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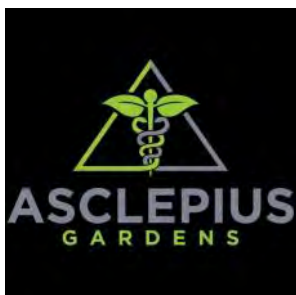
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CITY ACQUIRES FORMER BULLOCK POWER PLANT, LOOKS AT GRANT APPLICATION

This week's agendas include District Boundary Adjustments, First Reading of Budget Ordinance



Montrose City Council will consider a USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant Application to clean up the former Bullock Power Plant, above, which the City acquired Oct. 11.

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will meet for a work session (10am) and a special meeting (Noon) on Monday, Nov. 1. Council will convene for a regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 2 (6pm).

WORK SESSION

Discussion items will include:

-City Council District Boundary Adjustment Options

Council will review the GIS Department's scenarios for boundary districts.

Background-A memo from City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo states, "Following up from the Oct. 18 work session discussion, GIS Coordinator Eric

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DMEA BRINGS MORE TRANSPARENCY TO THE TABLE

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Oct. 26, 2021 Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors meeting, held in the Black Canyon Board Room, was called to order at 3 p.m. DMEA co-op members are afforded an opportunity to speak during Member Comments, which is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Seven board members were present in person; Attorney Jeff Hurd appeared virtually. Also in attendance were a number of guest/members who are considering running for the two DMEA board vacancies on the nine-member board.

During meetings the board of directors hears verbal summary reports of their monthly meetings and activities. In the

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The Oct. 26 DMEA meeting included a number members who are potential candidates for the two vacant seats on the Board of Directors. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL GHOST WALK AND BAR CRAWL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose County Historical Society Museum wants to announce our highly successful Ghost Walk program held last weekend with three tours of the historic buildings in Montrose and the rumored supernatural occurrences connected with each.

This year saw the addition of our first annual Halloween Ghost walk and Bar Crawl event stopping at the Precedence on Main Street with stories told by John and Jordon Carlton, 2 Ras-cals Brewery and Lori Veo, and finishing at Storm King Distillery and Greg Fishing providing a tour of the Potato Growers Building. Each added great information to the event and the Halloween season.

The Society looks forward to hosting the Bar Crawl event next year and adding more stops as well as ghost stories to the walk. We will continue the usual historic walks as well. Follow us on Facebook and our website for information about these historic town tours and other events planned for 2022.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

TEACH HOW TO THINK, NOT WHAT TO THINK

Dear Editor:

I do not remember a political party presenting a slate of candidates for school board positions; I would never vote for any of them regardless of party....let me guess if there's an agenda included in this trio.....a) no sex education to be taught, b) eliminate slave history from American history classes, c) remove controversial literature from English classes, i.e. Shakespeare, W. Faulkner, Hemingway, Hardy, Twain, Thoreau, Fitzgerald, Aristotle, Socrates....etc. d) bring some religious commentary into literary/history reading/ discussions...Just a guess.

I'm retired from Montrose High School and the English faculty of which I was part would have resisted any pressure or attempt to teach to the whims of a school board who had an agenda that included censorship or religion. We, as teachers, attempted to teach how to think, not what to think; my hope is that that philosophy continues among our current faculty.

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PLAN TO ATTEND THE WEST SLOPE WATER SUMMIT NOV. 16

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MONTROSE-To help the community better understand and protect water as a natural resource, the West Slope Water Summit will be held from 10 am to 3 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at the Montrose County Events Center. The event center is located at 1036 North 7th Street adjacent to the

Montrose County Fairgrounds. The summit is a free event and is open to the public. Organizers encourage the general public to attend.

Regional water experts will lead discussions ranging from water reserves to forecasts as well as responsible planning for the future.

To register, visit: westslopewater-summit.com.

Lunch will be provided. The event is sponsored by Montrose County, Uncompahgre Valley Water User's Association, the Colorado River District and the Ouray County Water Users Association.

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CPW TO REMOVE MANDATORY FISHING CLOSURE ON YAMPA RIVER



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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS - Beginning Monday, CPW will lift the mandatory fishing closure on the 0.6-mile section of the Yampa River downstream of Stagecoach Reservoir dam.

The closure was initially put in place on May 24 to protect fish as a result of sub-optimal flow conditions.

"Stream flow has stabilized at 40 cfs downstream of the dam and all indications are that this will be the case through the spring," said CPW Senior Aquatic Biologist Lori Martin. "If there are changing conditions during the upcoming winter, we may need to consider another fishing closure. We appreciate the continued patience and understanding of anglers during this difficult water year in the northwest portion of Colorado."

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NEW VALLEY FOOD PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CULTIVATING FARMERS AND RANCHERS WHO THRIVE

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REGIONAL-In 2021, Valley Food Partnership (VFP), a non-profit located in Montrose, applied for a USDA Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program Grant as part of its mission to create a network of food and added cost producers

and build a vibrant and strong food system across the Uncompahgre Valley and the Western Slope.

In August 2021, VFP was awarded a three-year grant to start a new project, in partnership with Holistic Management International, focused on providing new farm-

ers and ranchers with holistic management, water conservation, and soil health training along with mentorship and internship opportunities with local experienced farmers and support with land access. This program was officially announced by USDA- NIFA Oct. 27, 2021.

The Cultivating Farmers and Rancher that Thrive (CFRT) Program is committed to helping Hispanic, low-income, veterans, and specialty crop producers find a place in agriculture. These populations often find it hard to break into the business and we are committed to help remove barriers of entry.

The CFRT Program will consist of 11 classes with participants able to apply for mentorship and internship placements. CFRT will also give participants access to the Western Slope Food and Farm Forum, other special events, and several farm and ranch tours throughout the year.

Valley Food Partnership and CFRT understand that access to land can be a large barrier to entry and as part of the program, they will work with landowners and other entities to help secure land access for participants. Cultivating Farmers and Ranchers that Thrive is currently searching for someone to help facilitate this as well as coordinate evaluation on the CFRT Program, in collaboration with CSU Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, as a Project Specialist.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the CFRT Program please contact the Program Director at cal-ly@valleyfoodpartnership.org. For more information about our Project Specialist position please email penelope@valleyfoodpartnership.org.

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LATE RUN ALLOWS KOKANEE SALMON GIVEAWAY FOR DOLORES

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DOLORES – A relatively strong, late run of kokanee salmon out of McPhee Reservoir up the Dolores River will allow Colorado Parks and Wildlife to conduct a fish giveaway day at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4 at Joe Rowell Park on the west side of Dolores.

Fish quantities for the giveaway will be determined by the number of kokanee collected by CPW staff during spawning operations as well as the number of people in line. To be eligible for the giveaway, a 2021 Colorado fishing license must be presented. Up to four youth may receive kokanee if accompanied by a license-holding adult.

Those interested in receiving kokanee should bring their own small cooler or other container. Most of the kokanee are 10 to 13 inches in size. The giveaway will begin promptly at 3 p.m., so those interested should get in line earlier.

CPW also will conduct three giveaways at the boat ramp at Lake Nighthorse in Durango at 3 p.m. Nov. 5, 12 and 19. Parking will begin no earlier than 2 p.m. each day. Those giveaways also will start promptly at 3 p.m. There is no giveaway this year at Vallecito Reservoir.

Kokanee are a freshwater, land-locked Pacific sockeye salmon. Though not a native fish to Colorado, they are well suited to Colorado's large reservoirs. The tasty fish can be filleted and are easy to prepare.

For more information on kokanee and for details on legal snagging of kokanee across Colorado, go to: <https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Fishing/Kokanee-Regulations-Giveaways-Flyer.pdf>

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NORWOOD-San Miguel County is investing in the Wright's Mesa community with the completion of the Sheriff's Office Annex at 1110 Summit Street in Norwood. The facility was built as a 100-year building and though it won't be open to the public full-time to start, it has been constructed to grow with the needs of the community. Sheriff's Office staff will now have more space for administrative and service functions to better serve the public in the west end. Office hours begin in November with administrative staff opening from 8 am to 4 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The public may also call 970-728-4442 to make an appointment outside of these hours or email records@sanmiguelsheriff.org.

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- We have a small variety of seedlings for sale, however due to construction delays it will be next year before we will have large inventory of vegetable plants available for retail or sales of 4-pack seedlings and mature vegetable plants for sale to the home gardener.
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CITY ACQUIRES FORMER BULLOCK POWER PLANT, LOOKS AT BROWNFIELDS GRANT

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Svensen will review the procedures used for previous redistricting processes...Svensen will also present boundary adjustment options for discussion. If a consensus is reached to proceed with a viable option, an ordinance will be prepared for first reading on Nov. 16 and adoption on Dec. 7. Included in the packet are the current City Council district map and six options. The total population according to the 2020 Census is 20,293, which sets a target of 5,073 per district. Each map shows the count per district and the deviation from the target number."

-Land Exchange & Development Agreement - City of Montrose & Stryker and Company

Background-A memo from City Manager Bill Bell states the City of Montrose will consider, "...entering into a development agreement with Stryker & Company, Inc. to facilitate relocation and development of Stryker & Company, Inc. headquarters to include a 3,000 SF commercial office and shop facility to house 13 administrative employees within the City of Montrose... Stryker & Company, Inc. is seeking additional space to grow their team and commercial construction company...they are seeking a new location that provides for a better, more consolidated office with room to expand. The City-owned 1.3 acre parcel located on Air Park Way is well suited for this growth. Stryker & Company, Inc.

would like to trade the City for a 1.2-acre parcel that they own located off Chipeta Drive and overlooking Chipeta Lake."

