Macpherson. She also holds a Fine Art Certification from Sessions Professional School of Design. Teresa is based out of New Mexico but lives near and spends much of her time in the Colorado mountains. She is an outdoor enthusiast and one of her favorite pastimes is spending time hiking or traveling mountain roads to discover the beauty within the San Juan Mountains. She has the best of both worlds as a landscape painter, living near the Colorado mountains and near the foothills and high desert landscape of New Mexico. "The Air I Breathe" displays the Colorado side of her work.

An opening reception will be held in the Tavern at the Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray, from 5-7 pm, Saturday, August 28. The public is invited, refreshments will be served.

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Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Lisa Petty
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Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully

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Affiliation: Southern Baptist
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Office Hours: Tues-Thurs, 9am-4pm
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Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson
Worship Service Times: Our engaging and relevant Sunday Worship Service is at

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Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, Senior Minister; Rev. Catharine Gates, Associate Minister. Spiritual counseling available.
Worship service times: Unity Service at 11 a.m., Adult Discussion at 9:30 a.m., Quiet Meditation at 10:30 a.m.

The Spiritual Awareness Center is an inter-faith 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 Giveaway and Wellness Fair.

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Summit Church is a group of diverse peo-

ple, (widows, retired couples, families with adult children, families with young and school aged children, and recent high school and college graduates).
Our services are in English, but many in our congregation also speak Spanish, as we partner with Verdad Y Vida (a Spanish congregation meeting in the same building). We have a children's area we call "Base Camp" for children ages birth to Kindergarten during the Sunday Service.

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

Denomination Affiliation: Independent Baptist
Address: 2890 N Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-12pm
Contact Information: Phone (970) 249-

6874; email at info@vbcmontrose.org; website: vbcmontrose.org
Current Pastor: Roland Kassales
Worship Service Times: Sunday School at 9:30am, Sunday AM Service at 10:30am, Sunday PM Service at 6pm, Wednesday Night Service at 6:30pm (all services include childcare)

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

Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

MONTROSE-As a way of serving the faith community in Montrose, the Montrose Mirror is in the process of establishing a Church Directory.

If your congregation or fellowship would like to be included in the directory, please supply the following information to the

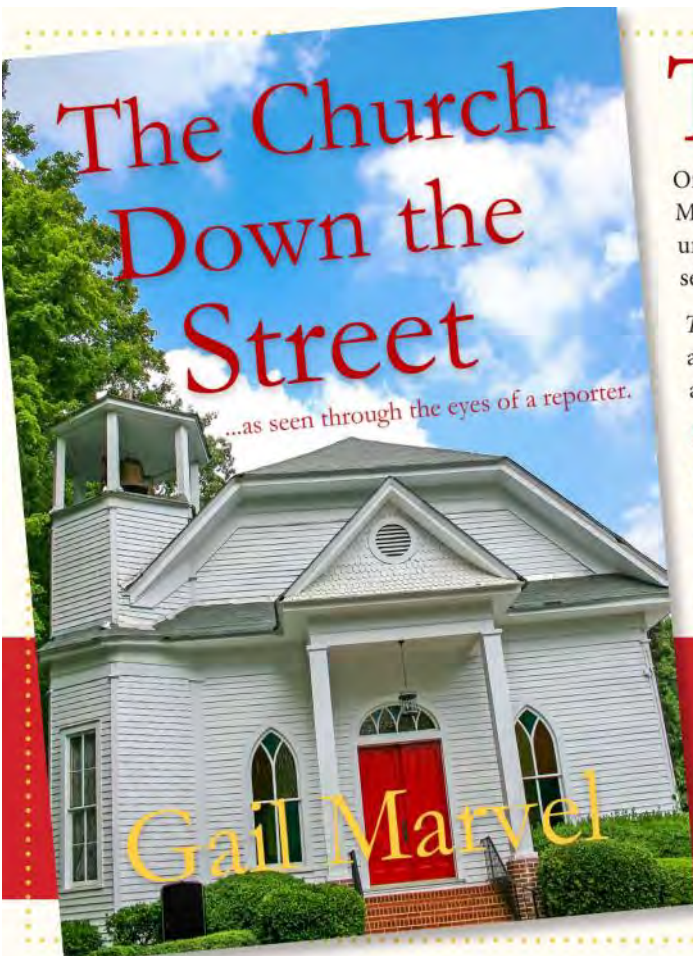
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- Name of church
- Denomination affiliation
- Address
- Office hours
- Contact information (phone number, email address, website)
- Name of current Senior Pastor
- Worship service times

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

Please give a one or two sentence description of your current church demographics (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles).