-Hub at Montrose Crossing Development Agreement

Background-A memo from City Manager Bill Bell notes that the City of Montrose will consider "...entering into a development agreement with 1890 Homestead, LLC to facilitate development of the Hub at Montrose Crossing's first phase to include 160 market-rate rental apartment units within the City of Montrose."

The Development Agreement is included in the work session packet.

-DOLA Planning Grant Application for Housing Needs Assessment

Council will consider a Resolution in support of a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) planning grant application.

-USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant Application

Council will consider a Resolution in support of the USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant Application, to be used to clean up the former Bullock Power Plant at 326 Water Avenue, which the City acquired on Oct. 11, 2021.

COUNCIL MEETING

Ordinance 2567-First reading

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2567 on first reading, providing and appropriating funds for defraying the expenses and liabilities of the City of Mont-

rose, Colorado, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022.

Resolution 2021-23

Council will consider Resolution 2021-23, repealing and replacing Chapters 3-1, 3-2, and 3-3 of the City of Montrose Regulations Manual and updating the fee schedule.

Ordinance 2568-First Reading

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2568, repealing Title 6 Chapter 1 Section 26 (6-1-26) only, regarding loitering.

Ordinances 2565 and 2566-Second Reading

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2565, for annexation of the McCracken Addition, as well as Ordinance 2566 on second reading, zoning the McCracken Addition as a B-3 General Commercial District.

Ordinance 2569, First Reading

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2569 on first reading, amending the zoning designation of a portion of Parcel #3767-202-00-907, from P, Public District, to B-3, General Commercial District.

2021 Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and County

Council will consider approving the IGA between the City and County of Montrose, pertaining to the development of land surrounding the City.

Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.



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DMEA BRINGS MORE TRANSPARENCY TO THE TABLE

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past, neither the co-op membership nor the media had access to the written and financial reports submitted for board approval; however, at this meeting, staff gave detailed PowerPoint presentations for the Construction Audit, Operating Budget, Capital Budget, and Financial Report with Variance Report. This new element of transparency allowed attendees to see spread sheets and listen as line items were explained and discussed freely.

The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening meeting prayer, determination of a quorum and approval of the consent agenda (Membership Report and approval of minutes from the Sept. 2021 Regular Board Meeting).

Board Committee Items

Finance – Audit – Rate Committee (FAR) – Ken Watson, Chair.

Watson said, “On October 19th we had a good meeting. We went through the Construction Audit findings, highlighted areas where we performed well, and places for improvements. The staff did a detailed response on items. The Operating Budget for 2022 is being reviewed for big commercial, the mine is difficult to forecast; Cyber Security and Vegetation Management. There are changes in the budget for pre and post COVID. The Elevate budget, many related to grants, some are in motion and some we’re looking into. The committee recommends both for full approval.”

The Capital Budget committee discussion included substations, storage and security, covered parking and review of grants. Watson said, “The committee recommends full approval.”

In the area of bad debt, Watson said, “It continues to decline. It is an ongoing discussion to reduce our bad debt, which was complicated by COVID. We anticipate bad debt to continue to go down.”

Staff presented the Construction Audit, for both DMEA and Elevate. Seven audit areas were looked at using three steps: Observation, Recommendation and DMEA

Response.

DMEA Operating Budget – Summary

Category-Requested \$Amount

Revenue \$74,271,733
Purchased Power (37,998,727)
System Wide (14,248,519)
Hydro (Drops 1&3) (998,761)
CEO/HR/Safety (1,142,200)
IT/OT (852,580)
Operations (1,887,865)
Engineering (198,000)
Power Supply (163,500)
Marketing/Member Relations (653,000)
Finance & Accounting (273,000)
Labor (Expensed) (11,676,394)

Net Margins 4,179,187

Budget Risks:

Continued COVID impacts/uncertainty
West Elk usage
Property tax increases
Transmission pricing
Territory wildfire
Energy Markets
Energy Prices which contained seven observations, recommendations and responses

Discussion included:

CEO Alyssa Roberts said, “There is \$97,300 for Cyber Security. It’s under IT. Tree trimming is up in expense, \$935,000. We don’t want to gloss over it, it’s a significant expense.” Roberts also noted that a vacancy in the Member Service Department will be open and there will be an opening for a Communication Specialist in January 2022.

Bill Patterson said, “There is a huge amount of money for fiber expense, \$120 M over a 10–12-year period. We thought we would have cash flow in five-years. We have gone beyond that in performance in cost and return. I believe we have done really well. That did not include the Tri State buyout. We are doing very well with where we are in making it happen.”

Kyle Martinez said, “In the Capital Budget and the Operations Budget we have been very conservative.”

Damon Lockhart said, “The tree trimming is good to get ahead of. I appreciate the focus on that, the fire mitigation.”



DMEA meetings appear to be more transparent under the leadership of new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Alyssa Roberts. Photo by Gail Marvel.

Roberts said, “I’m proud of the staff for the budget process.”

Construction Audit – Approved unanimously.

Operating Budget - Approved unanimously.

Capital Budget - Approved unanimously.

Engineering – Construction – Energy Services Committee (ECES) – Stacia Cannon, Chair.

Cannon said, “We did not meet. We are scheduled for November 22nd.”

Member Relations – Energy Services

Committee – Bill Patterson, Chair.

Patterson said, “We did not meet. The next scheduled meeting is November 15th.”

Executive Committee – Kyle Martinez, Chair.

Martinez said, “Our next meeting is November 1st to review [board] candidate applications.”

To date, with four days remaining, DMEA has received 12 applications for two board vacancies. At their Nov. 1 meeting they will do the initial review of candidate applications and then interviews will be scheduled.

Financial Report with Variance Report – Andy Penfield, Controller and Acting CFO.

Penfield reported on financial margins, Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, cash flows, available credit and cash on hand.

CEO Report - Alyssa Roberts, CEO.

Roberts said, “We have hired a new CFO

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DMEA BRINGS TRANSPARENCY TO THE TABLE From previous pg

[Chief Financial Officer]. She is very seasoned and we will be issuing a press release soon. The COO [Chief Operating Officer] position was posted yesterday. Member Appreciation Day was successful. We fed 600 members in Montrose and 500 members in Read."

September 2021 System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) - Alyssa Roberts, CEO.

Roberts said, "We are consistently staying below other co-ops."

Non-Privileged Legal Report - Jeff Hurd, Attorney.

Responding virtually, Hurd touched briefly on regulatory and environmental issues, net meters, and the FERC proposed settlement. He said, "I'll save the rest of my report for Executive Session."

WUES Report (Western United Electrical Association) - Damon Lockhart.

Lockhart said, "I continue to be amazed. Tons of sales, breaking records month over month. There are back orders on transformers and they may be limited by the ability to get supplies. Co-ops may need to look at options for other transformers."

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

Lockhart said, "I attended two classes and learned a lot. Our dues are going up \$6,000, a five percent increase. It's typical cost of service. They are going to hire a new attorney. It will give a bigger presence this year. A little swing in the focus and more on legislative."

Patterson said, "My observation is that CREA is becoming much more friendly to DMEA. I feel they are in a position to help us a lot. They are no longer just a Tri State organization...Tri State ran CREA. I don't see that now."

ReConnect Grant Agreement and DACA Resolutions

The ReConnect Grant is a \$10.5 M grant with long-term commitments for infrastructure projects. The over a year-and-a-half process is at the finish line. The grant will allow 261 miles of fiber buildout from Delta south to Olathe, which will serve 2,410 premises. Roberts said, "Eighty-five farms are being connected out of this." Resolution 2021-35 was approved unanimously.

Future Meetings

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Nov. 16.

Member Comments 5 P.M.

There were no member comments.

Background: On Oct. 21, 2021 the board held a Special Meeting and went into Executive Session with the single agenda item, "Potential Litigation Matter".

Summary report from the Oct. 21 Executive Session:

All the board members were present aside from Director Bill Patterson who recused himself. After exiting the Executive Session, Resolution 2021-34, regarding a potential litigation matter, was passed.

During the regular Oct. 26 meeting, just prior to going into Executive Session, Patterson asked Attorney Hurd if he should recuse himself now. Hurd said, "Not now, but for the last item on the agenda [Litigation Matter]."

Executive Session

- Privileged Legal Report: Privileged Corporate, Litigation, and Regulatory Matters
- Power Supply Update
- Board Self-Evaluations
- CEO Evaluation
- Litigation Matter

Summary Following Executive Session

In an email Executive Assistant Amy Taylor provided a summary of action taken following the Executive Session:

"At 4:45 p.m., upon motion from Director Lockhart, seconded by Director Fleming, the board unanimously entered into executive session to address: a privileged legal report regarding privileged corporate, litigation, and regulatory matters; a power supply update; board self-evaluations; and the CEO evaluation process. At 6:06 p.m., upon motion from Director Patterson, seconded by Director Cannon, the board unanimously exited executive session.

At 6:06 p.m., upon motion from Director Fleming, seconded by Director Lockhart, the board unanimously re-entered executive session to address a litigation matter at, which point, Director Patterson excused himself.

At 6:14 p.m., upon motion from Director Watson, seconded by Director Fleming, the board unanimously exited executive session.

With no further matters to address, the board adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m."

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

OUR CHILDREN DESERVE BETTER THAN THIS

Editor:

I was disturbed to receive a postcard from a kindergartner from Ridgway Elementary recently. This little girl begged us to vote for 4A and 4B in Ouray County, then signed her name in a crooked pen. At the age of 5, it is doubtful she understands what she was signing. I always thought the point of a good education was to present all sides of a story in order to give students the skills to research on their own -- so they can make up their own minds based on that research. Must we take precious young hearts and place this kind of political burden on them when they are simply trying to learn their ABC's and how to socialize with other children? Ridgway Schools: If you want to ask people to vote for these measures, use sound information and speak as adults to adults. Putting kids in the middle is never wise, whether in this kind of situation or in a divorce situation, for instance. Prove to

us that you are being fiscally responsible. Texting our phones, uninvited, and using school children to manipulate your hopeful outcome is unconscionable and quite frankly, abusive to both students and citizens.