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?



The Church Down the Street, published pre-COVID, peers into the worship services of more than 70 churches, some of which have a weekly attendance of less than 10.

Organized in a topical format (Hospitality, Program & Source Material, Music, Meditations & Invitations, and The Message), the author uses an unbiased approach to allow readers to experience the worship service as seen through the eyes of a reporter.

The Church Down the Street contains anecdotes and stories from the actual worship services and asks thought-provoking questions that allow readers to draw their own conclusions.

Readers will:

- See strengths and weaknesses in the worship service
- Re-evaluate hospitality toward visitors
- Become more aware of source material used in the worship service
- Compare and contrast music presentations and selections
- Discern the value and content of the sermon.

Gail Marvel's book, *The Church Down the Street*, is available online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [wingedpublications.com](https://www.wingedpublications.com).

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Montrose Author & Reporter



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RIDGWAY OLD WEST FEST LOOKING FOR COSTUMED CHARACTERS, SINGERS AND POETS

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RIDGWAY-The Ridgway Old West Fest returns to Ridgway Sept. 24-26 for a fun-filled weekend jam-packed with rides, tours, a music concert, lectures, movies and even a wild west show.

A highlight of the festival will be a Western heroes and villains look-alike contest and the winner will receive a \$100 check. "We had a great contest last time and those who told a little bit about their character and something about their costume impressed the crowd the most," said Ed Bovy of the Ridgway Western Heritage Society.

"There will be an open mic karaoke session plus an open mic cowboy poetry/Western music session and we encourage the public to participate," he said.

Go to the festival website <http://www.ridgwayoldwestfest.org> to purchase tickets or see the complete schedule of events.

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LIVE MUSIC ROUNDUP-WEEK OF AUG. 16

By Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher

Cruiser's Bar, Grand Junction (Horizon Drive):

- Friday, Aug. 20, 9:30 PM – Greg Hoy
Grand Mesa Arts & Events Center, Cedaredge:

- Friday, Aug. 20, 4 – 7 PM – Sinners & Saints

Horsefly Brewery:

- Wednesday, Aug. 18, 5:30 PM – Open Mic Night with Donny Morales

Mad Russian Brewing – Olathe:

- Friday, Aug. 13, 7 PM – Paul Chamberlain

Mesa Theater, Grand Junction:

- Monday, Aug. 16, 8 PM – Black Stone Cherry

- Wednesday, Aug. 18, 7:30 PM – DEICIDE w/ Kataklysm

- Thursday, Aug. 19, 7 PM – Suenatron

- Sunday, Aug. 22, 8 PM – Otherwise w/ Heartsick Heroine

Montrose Summer Music Series, @Elks Lodge:

- Friday, Aug. 20, 5 PM – John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band w/ The Last Spike

Palisade Peach Festival, Riverbend Park:

- Friday, Aug. 20, 3 - 9 PM – Union of None, Quicksand Soup, Mile High Groove

- Saturday, Aug. 21, 10 AM – 8 PM – Time + Richard, Lincoln Pants Band, Dead Cowboyz, Still House String Band, Soul Habit.

Poulos Park, Paonia:

• Sunday, Aug. 22, 2 – 4 PM – Lorian Bartle

Silverton Summer Sounds, Silverton:

- Friday, Aug. 20, 6 PM – Alan Booradley & The Neighborhood Improvement Association /w The High Terrain

Storm King Distillery:

- Thursday, Aug. 21, 6 PM – Cousin Curtiss

Upstairs at Precedence:

- Friday, Aug. 20, 4 PM – Swing City Express

- Saturday, Aug. 21, 7 PM – Little Giant

Warehouse 25sixty-five, Grand Junction:

- Friday, Aug. 20, 7 PM – Dave Fenley w/ The Sean Moon Band

- Saturday, Aug. 21, 7 PM – Randall King

Ouray County Performing Arts Guild

2021 Dave and Mary Wood Concert Series

Max is Back! A Weekend of San Juan Chamber Music

Friday, August 20, 2021 - Max Levinson in Concert

Saturday, August 21, 2021

Max Levinson, Harumi Rhodes and Alice Yoo in Concert



Max Levinson
Piano



Harumi Rhodes
Violin



Alice Yoo
Cello

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Ridgway State Park Summer Program Series:

(Indoor programs have masks available and large opened double doors in the back for those that wish to sit outdoors).



Friday August 20th, 7:30pm

Ouray Mountain Rescue Team!