I wonder how our children will remember this event and how it will affect their future voting decisions. If the measures don't pass, they will be disappointed and think that adults don't care about them. This narrative will encumber, confuse and enslave them as they grow. Rather, if adults would place a priority on protecting their childhoods and their hearts, they might be able to grow up in an environment where they are allowed to think and discern well. We need more thinkers, not more engineered, unauthentic, fabricated souls who rubber stamp whatever they have been spoon-fed to believe. We need kids who can grow up without losing the ability to reason on

their own.

Imagine if children were given all of the facts (at an age where they could process these facts.) They might learn that schools need to learn to budget more carefully for big ticket items, just like the rest of humans must. Ridgway Schools? Your wrongful actions against these children certainly are not providing an appropriate education, and for that, I am grieved deep within my heart.

Our children deserve better than this.

Our citizens deserve better than this, too. It appears that homeschooling or carefully-chosen private schools may be the last bastion of a good education. I would suggest if you don't want your kids to be manipulated in a certain political agenda that you take steps to avoid this kind of mental manipulation of these young ones.

Dei Gratia,

K. Bergman, Montrose

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

MARXIST LEFT HAS GAINED CONTROL OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Editor:

Democrats are blatantly lying to Americans and telling us we are crazy if we believe our own eyes. What they are doing is far beyond “spin”, which has long been the left’s mode of operation whenever they wanted to do a clever sales job on the public in order to keep certain facts from them. Because they know they are losing and have nothing to offer the American people, they are now resorting to open oppression, intimidation, and distortion of reality.

The DOJ failed to notice, much less prosecute, those “mostly peaceful” Antifa / BLM “protesters” that murdered people and burned down our cities this past year, but parents objecting to actual, objectionable facts at school board meetings are now domestic terrorists worthy of Patriot Act prosecution according to Biden’s attorney general. (Don’t these parents understand that they are inciting insurrection by carrying signs that say “I don’t co-parent with the government?” Some are even chanting “Let’s go Brandon!”)

As the US pullout from Afghanistan turned into an unmitigated disaster, Biden disappeared --- resurfacing later to claim it was an enormous “success”. Inflation is now killing the working class and fixed income senior citizens due to Biden’s crazy economic policies. Higher prices result in an economic slowdown while inflation persists, resulting in “stagflation”, a disaster last achieved under Jimmy Carter.

Biden’s blatant lies: His trillion-dollar spending will cost zero. The enormous tax increases will only affect billionaires. And, inflation is just a temporary blip. He did speak the truth when he stated “I don’t have a near term answer” (to the 61% increase in the price of crude oil during his tenure thus far as president).

Biden now wants another \$80 billion for the IRS to search everyone’s bank records so they can further target the left’s enemies. This is the same IRS that targeted political opponents under Obama/Biden and leaked tax data to the media to push the leftist agenda under Biden/Harris. Of course, the lie is that they want this to catch billionaire tax cheats. Right.

Has any president in the history of our Republic had such a destructive litany of failures so early in his tenure? Equally disgusting is the fact that we have Rhinos and pseudo-conservatives going along with the craziness.

Based on the MDP article of 10/20 on Marina Zimmerman, who is running against Rep. Lauren Boebert, I would place Zimmerman in this category. She accuses Boebert of being “mean-spirited”, a narrative Democrats like to use to describe Republicans who advocate free-market policies that result in high employment for the working class and oppose Democrat welfare state policies that result in poverty and government dependence for all. Zimmerman uses feel good talking points about “willingness to ... compromise” and

“work together with parties on both sides”. Sorry, but the time for going along to get along disappeared when the Marxist left gained control of the Democratic party. For example, why even consider budget bills so awful that if they’re passed, they will ruin the entire middle class of this country? How can you “cooperate” with an administration where a legitimate question is “Is it more worrisome that Biden might not be in charge, or that he actually is in charge?”

Zimmerman had no statements about the abject failures of the Biden administration or how she would counter his efforts to destroy this great nation. (Unlike Boebert, who we know will actually fight for our constitutional freedoms). Most bothersome were Zimmerman’s having swallowed the clever leftist lie that Critical Race Theory is a college elective not being taught in our schools. Any reasonably informed person realizes that yes, if you define CRT narrowly to mean the upper-level course taught at the college level, CRT is not being taught in our high schools. However, the most egregious elements of CRT (like if you are white you are an oppressor, and if you are black you are a victim) are most obviously being taught in schools across this country. For Zimmerman to be so wrong on a topic so important to parents black and white makes me question which party she plans on representing.

Ed Henrie, Montrose



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COLORADO STATE PATROL TROOPER TIPS: BUCKLE UP THE LITTLE ONES



By Master Trooper Gary Cutler

COLORADO-I talk a lot about seatbelts and how they save lives, and that is true. Using your seatbelt is quite simple, you grab the strap, pull it over you and click the buckle. It makes sure you survive in a crash. But when it comes to securing your little ones in car seats, they are often installed improperly.

It's really no fault of parents that child safety seats are not as secure as they should be. Today's car seats are complicated. That is why there is help out there for any parents, grandparents, or guardians that have young ones that need car seats or booster installation assistance. If you are unsure that the car seat is secured properly you can call any of our State Patrol offices located throughout the state. We have trained Troopers available to

assist you. There are also firemen that are trained in installation as well.

There are several ways the seats may be secured in your car. To secure the base of the car seat you may use the seatbelt to secure it to the vehicle or there are metal hooks that work the same way. There are also top tethers to help the stability of the seat from being moved forward during a crash. You want the seat so it doesn't move around during a crash or hard braking. If any part of the installation confuses you, don't hesitate to call one of the experts to help.

Now that you have it installed here are the requirements for your children as to which seat will be best for them. Which car seat you use and how to use it depends on two primary factors: how old the child is and how much the child weighs.

When your child is less than one year old and less than 20 lbs., they should be in a rear-facing seat in the back seat only.

Ages one-three and less than 20 lbs. they should be in a rear facing seat. 20-40 lbs. can be in a rear or forward-facing seat. Experts now want the child to be in a rear facing seat as long as possible.

Ages four-seven and 20-40 lbs. the child can be in a forward-facing seat or booster. Forty lbs. or more is the same rule.

Once your children are ages eight-15 and 40 lbs. or more they can move to a booster seat.

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

KEEP DOGS AWAY FROM WILDLIFE, CPW WARNS

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-Colorado Parks and Wildlife is issuing a warning that your dog chasing

wildlife is illegal and dog owners may be cited for it. The warning comes after two separate incidents in unincorporated

Jefferson County where dogs mortally wounded deer.

Dog owners can be cited for negligently allowing their dog to harass wildlife, which carries a \$274 fine, including surcharges. If a dog attack leads to the death of wildlife, the owner can be cited for illegal take. The fine associated with the illegal take would be \$959 for deer and \$1,370 for elk, including surcharges.

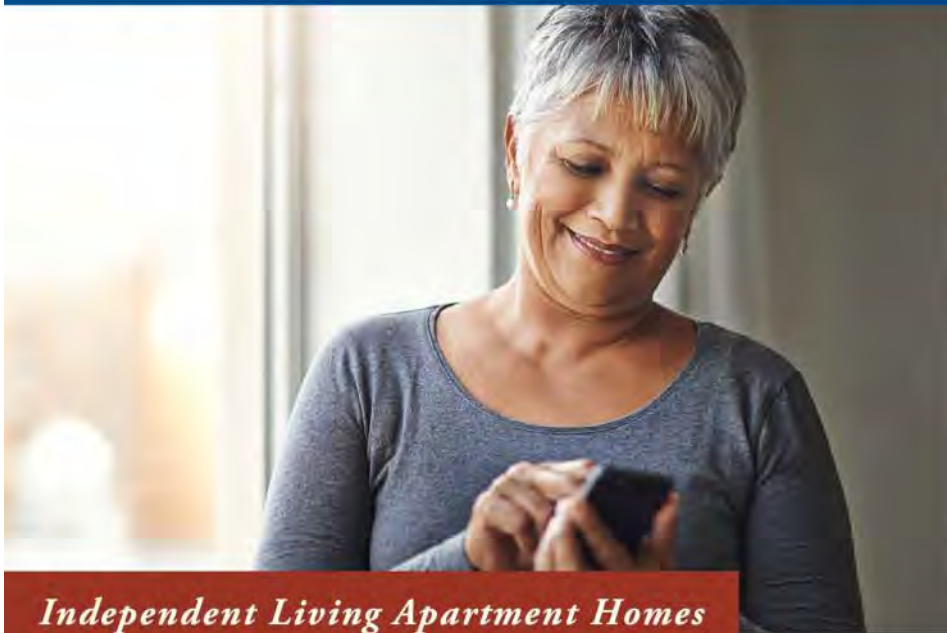
The two incidents in Jefferson County involved dogs mortally wounding doe (female) deer. In one of the incidents near Evergreen on Oct. 20, the dog owner was cited for both illegal take of the deer and for negligently allowing their dog to harass wildlife. The second incident also involved a dog mortally wounding a deer, but that dog and its owner have not been identified.

Dogs that chase wild animals can cause them extreme stress and injuries from bites. If that occurs in late winter, many big game animals susceptible to dog harassment are pregnant females. As they run to escape, deer and elk expend crucial energy that can lead to an increase in the mortality rate of the animals or their unborn calves and fawns.

Dogs that chase or harass wild animals are a serious concern any time of year; however, it is during wintertime when the consequences become more harmful for many big game animals.

Wildlife managers say that although it may be legal to let dogs run free in some recreation areas, they strongly recommend keeping pets on a leash whenever encounters with animals are likely. There have been at least four moose attacks this year in Colorado - three of which had dogs involved - that resulted in injuries to humans. To report any instance of dogs chasing wildlife, the public can call their local Colorado Parks and Wildlife office or Colorado State Patrol. CPW's Denver office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and can be reached at 303-291-7227. For more information about living with wildlife, please visit us online by [clicking here](#).

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SAVE A LIFE: PREVENTING YOUTH SUICIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Suicide is one of the most preventable of deaths. Yet, most of us do not know how to save a life like we might if someone experienced a heart attack or was choking in a restaurant. The Center for Mental Health (The Center) wants to change that and is partnering with the League of Women Voters for the Uncompahgre Valley to host a community presentation and discussion about preventing youth suicide in our community.

On Nov. 10, The Center will be joined by law enforcement and school leaders to discuss suicide in our community and how the community is working together to prevent youth suicides. The virtual webinar will start at 6pm and end at 7:15pm. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and get information about community resources.

According to Carol Howe from the League of Women Voters, "The League wants to help get information out about suicide prevention and the work in our local community to specifically reduce youth suicides. It is so important for all of us to learn how we can do our part to make our communities safer."

Registration for this event is optional and can be accessed at <https://centermhsuicideprevention.eventbrite.com>.

The ZOOM webinar can be accessed beginning at 5:45 pm on the 10th at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88265526297>. Or visit www.zoom.us/join, and enter the webinar id of 882 6552 6297.

Presenters at the forum include mental health professionals and leaders from our local law enforcement agencies and schools.

-Laura Byard, Clinical Director, The Center for Mental Health

-James Pavlich, Executive Director-Operations, Montrose County School District

-Matt Smith, Commander, Montrose Police Department

They will be presenting on suicide in our community and answering the questions:
-What leads to suicide?

-What is being done to prevent youth suicides in our community?

Suicide is one of the leading causes of death in the United States and it does not discriminate—people of all backgrounds, income levels and ages are affected. We will explore some of the reasons for the high rate of suicides in rural Colorado and across the Rocky Mountain West, while providing guidance on how to recognize warning signs and risk factors, and how to take action to prevent suicides.

In 2019 the Montrose County School District, The Center for Mental Health, and the Montrose Police Department collaborated to create a threat assessment team which, according to Pavlich, "works together to ensure that youth are appropriately assessed and matched to interventions to address the behavioral and other needs of the youth and their families. School staff cares about kids and recognizes that a single trusted adult in a kid's life can prevent self-harm and dramatically reduce the risk of harm towards others as well. We work with community partners to ensure that children are surrounded by the supports they need."

The Center believes that suicide is preventable and as your community mental health center, The Center is proud to provide a variety of resources and educational opportunities to support those who may be suffering, as well as those who are ready to help. According to Byard, "The Center has been a part of the threat assessment team from the start. The Center has responded to all youth who were identified to be at risk for suicide, and worked with the youth, their family and the schools to create a safety plan or to coordinate admission to crisis stabilization."

Commander Matt Smith from the Montrose Police Department emphasized, "This is a prevention-based model with lots of

collaborations between community stakeholders. It allows all of us to manage potential risks before they are acted upon, and in the end that saves lives."

In addition to the work with the schools, The Center has clinicians trained to treat clients who are experiencing thoughts of suicide and it partners with law enforcement to respond with mental health clinicians alongside law enforcement when necessary. The Center also provides classes for community members to learn how to recognize the warning signs and help family members, friends, and colleagues who may be experiencing a mental health crisis.

The Center maintains an outpatient office in Montrose at 605 E. Miami Road, an office in Ridgway at 112 Village Square West, #201, and a Delta outpatient office at 107 W. 11th Street. New clients can visit the Montrose or Delta Outpatient offices from 11am to 1pm, Monday through Friday, to get started with services.

In addition, The Center operates a local support line (970-252-6220), as well as the Crisis Walk-In Center at 300 N. Cascade Avenue in Montrose for urgent behavioral health situations. These resources are available 24/7, 365 days per year, and all clients are accepted at the Crisis Walk-In Center regardless of their ability to pay.

Break the stigma, talk about suicide, and learn how to be a resource for your community. Join our experts on November 10th to learn more about the work of in our schools to prevent youth suicide and to open the door to talking about preventing suicides in our broader community. For more information about the event, visit centermh.org/classes, or email events@centermh.org.

When: Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 6:00pm to 7:15pm

Where: ZOOM Webinar 882 6552 6297

Optional registration is available at:

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

THE MURA (MONTROSE URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY) PONZI SCHEME

Editor:

My golly! I am hearing cheering from the heavens! It seems that some 'leaders' that congregate in City Hall may have finally tumbled to the FINANCIAL ENSLAVEMENT that Bynum and Bell are attempting to hang around the necks of Montroseans for generations to come. The Bell and Bynum team want to 'pour all the money' they possibly can into MURA.

Maybe they both hope to slicker the citizens (based on how much they 'improved' Montrose) into electing them to higher office. Could be. Probably is.

Already being about 100% over the top of the pay scale for cities of 100,000 population our city manager is probably counting on a raise. I mean, he is so accomplished as wasting tax money he really should get more of it. All a contractor has to do to get more Montrose money is to cry and whine a "poor me" song and dance about prices going up. Why can't me or you cry like that and get our Public Safety Sales Tax on groceries to go away?

It is obvious that the MURA project will never repay the 12 plus millions of dollars already dumped into it. Apparently a fair number of MURA board members have returned to some semblance of consciousness and balked at continuing the profligate waste unnecessarily being poured into MURA's black hole. Congratulations, you are beginning to do the job that the public expects of elected office-holders and civil servants. Actually, I think that the public is so used to public servants wasting money especially here in Montrose that they sleep through it all.

In order to find enough cash to start the MURA five years ago our City Council drained some city accounts and borrowed \$4.8 million, at interest. That gave MURA \$10 million. Since then an additional two million dollars has been pushed into MURA. Is all of that money gone as well? After five years, nothing has been returned from MURA except requests for additional funds. There has been no repayment of the city funds. And based on URA's successes in Colorado, there never will be. The promissory notes MURA signed are unenforceable and signed by a

no-asset entity. They are poorly written pieces of flat kindling---well that is unless the city INTENDED to GIVE the \$12 million to MURA or Colorado Outdoors or someone else. Who? The results of an ongoing investigation of those worthless notes will soon be forthcoming. If any of this wasted treasure is ever returned to the people of Montrose, (which is doubtful based on Colorado's study of URAs in Colorado prior to MURA's establishment) it will be the result of a miracle second only to the Christian Resurrection. Of course it is only MY opinion, but we understand that our city manager is an 'accomplished' wheeler-dealer and our very own ex-mayor is the ring leader. Both of these folks have 'vision' don't you know. Just what background do these two have in financial management anyway? Have either one of them done a URA successfully? Who is their mentor on this whole debacle? I know the city manager thinks that I am just a nay-sayer, but to what does he attribute the 90%+ failure rate of URA's statewide? He just knows that he can do better. Eh, what? Why are the city council and the MURA board so bent on joining with these failures? A nine-to-one risk should not be under-taken by individuals with their own money no less with a city employee doing it with the city treasury. But he did! And he intends to do more of the same! MURA is a get rich scheme like the CBD oil craze of three years ago. How many honest optimists, WITH VISION lost their shirts following "that pot of gold" fiasco? Insanity is doing something that failed a second time expecting different results. How many knowledgeable, experienced and otherwise successful investors bought into Madoff's Ponzi scheme with visions of great wealth and where did that get his victims? At least it was the investors' OWN money that went bye bye. Not so with MURA! It's losses will be your tax payments. Optimism, with nothing but wishful thinking, is nuts. But we Montroseans are letting a poor deal continue and want to contribute more, more and more. Shoveling good money after bad out into the black hole. It is absurdly stupid to invest on the vision of people who

have no skin in the game and no assets backing the investment. But it will end with our tax money gone and with run down city facilities like roads, parks and buildings. San Bernardino CA went bankrupt a few (20?) years ago because a hot-shot city finance officer invested all their money (with their 'knowledgeable' council's consent) in the stock market. He was so charmed that 'he could not lose'. The council had the vision---but he lost it all! The only vision that is worthwhile is hindsight. Well, this Halloween; are they wearing their masks?

But there seems to be hope. At least a good number of the MURA board is asking questions. Keep it up! It would be nice to know 'where the \$12 million went.' When there is \$12 million laying around, fraud is not far away. Now that might be a safe bet! Let's see where it all is, eh? And whether it was spent responsibly or frivolously. Are not at least annual financials required of MURA? If and when we see these five annual financial statements it should be interesting indeed. Haven't you seen one? As the church woman said on Saturday Night Live---"HOW CON-VEEEEEENIENT"

Wake up Montrose! Do not allow these near-do-well half-baked amateur politicians throw any more of your good money after bad. It might just be that the intention is to waste all the public money depleting every possible account so that they can come to the electorate for a bond issue or sales tax (NEXT spring) to fix the decrepit run down streets and whatever other accounts they have looted. Just like they did with the 'cop' money and the 'street' money, spending it all on their visions and then 'pressured' the public into a Public Safety Sales Tax to replace the accounts that they pilfered to start MURA.

Naw, that would never happen! The word that I've heard is that this has already been the subject of serious conjecture! Folks, have you ever noticed that the city never has enough money but continually fully fund 'THE FAMILY'S' pet agendas? Just saying.