Join us for an evening learning about the history of OMRT and about their current operations

(Visitor Center, Dutch Charlie entrance)



Saturday August 21st, 8:30 – 11:00am

Take Me Fishing!!

Kids, join us for some fun fishing at the ponds! Free poles, bait, and volunteers to help provided.

(Fishing ponds, Pa-Cho-Chu-Puk entrance)



Saturday August 21st, 7:30pm

Ghost Towns of the San Juans!

Presented by Bob McCulloch. Enjoy a photographic journey to some amazing ghost towns of the area.

(Visitor Center, Dutch Charlie entrance)



Sunday, August 22nd, 8:30-10:00am

Nature Detectives: Elk!

Look at a pelt, skull, and tracks then make your own elk book to take home!

(Elk Ridge Camper Services building deck, Dutch Charlie entrance)



Sunday August 22nd, 2:30 – 5:30pm

Touch Tables: Insects!

(Swim Beach picnic/shower area)



SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

ONGOING-

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.)

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the PIC Place 5:30-7pm. Please call Kathy at 520-282-9060 for more information.

MONTROSE FARMERS' MARKET -Saturdays from 9 am-1 pm.. **Location:** Montrose Centennial Plaza . 81401 **Cost:** Free to attend.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY-Registration now open for Sept 2021 - Apr 2022 COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY, an international nondenominational Bible study. Studying Revelation Sep 2021-Jan 2022 and Christian Living (1,2,3 John, Jude & Philemon) Feb-Apr 2022. In person for women and children of all ages on Wednesday mornings 9-11. Virtual/Zoom for women Thursday evenings 6-7:15. Contact 720-635-0091 to register or for more information. Or come to our first meeting Wed., Sep. 8, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1840 E. Niagara St., Montrose, at 9AM.

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

Aug. 17-Country Rocker FC Westcott and his band the Aficionados bring his unique traditional, yet hard driving country sound to Music in the Grapevines in Grand Junction on Tuesday, Aug. 17. Arrive early with lawn chairs and perhaps a picnic dinner or appetizers for an evening in the shadow of Colorado National Monument. Wine is available for purchase. Gates open at 6 pm, music at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance at the Winery, The Art Center (7th & Orchard) and online at artcenterguild.org. All proceeds benefit the Art Center of Western Colorado.

Aug. 17-Tuesday. 1-4 pm. "Let It Flow, Intuitive Alcohol Ink Painting." With Jana Adams. At Montrose Center for the Arts.

Link for Register Online: <https://mc4arts.com/product/08-17-21-class-adams-let-it-flow-alcohol-ink-painting/>

Aug. 17-Tues. Aug. 17. Let It Flow, Alcohol Ink Painting. With Jana Adams. Materials Provided. \$40.

Aug. 18-History Wednesday: noon- 2 pm. Brown Bag lunch. With Zilla May Brown, *History of Montrose*. FREE

Aug. 18-Wednesday. Noon-2 pm. Doors 11:30. "History of Montrose." With ZillaMay Brown.At Montrose Center for the Arts. Link for Register Online: <https://mc4arts.com/product/08-08-21-program-zilla-may-brown-history-of-montrose/>

Aug. 20-21-A weekend of San Juan Chamber Music. On Friday, Aug. 20, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. *Max is Back! A Weekend of San Juan Chamber Music*. Max Levinson in Solo Piano Concert. Tickets \$20, \$5 Students (18 years and under). Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray. OCPAG.org. On Saturday, Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m. – *Max is Back! A Weekend of San Juan Chamber Music* Max Levinson, Piano, Harumi Rhodes, Violin and Alice Yoo, Cello Tickets \$20 adults, \$5 students (18 years and under). Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray. OCPAG.org

Aug.21-Sat., Aug 21. 193 pm/ Summer Leaf Painting Clay Soap Dishes. 1-3 pm. Materials Provided. René Fisher. \$10. [Register online](#).

Aug. 24-11 a.m. to11 p.m. The Community Tap Night fundraising event for the League of Women Voters of the Uncompahgre Valley will be at Horsefly Brewing Company in Montrose from opening until closing on Tuesday, Aug. 24, when \$1 will be donated to us for every beverage ordered. Come enjoy drinks (non-alcoholic too!) on the large outdoor patio. A coupon is needed to be used when ordering to track fundraising dollars. [Register Now](#)

Aug. 26-Saturday, Aug. 26. 9 am-2 pm. Plein Air Painting with Barbara Kendrick. There is a fee. [Register online](#) at mc4arts.com (under events) or call 970-787-9428.