Bill Bennett, Montrose

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CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS AVAILABLE AT LOCAL VENDORS AND GMUG OFFICES

Special to the Mirror

DELTA— Christmas tree permits will be available for purchase at local vendors and Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forest offices beginning Nov. 9. The cost per permit is \$8.00 and may be purchased with cash, check or credit card. There is a maximum of five tree permits per person. Over the counter permits will be available and valid from Nov. 9 – Dec. 31, 2021.

Christmas tree cutting is allowed in most areas on the GMUG with the following exceptions: Wilderness, scenic pullouts, commercial timber sales areas, recreation and ski areas, campgrounds, trailheads, developed sites and administrative areas and otherwise as detailed in the package provided with your permit. Trees may not be cut within 100 feet of any road or trail. Trees must be less than 20 feet tall from the stump, may not be greater than 6 inches in diameter at the base of the tree and the stump height should be no greater than 6 inches high. Topping trees is not allowed (i.e., cutting only the top of the tree and leaving the bottom with limbs attached). Trees are for personal use only and cannot be resold. The tags must be attached to the tree at the cutting location and must be left on the tree until it arrives at its final destination. Maps showing where Christmas tree cutting is allowed are available at all offices where permits are sold and will be provided with permits along with a regulations list.

The GMUG is pleased to continue the 4th Grade Free Christmas tree Program again this holiday season. Fourth-graders are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit through Every Kid Outdoors Initiative. Every Kid Outdoors is a nationwide call to action to build the next generation of conservationists. All fourth-graders are eligible to receive a fourth grade pass that allows free access to federal lands and waters across the country for a full year. In support of this initiative, the Forest Service will make available a free Christmas tree permit to every interested fourth-grader who presents a 4th Grade Pass or paper voucher at any GMUG National Forests office location.

[Instructions on how to obtain a pass and](#)

[collect a free tree permit:](#)

In order for students to receive a free Christmas tree permit, they must present a valid 4th Grade Pass or paper voucher printed from Every Kid Outdoors website: <https://everykidoutdoors.gov/index.htm>. To earn the voucher, simply visit the website, click on the “Get Your Pass” button and follow the instructions to obtain the voucher. Print out the paper voucher and bring it with you to a District Office on the GMUG.

The Forest Travel Management Plans and or weather conditions may close various forest roads before or Nov. 30. As a reminder, Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs) have been produced for the entire Forest and show forest roads, trails and areas that have been designated for seasonal closures. Motorized users are responsible for obtaining an MVUM to determine where one can drive, ride and recreate. These maps are free and are available at District Offices or on the Forest website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/gmug>. Snow and winter conditions will dictate road access for Christmas tree harvesting. Conditions associated with winter travel on forest roads may include, but are not limited to heavy snow, ice, soft shoulders and constantly changing road conditions.

[Permit Sale Locations with over the counter permits available Nov. 9 or earlier:](#)

The Fort Uncompahgre—8 a.m.—5 p.m.

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[VENDORS with over the counter permits available Nov. 9:](#)

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TRI-STATE FILES MAJOR FERC SETTLEMENT ON ITS OPEN ACCESS TRANSMISSION TARIFF

Special to the Mirror

WESTMINSTER— Wholesale power supply cooperative Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association has filed an uncontested, comprehensive settlement on the Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) it filed in 2019, after becoming subject to regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Upon approval by FERC, the settlement will resolve all issues set for settlement and hearing procedures before a FERC administrative law judge in March 2020. The case involved numerous parties, including Tri-State's transmission service customers, distribution utility members and a variety of other participants, as well as FERC staff.

The settlement filing is another significant step forward for Tri-State, which became subject to FERC ratemaking jurisdiction as of Sept. 3, 2019. Earlier this year, [FERC approved a settlement](#) of Tri-State's first major rate case, which resolved key issues regarding the rates and terms for wholesale power service to its 42 distribution utility members in Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wyoming.

"We are delighted to have achieved another major FERC settlement, one that will provide benefits to Tri-State and our OATT transmission customers," said Duane Highley, chief executive officer of Tri-State. "This is another critical milestone in Tri-State's transition to full FERC regulation as a public utility. We appreciate the

hard work by all involved, the engagement of the FERC staff and the many participants, and the guidance of the settlement judge in helping us bring this complicated case to a satisfactory resolution."

The settlement provides several benefits to Tri-State's OATT customers, including reduced rates and the provision of more information and transparency going forward. Among other things, Tri-State will make certain adjustments to load calculations, inputs and expenses in its Formula Rate Template for the 2019 Rate Year, the 2020 Rate Year, and prospectively, starting with the 2021 Rate Year. As a result, Tri-State's Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement (ATRR) will be reduced, and eligible OATT transmission customers will receive refunds effective from March 26, 2020.

The settlement also reflects an agreed cost of capital, including a fixed return on equity and an assumed capital structure, consistent with the current treatment of Tri-State's OATT-eligible facilities in the eastern portion of its transmission system now within the Southwest Power Pool (SPP).

It establishes a moratorium on certain elements, including the cost of capital, and contains sunset provisions, under which Tri-State will be required to re-file its Formula Rate Template by 2026, or earlier if and when any eligible Tri-State facilities in the western portion of its transmission system are placed under the

functional control of a regional transmission organization (RTO).

Concurrently, Tri-State filed a motion seeking to implement the settlement rates, on an interim basis, to enable its OATT transmission customers to realize the benefit, without delay, of reduced OATT rates. Tri-State intends to reflect these changes in its October transmission billings, which represent the start of the 2021 Rate Year.

Tri-State is rapidly moving through a clean energy transformation through its [Responsible Energy Plan](#), which recognized the importance of organized markets to achieve renewable energy and emissions reduction goals. Today, 80% of Tri-State's load is within an organized market.

Eligible facilities in the eastern portion of Tri-State's transmission system are already under the functional control of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) RTO. Recently, Tri-State joined two energy imbalance markets – SPP's Western Energy Imbalance Service and the California Independent System Operator's Western Energy Imbalance Market – to centrally dispatch participants' energy throughout the region, enhancing electricity reliability and affordability.

Tri-State and other regional utilities and transmission providers are evaluating the western expansion of the SPP RTO, which [approved terms and conditions](#) for a western RTO expansion in July 2021.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

CONCERNED PARENTS FINALLY SPEAKING OUT AFTER YEARS OF CONCERNS

Editor: To Connie Pittenger and Wayne Quade in (10/4/2021 issue of the Mirror): Wayne, "clever" is a misused word. You chose it as a pejorative to belittle others with whom you disagree. Rather, I see concerned parents finally speaking out after years of concerns and silencing. I agree with you every candidate should be willing to listen and able to work with others. The real question is this: Has this been happening over the past decades of public school education?

The answer is no. Rather, a liberal, national agenda of Democratic "Group Think" power players and participants have driven the National School Board Association (NSBA), the National Education Association (NEA), and school boards/many individual teachers for decades. Concerned parents who disagree with this long-established agenda have experienced a continual flow of liberal ideologies into school districts and within the classroom. This is not totally the fault of Democrats. Republicans should have acted sooner.

I don't know the upcoming School Board candidates nor this local parent group. I have, however, watched this dominant liberal agenda swallow up any conservative whisper about education. Why do you think parents fought so hard for the freedom of home-schooling and private schooling? Because their voices were not allowed to be heard. Democrats fought hard against school choice, falsely assuming they alone were qualified to mentor children, when in fact parents are the ones most qualified to make educational choices for their child. The Democrat liberal hope? To mold more Group Think young liberals who will grow to become just like them.

Connie, your repetition of the words "NON-PARTISAN" (your caps) is unrealistic and impossible. You might be searching for the word "bi-partisan." Everyone has a bias, including you. If someone claims not to have a bias, they are lying. Here's how it works in America: we get to vote for

representatives (hoping the election process is truly fair). We live in a Representative Republic. This means elected officials of a variety of political persuasions are allowed to participate in the election process to represent the American people.

The truth is the public school system has been completely partisan for years, controlled by Democrat ideology and operatives. With current concerns of the theory of CRT, the re-writing of history books to fit an inaccurate and manipulated historical narrative, the muddying of real science to curb freedoms guaranteed to us in the Constitution, along with one-sided social justice causes being pushed into the classroom without parental consent, parents are finally frustrated and are speaking up. They are tired of "new," re-designed curriculums that seek to mentally transform the United States of America into the United Marxist States of America.

Let's look at some real facts about the partisanship of this moment in history: On Sept. 29, 2021, Democrat liberals Viola Garcia and Chip Slaven of the National School Boards Association decided to write Pres. Biden to ask that parents be investigated simply for speaking to their local School Boards. These agenda-twizzling Democrats requested that "enforceable actions against concerned parents be taken." They, the Democrat, liberal world of America, labeled parents as 'domestic terrorists' simply for exercising their right to speak about concerns to their duly-elected school board officials. Liberal Attorney General Merrick Garland then directed the FBI to target concerned parents. Targeting means anyone who speaks out. Do you realize that the son-in-law of A.G. Merrick Garland is the publisher for the CRT curriculum being used in our public schools? Follow the money and try to think beyond your personal ideology.

No one of any party should glory when others abuse the rights of others, especially the rights of parents who love their chil-

dren. I have to admit, I long to return to a world where reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and solid academic core classes fill the school day without fluff, non-essential, non-academic classes which currently dominate school curriculums. These non-essential classes serve as behavioral modification tools, molding young minds to believe liberal agendas. These non-essentials also cause our taxes to go higher and higher, to the point that the average America, both low and middle-class, can barely make ends meet.

EVERY parent should be able to review any curriculum and ask questions of their public school system. Every parent should be able to sit inside of any classroom and listen to the teacher mentoring their child. All parents should feel welcomed by teachers, principals and School Boards without the fear of the FBI investigating their motives.