Aug. 26-Potluck Program – Potluck-Earlier this month Sasha Jacobo, a Food Security Coordinator with the Valley Food Partnership, taught us about simple and creative ways to incorporate vegan cooking into everyday life. You will have an opportunity to practice those skills at this potluck. Share a healthy vegan dish you've prepared, and sample other peoples' meals, at this event! It will take place at MADA on Thursday, Aug. 26, at 7pm. Email Taylor, at tevans@montroselibrary.org, for more information.

Aug.28-NEWCOMERS and NEIGHBORS group Get Together and Potluck. We are a local Montrose group who welcomes adults who have recently moved here or have been here awhile and would like to learn more about the area and participate in social activities. We are initiating our 2021-22 season with our first in person potluck event at Lions Park Clubhouse. Come at 11:30 and contact Kathy at (303-919-8741) to let her know what side dish you would like to bring. Chicken, tea, lemonade, and water provided.

Aug. 28-The Montrose High School Class of 1976 will be holding a 45th class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021. Festivities will start at 2pm in the Backyard of the Montrose Elks Lodge, 801 S. Hillcrest Dr. Dinner will be at 5pm by Serving Grace-Catering. Dinner reservations will be \$25 per person. We invite members of other MHS classes, former faculty and staff members to join us. Contact LeAnna Edmonson Spadafora 970-209-3374 or Tracy Allies Harrison 970-249-1418 or check out our FB page "76" for more information.

Aug. 28-Saturday. 9 am -5 pm. Plein Air Painting with Barbara Kendrick. At Montrose Center for the Arts.

Link for Register Online: <https://mc4arts.com/product/08-28-21-class-kendrick-plein-air-paint/>

Aug. 29-6th Annual Log Hill Hustle 5K/10K Walk/Run, Aug. 29, 2021 8am. Fundraiser to benefit Ridgway Area Students. For details and to register for the race go to fortunatierra.com

Aug. 31-Tuesday. 1-4 pm. "Let It Flow, Intuitive Alcohol Ink Painting." With Jana Adams. At Montrose Center for the Arts.

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Sept. 4-The 2021 Montrose Wine & Food Festival, presented by Alpine Bank, is back! Join us Saturday Sept. 4 from 1-4 p.m. at the Montrose County Event Center (1036 N. 7th St.) All proceeds from the event benefit the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club (BCBGC). Tickets and sponsorships are available online at wine.blackcanyontickets.com. Tickets are \$65 and include an event glass. For more information on the BCBGC, visit www.bcbgc.org. For more information on the Festival, visit www.montrosewinefestival.com

Sept. 11-Praise Him ministries is proud to announce Grammy® winner, Chris Tomlin will headline Rise Up on September 11th.

Rise Up, hosted by Praise Him Ministries is bringing together some of the most popular Christian Bands: Chris Tomlin, Danny Gokey, & Jordan Feliz for a night of praise and worship on the Western Slope. The event will be held at the Amphitheater as Las Colonias Park in Grand Junction. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. with the event starting at 5 p.m. Tickets are now on sale to the public. phmtickets.com.

Sept. 12-Valley Food Partnership Harvest Feast at Storm King Mountain Ranch. For more information or to buy tickets call 970-249-0705 or visit www.valleyfoodpartnership.org.

Sept. 17-7-8:30 pm. Piano Concert with Deb Barr. Montrose Methodist Church. TICKETS \$20.

Contact the Montrose Mirror:
970-275-0646

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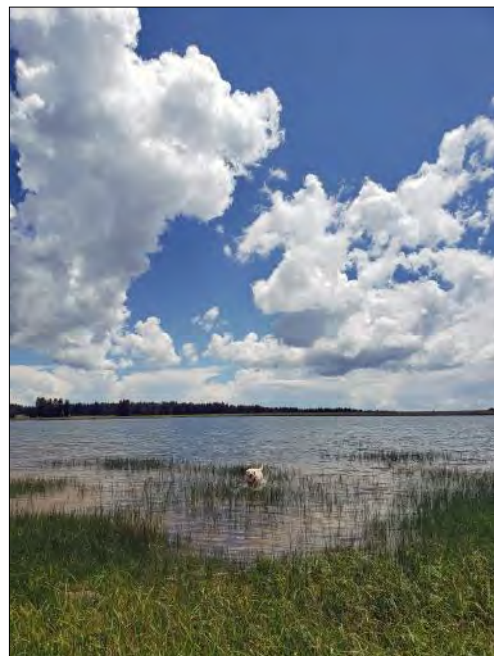
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