Let's cut the political stuff and put our kids first. Let's start treating our neighbors as friends instead of rivals. Let's allow the discussion of differences so that wisdom can be discerned. Let's practice kindness towards others with whom you may disagree, recognizing that your way may not be the right way. The name-calling and sarcasm needs to stop. Calling out the FBI to track loving, caring parents needs to stop.

Connie and Wayne: If you want others to stop being the puppets you think they are, then stop being a puppet for Democrat liberals. For the record, imagine how you would feel being falsely labeled as white nationalists, racists, or anarchists by Democrat liberals when truth declares that you are none of those things. We must stop buying into untrue, connived national narratives which rip our nation apart with divisiveness and personal agendas.

The public at large has some simple requests of those in public school leadership. 1) Focus on teaching subjects that contribute to the child's ability to hold a job and becoming a productive member of

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Society. 2) Recognize that Freedom matters to every person of every color, whether it is about school choice, a job in the arm, the food that we eat, or the cars we drive. 3) Only parents, consulting with their doctors, should choose what goes into the body or over the mouths of their children. 4) Mandates of any kind to the masses are Marxist in nature and have no place in America, nor the classroom. 5) All voices deserve a hearing without mean-spirited responses. 6) Legal Citizenship matters; our country cannot continue to fund an entire world invading our shores illegally, nor can a local public school budget afford the strain on educational resources. 7) The huge pork bills of the

DNC which promote over-taxation and over-spending need to stop so future generations can hope for a future.

If this country continues to allow a rogue globalist government like the current Biden Administration to take advantage of citizens and students, we all lose--every Democrat, every Republican, every Green party, every unaffiliated person. Their agenda does not honor America but seeks to destroy America while filling their personal pocketbooks. Our children and grandchildren lose most of all. They will pay the price for the ignorance and manipulation of American lives.

Thankfully, some are bravely speaking up. I ask these brave conservative parents

to use their voices properly and in order. Allow your words and facts to shine, not your tempers. This honors God in your task. When called names, smile in return while presenting facts. Remain courageous. Let our children observe a better way, a kinder way, and still get your message across. Parents are tired and weary. Consider that the School Board is also weary. Whether Republican or Democrat, choose to speak with accurate authority, truth, kindness and good manners, so that our children can see these things modeled well. Children desire and deserve this kind of environment, not the constant bickering of personal agendas.

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EVIL SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED AS IMAGINARY OR IRRELEVANT

Editor;

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, the authorities, the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ----Ephesians 6:12. These forces are very powerful and should not be dismissed as imaginary or irrelevant. As everyone knows, there has been a massive eruption of nationwide protests from parents across the country disapproving the teaching of Critical Race Theory (CRT) to their children as young as kindergarten. The point of CRT is to prove to innocent school children that the evils in America are the Constitution, Capitalism and Christianity, and that they were all introduced by the vicious White male. What CRT is really all about is destroying big bad Whitey whether it is tearing down statues or burning books or telling white children that they were born evil racists. And their goal in the classroom is to omit from teaching the fact that it was those "White" men who created the freest, richest, strongest, most generous nation in world history and that at this moment there are millions of illegal aliens invading America to capitalize on all of "Whitey's" benefits. These are also the same White men who rejected the curse of slavery. Although, to set the record straight, there were some White men---all of them Democrats---who created and were members of the viciously racist Ku Klux Klan, the Jim Crow laws, and in jack-booted lockstep, uniformly voted against all Civil Rights legislation in

the mid-1960s. In fact one Democrat, Senator Byrd, was the Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. Robert Byrd served as a U.S. Representative from 1953 to 1959. And served as a Senator from West Virginia from 1959 to 2010. But off course the Democrats of today will never admit their background. And they never abandoned their discriminatory policies either. They just switched from black people to white people. So, by that standard, CRT should be renamed "DRT" (Democrat Racist Theory!).

The reaction of the parents who realized they had to defend their children from local school boards must have been jaw-dropping. And to rub salt in the wound our glorious and feckless president, who has more loose screws than a hardware store in an earthquake, sicced his Attorney General, Merrick Garland, and the FBI onto those caring parents calling them "domestic terrorists" hoping to punish them for exercising their Constitutional right to Free Speech and protesting peacefully. It has been revealed Garland's daughter is married to the man who is pushing the CRT filth into schools. But of course Garland wouldn't answer any questions and echoed the usual accusation of parents threatening violence. There was no violence except when it took six police officers to arrest one man whose daughter was raped and sodomized by one of the Democrat's special and favorite people, a 14 year old so-called male wearing a dress who apparently can't decide what he is.

The police had no legal reason to arrest that father when all he was doing was venting verbally for the fact that the school board was covering for that sick kid in denying the rape took place. There was some speculation that school board members demanded the police to be there to promote a chilling effect on parents' willingness to confront the Leftist school board members. That was a disgusting display of police work when there are real crimes on the street to solve instead of six officers ganging up on the father of a rape victim. Of course if the occasion was BLM or Antifa rioting, burning, breaking into stores, looting, throwing object at police, no problem----it would be just one of those peaceful demonstrations like the summer 2020 riots which resulted in some 15 times more injured police officers, 30 times more arrests, and estimated damages in dollar terms up to 1,300 times more costly than the result of the capitol incident on Jan. 6.

We are living in times now where most people have no idea that Stalin, Hitler, and Mao Tse-Tung all came into power promising the same kinds of things that the radical political Left is now promising. And it led to mass murder, dictatorship and genocide.

To sit back hoping that someday, someday, someone will make things right is to go on feeding the crocodile, hoping he will eat you last---but eat you he will--

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WAYNE EVERETT WOLFF

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WAYNE EVERETT WOLFF went to be with his Heavenly Father on October 25, 2021 at the age of 85. He was born June 19, 1936 in Cortez, Colorado. He attended first through eighth grades at Lebanon School and graduated from Cortez High School in 1954. At the age of nine, he became a member of 4-H, later served many years as a leader, and has supported 4-H and FFA throughout his life. He married Mary June Wiman, July 21, 1957 in Dolores, Colorado. They moved to Eads, Colorado in 1963 and later to Montrose in 1969. He worked for Gifford Electric and RE1J Schools. He served seven years in the Colorado Army National Guard. In 1985 he became the manager of Wolf Land and Cattle Co. in Ridgway. He served on many agricultural boards and was a lifetime member of the Montrose and Ouray Cattlemen. He is survived by his wife, Mary June, daughters Pam Wing (Ralph) of Parowan, Utah; Twila Brown (Jeff) Olathe, Colorado, and sister Esther Cook (Jim) of Mancos, Colorado. Six grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mathew William and Edna (Everett) Wolff and sister Edith Sherwood.



KATHRYN ALICE BRUCE

August 9, 1934 - October 9, 2021



family moved to Montrose when she was five. She attended school in Montrose, graduating from High School in 1952. Afterwards she attended Parks School of Business in Denver, then returned to Montrose and worked for Dozier Motors where she met Jaye. They were married March 7, 1954 and celebrated their 59th anniversary before Jaye passed away. They had two daughters, Charlene and Deborah.

Kathryn's first love was her Lord and Savior, who she tried to serve and honor. She was baptized into life with and for Jesus on July 13, 1958. A lot of her time was spent serving at her church, where she felt greatly loved.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Jaye, daughter Deborah, 2 great grandbabies, and great grandson Daniel.

She is survived by Daughter: Charlene, and son Frank Jones; Grandchildren: Angela (Jeff) Niles, Rebekah Jones, Valerie (Glenn) Darrow, Naphtali (Jared) Renshaw, Theresa Jones, Kerry (Sara Caro-

line) Jones, and Hannah (Tyler) Cipollone; Great Grandchildren: Joshua (Ariel), Michael, Abigail, David, Anna, AJ, Freddie, Jack, Sophia, Emma, Aiden, Peter, Tobias, Ian, Henry, Caelum, Elanor, Jason, and Darby. Brothers: Lloyd, David, Clarence, and Clifford Watson; Sister: Florence (Bill) Frigetto, and sister-in-law Nickie Bruce.

Thanks from her family to all those who prayed, sent cards, fixed meals, and called; and to the Montrose Christian Church for all they did for her and her family over the past years. To her family, Kathryn would thank you for your love and support to her for all the years.

A funeral service is scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 11 AM at Montrose Christian Church. Arrangements are being handled by Crippin Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to The Gideons International, which distributes free Bibles.

Donation information is available at Montrose Christian Church or www.sendtheword.org.

Kathryn was born to David and Alice Watson in Bellaire, Kansas. She and her

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

LLOYD ELDON WATSON

May 7, 1930 – October 21, 2021

LLOYD ELDON WATSON was born May 7, 1930 to David and Alice (Clemison) Watson in Kansas and was one of 6 children. The family moved from Kansas to Montrose, CO at a young age.

Lloyd married Jackie Lou Wright on June 10, 1950 (in New Mexico because they were too young to get married in Colorado at the time!) and had the privilege of sharing 62 years of

marriage until Jackie Lou passed away in December, 2012 at the age of 82. To their union were born 4 children: Jerry Lee, Rhonda, Randy and Leanna.

Lloyd loved his horses and cows, farming, and spending time with his family. He was known for many sarcastic one-liners like calling himself "the last honest horse trader" and telling friends and family "if you don't work, you don't eat".

He also enjoyed watching people discover the horse he put them on wasn't quite as gentle or calm as he said it was. Lloyd had a unique way of starting projects and finding others to finish them while he sat back "supervising." He cherished his friendships with his neighbors on Uncompahgre Road and had nicknames for just about all of them. Lloyd's life was filled with tragedy: losing his oldest son in a

farm accident, his oldest daughter suddenly, two fires on his farm - the second of which took his home, losing his wife to cancer, and breaking his neck in a car accident, but he was a resilient person that kept his head up and brightened every room he was in.

Lloyd spent his final 6 years living with his daughter, Leanna, but that didn't stop him from frequent trips to see his farm, cows, friends and family.

Lloyd is survived by his son, Randy, and daughter, Leanna and husband Greg. His siblings David, Clarence, Clifford and Florence and husband Bill. Grandchildren include Brian Watson and wife Amber, Jason Watson and Wife Elizabeth, Kristen Cox and husband Tyler, Brandon Clark, Keeton Ellis, Brennon Ellis and wife Taylor, and Jacelen Ellis. Great grandchildren include Courtney and husband Kyle, Ashley, Brexten, Bryson, Tyson, and Ciera. Great great grandchildren include Braylen, Gentry and one on the way! Lloyd is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jackie, son Jerry Lee, daughter Rhonda, sister-in-law Ann, and his "go-to person" sister Kathryn Bruce, who passed just two weeks prior to Lloyd.

A special 'thank you' to Nicole Grater,



his caretaker during the work week, who took such good care of him for over two years, and to the staff at Valley Manor for his short stays there over the years. Lloyd will be greatly missed for his sense of humor and love of animals. In the words of Donna Flowers, "We've lost a true Legend." A memorial service is scheduled for 11AM on Saturday November 6, 2021, at Montrose Christian Church. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Mr. Watson's family.

MARJORY LOUISE SIMS

April 10, 1937-October 24, 2021

Montrose resident Marjory Louise Sims passed away October 24, 2021, quietly in the comfort of her own home. She was born April 10, 1937, in Antonito, Colorado to parents H.H. Griffith and Nellie Isabell Schofield Griffith. In 1953 she married Lloyd Francis Sims and was married for 62 years. Marjory enjoyed doing all sorts of crafting including, diamond art, crocheting, and making all kinds of different jewelry. She worked for many years in the food service business as a cook but

her main job was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents H.H. and Nellie Isabell Griffith, husband Lloyd Francis Sims, son Elton (Wayne) Sims, daughter Ethel (Tinker) Sims Atkinson, son Lloyd (Gene) Sims, daughter Rosalie Sims, grandson Lloyd Sims, granddaughter Nicole Sims, sister Rae Bowen, brothers Tommy, Richard, and George Griffith. Marjory is survived by her sons; Donald G. (Tamara Malouff) Sims of Monte Vista, CO., Mikel E. (Jenny

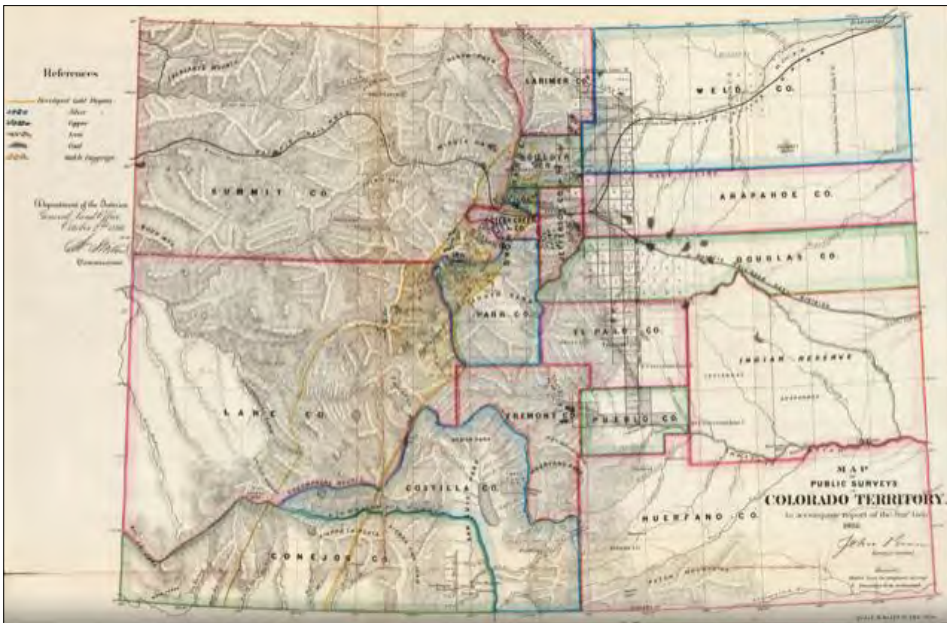
Angrimson) Sims of Montrose, CO., and Jim K. (Gayla Wood) Sims of Montrose, CO., sisters Nellie Mauch of Lamar, CO., and Jackie (Steve) Darbyshire of Dumas, TX., daughter in law, Patty Sims, nine grandchildren, and thirty great grandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Cremation was chosen and a memorial service is planned for a later date. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Marjory's family.

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DRAWING THE LINES



The map, which is included in the National Archives, depicts the Colorado counties prior to the splitting of several larger counties on the Western Slope. Lake County, once one of the larger, is now among the smallest with less than 400 square miles. Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.

By Bob Cox

REGIONAL—On Feb. 18, 1861 President James Buchanan signed the Organic Act establishing the Territory of Colorado. The new territory was carved out of several other territories. Parts of the Territories of Kansas, New Mexico, Utah and Nebraska were incorporated into Colorado. On Nov. 1, 1861 the new territory estab-

lished the boundaries for 17 counties and the Cheyenne Reserve. The counties were: Arapahoe, Boulder, Clear Creek, Costilla, Douglas, El Paso, Fremont, Guadalupe, Huerfano, Jefferson, Lake, Larimer, Park, Pueblo and Summit. The names remained the same for about one week when Guadalupe County was renamed Conejos. Beginning in 1866, county lines were

starting to be adjusted and new counties were formed, but the western side of the territory received little attention. When railroads and mining became important the people on the western slope of Colorado became both more active and more important. Lake County, now less than 400 square miles, covered nearly one third of the western half of the state.

When Colorado became a state in 1876, there were a total of 28 counties. Lake County was one of the largest, but their fate was soon changed when Gunnison County was formed in 1877. Gunnison became one of the larger counties in the state. Ouray County was also established in 1877, taking still another piece of Lake County.

Surprisingly, not much attention was paid to what was happening with the county borders. Newspapers of the time contained very little descriptive information, but there were exceptions. The people of Gunnison County were becoming more aware in early 1880, when information about the intention of the legislature to significantly reduce the size of Gunnison County became apparent.

Sam Baker, a well-known lawyer in both Montrose and Gunnison was instrumental in establishing some of the county lines. If the blurbs in the personal column of the *Gunnison Democrat* are correct, Mr. Baker

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was quick. On Jan. 5, 1881 the *Democrat* reported, "Col. Sam Baker left for Denver on Friday to remain through the session of the legislature." Two weeks later, in the Jan. 19, 1881 edition, the paper reported, "Sam Baker is expected back from Denver this week, with a new county under each arm."

The concern over reduction of Gunnison County size became apparent the next week. The *Democrat* opined in the Jan. 26, 1881 edition:

The bill for a division of Gunnison County would leave as a matter of fact about one hundred square miles of available territory to the present county. Garfield County would come near Parlin, and Gothic County in the vicinity of Teachouts, leaving only the narrow valleys as the actual territory of Gunnison. The conduct thus far of the supporters of the scheme has been simply to vilify Gunnison as a reason, and the only reason for a division...

The Jan. 26 article went on to point out that not everyone was in favor of splitting the county into several smaller counties:

The county of Gunnison was created in 1876, and the county seat located at Gunnison in 1877, at the October election. Not a name on the poll lists of that election can be found on a petition for a division. It is not tenderfeet who are clamorous for Gunnison but pioneers who opened the country and knew its necessities and available points. Gunnison has no necessity to asperse any one. It has abundant interests in all but it cannot but reprehend the falsehoods that tricksters are putting in circulation. In any controversy we should be ashamed to see Gunnison report to any injurious subterfuge regarding her neighbors. But at the same time they should win on merits of their own and not on slanders

upon the only town in the county that works persistently to benefit every camp, town or prospect in the area of the county.

Over the next several months the members of the Colorado legislature discussed new counties at length. Then, in 1883, the carving knife was used on Gunnison County. Delta, Mesa, and Montrose Counties were all formed from parts of Gunnison County.

Throughout the whole process of establishing new counties, one newspaper, *The Leadville Daily Herald*, took an unusual interest. Several articles and editorial comments can be found in their archives. The Sunday edition of March 4, 1883 included a supplement that described Montrose County in detail. The editorial staff of the newspaper explained that, because accurate and descriptive information was so hard to come by, they assigned one correspondent (unnamed) to travel through Gunnison and Montrose counties and provide an extensive report on the findings.

The resulting report was more than 6,000 words long and included a half-page map. The lede was as follows:

Some two months ago the Herald published two articles on the condition, both present and prospective, of the extreme western portion of the late Uncompahgre Ute reservation, containing the towns of Delta and Grand Junction. Since these publications, however, the state legislature has divided the reservation into three counties, and as the locality of the Uncompahgre Valley included in the new county of Montrose has been but barely mentioned, this paper detailed a special correspondent to visit the county seat and ascertain whether the reports and statements made by the advocates for a divi-

sion of county lines were correct.

In addition to providing coordinates, the correspondent described in detail many of the attributes of Montrose County. Some of the descriptions proved to be ageless. Here are a few:

THE UNCOMPAHGRE VALLEY - Few aspects in the Centennial state compare in points of beauty, fertility... A simple glance at the map will show that Montrose is the natural commercial center and supply depot of all that country.

THE TOWN SITE - ...a short visit through the place convinces the inspector that it varies in several important points from the large majority of railroad towns. In the first place the streets are wide, the sidewalks of the principal thoroughfare being covered with a board walk...the buildings are very substantially constructed...the merchants are well-to-do and buy in large quantities.

THE SOIL - From the excellence of the soil, the agricultural interests will always be among the most prominent resources of the Uncompahgre valley...the valley is divided into two classes of lands, the low lands and mesas. The texture of the soil of the former is highly spoken of, and although there is some alkali in it, that quality by no means appears in quantities sufficient to the detriment of the tillers...

The establishment of Mesa, Montrose and Delta counties was by no means the end of discussions. Several other counties were established and the boundaries of some were changed. By the time of the 1884 presidential election Colorado had 39 counties. Four years later there were 43 counties and the number kept growing to the current number of 64. Two of those 64, Denver and Broomfield are city/county governments.

THANK YOU FOR READING.



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"Rocky Mountain Cravings"

Carole Ann McKelvey, Food Editor



By Carole Ann McKelvey

DELTA -- If you're looking for a tasty Mexican meal and a really yummy Margarita look no further. A girlfriend and I stopped in El Tapatio the other night looking for a quick snack and got much more than that.

Not being very hungry, but definitely thirsty, she and I ordered a delicious house margarita. No salt please for me. And looking over the menu we spied the combo appetizer. You would think this would not be a whole meal, but you would be wrong. On the menu it's pictured as bit of nachos, quesadillas and chicken taquitos, served with guacamole, sour cream and a little salad. But when it arrived, whoa! A huge plate with as much as we could eat on one plate. Very yummy. This perfect dinner for two was a total of \$15.25. House margarita, \$9.50. More than a meal. But if there are more than two of you with big appetites don't stop there. This restaurant is very authentic and has a wide menu with many choices:

Tacos:

Tacos a gusto \$3.95-4.95 each, Taco plates \$13.99-17.99, including fish tacos, and diet tacos.

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black beans, or salad and fries.

Add meat to dish, additional .99. Each dish is available with your choice --enchilada, chile relleno, flauta, chimichanga, taco, tostada, chalupa, burrito, tamale.

Tortas:

Tortas regular, Tortas Abogados, \$10.75-11.25.

Tostados:

Pork, shredded beef, chicken, ground beef, chicken or bean, \$8.75-11.25.

Dinner for Two:

Here you will find outstanding offerings: Dinner for Two includes grilled steak, grilled chicken, shrimp and mushrooms with special sauce, rice, guacamole, sour cream and beans, \$38.25.

Fajitas for two: choice of 2 or 3 meats (prawns, chicken, beef), \$32.99-36.25.

Tapatio Flaming: chicken breasts, grilled seasoned skirt steak, jalapeno wrapped prawns, served flaming at the table with green and red bell peppers, guacamole, sour cream and rice and beans.

Soups and Salads:

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These offerings are different than above and run from \$9.99-27.50.

Especial ties:

Fajitas and Chimichangas are on the special list running from \$14.50-17.99.

Oh, but don't stop there, El Tapatio also offers very authentic

Seafood:

Dishes that run from Mojarra, cocktail de Cameroons, Cameroons de mojo de ajo, Siete Mares, and Mariscada a la diablo.

And many more from \$9.99-29.25.

El Tapatio also has a kid's menu at \$5.99.

And, if you have room, ummmm. . .

Desserts:

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El Tapatio is located at 353 Main Street Delta, CO 81416. Call 970-874-4100

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MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

WILD EDIBLE AND MEDICINAL PLANTS FOR OUR TIMES

Special to Art & Soul

MONTROSE-Presentation on Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants for Our Times- Colorado Mesa University Montrose Campus, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 at 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cascade Hall, S. 3rd St. and Cascade Ave. Free and open to the public

Have you ever wondered how you would survive in the backcountry if you ran out of food and medicine; which berries are poisonous; or whether weeds are useful? Celebrate the local wild edible and medicinal plants as a resource for these changing times with Colorado wild plant authority Katrina Blair.

Katrina Blair began studying wild plants in her teens when she camped out alone for a summer to embrace a wild foods diet.

She later wrote *The Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants of the San Juan Mountains* for her senior project at Colorado College. She completed an M.A. at John F. Kennedy University in Orinda, CA, in Holistic Health Education. She founded Turtle Lake Refuge in 1998, a non-profit whose mission is to celebrate the connection between personal health and wild lands. Turtle Lake Refuge includes a wild local living foods café, sustainable education center and community farm. Katrina teaches permaculture and wild edible and medicinal classes locally and globally. She is author of several books including *Local Wild Life-- Turtle Lake Refuge's Recipes for Living Deep* and *The Wild Wisdom of Weeds: 13 Essential Plants for Human Survival*.



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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS RELEASES 'JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME' A COLORADO ATTORNEY'S STORY OF REPRESENTING ROSS CARLSON

Special to the Mirror

WASHINGTON, DC – The NACDL's publishing unit, [NACDL Press](#), has released *Just in the Nick of Time*, a timely story about the intersection of mental health and the law by Denver, Colorado attorney David B. Savitz. In his career spanning more than 50 years, one of Savitz's most important contributions to the field of criminal defense has been his work defending clients with psychiatric disorders. This book tells the story of 19-year-old Ross Carlson, who is accused of killing his parents and is diagnosed with an unusual psychiatric disorder. Ross spends a torturous six years in the Colorado judicial and mental health systems before his case experiences an unexpected end.

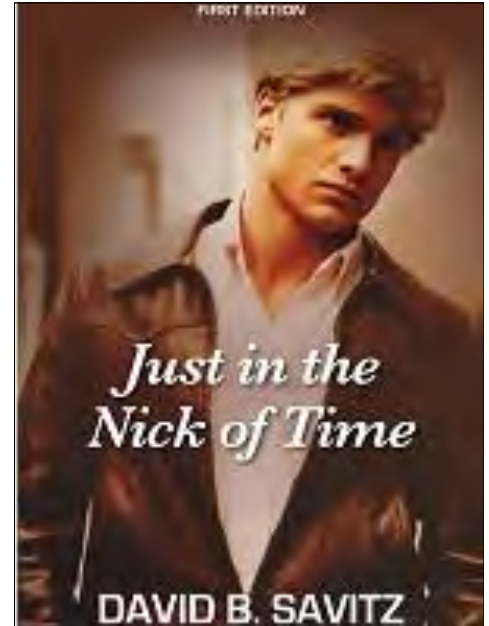
As the reader learns in *Just in the Nick of Time*, the defense of clients with psychiatric disorders is not a path many choose to take. The work is hard, considering how much is still misunderstood by both the legal and mental health fields. But Savitz has a unique ability to guide his defense by the trust he builds with his clients. This trust is not easily obtained with someone suffering from a severe mental health disorder such as multiple personality disorder—it can sometimes take years to build. Savitz is uniquely equipped to do this because before deciding to become a lawyer, he spent his undergraduate years at Pennsylvania State University studying psychology. After his years at Penn State, Savitz obtained his J.D. from the Universi-

ty of Colorado at Boulder. Throughout his years as an attorney, he has lectured on numerous topics including those related to the field of psychiatry and child abuse and has published articles on various topics related to mental health and the law, such as an in-depth analysis on the legal defense of persons diagnosed with multiple personality disorder, which was published in the psychiatric journal, *Dissociation*. Over the years, David Savitz has shown his commitment to his profession by continuously advocating for, and tirelessly defending, individuals whom much of society has written off.

"*Just in the Nick of Time* has all the makings of a classic true crime novel, but what sets it apart is the relationship that unfolds between defense lawyer and client. Unflinching and insightful, a masterful read about the difficulties of mental health issues, empathy and compassion for the client, and the frustrations encountered in our present day criminal legal system.

The real power of this story is David's unwavering kindness and compassion for his client, one whose impact clearly remains with him today," said President of the NACDL Foundation for Criminal Justice and Past President of NACDL Lisa M. Wayne.

"*Just in the Nick of Time* is one of the most profound cases of Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD), all told from the perspective of the person who interacted



NACDL Press has released *Just in the Nick of Time* by Colorado Attorney David B. Savitz. Courtesy image.

most with the personalities, his criminal defense lawyer David Savitz. Their personalities ranged from polite to vicious, from childish to streetwise. Some were so frightening that the treating doctors hesitated to engage with them.

This is the true-life story of a young criminal defense lawyer defending a double homicide relying on a mental illness defense that much of the psychiatric community rejected as implausible or contrived," said NACDL Past President Larry Pozner.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

SANTA FE POET DEBBI BRODY TO READ NOV 2 BARDIC TRAILS ZOOM POETRY SERIES

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE-Santa Fe poet Debbi Brody will be the featured reader at the Bardic Trails Zoom poetry webinar Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 7pm (Mountain Time). A production of the Talking Gourds Poetry Program, Bardic Trails is a free event open to any who pre-register. Register online by Nov 2 at the Wilkinson Public Library to get Zoom Link. Go to telluridelibrary.org/events.

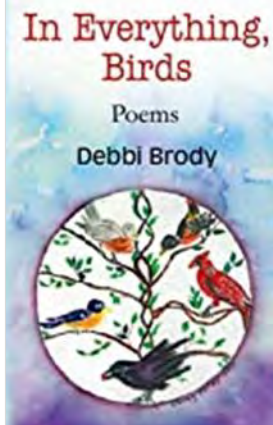
Debbi Brody is an avid attendee and leader of poetry workshops throughout the USA's southwest. She has been published in numerous national and regional journals, magazines and anthologies of note including *Poetica*, *Broomweed* and *Sin Fronteras*. Her newest full length book, *In Everything, Birds*, (Village Books Press, OKC, OK, 2015) received an inaugural Mar-

garet Randall Book Prize for poetry. Her latest chapbook is *Walking the Arroyo* (Cyberwit, 2019). Debbi was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She received a B.A. in Sociology from Southern Illinois University in 1979, the

same year she married. She and her husband have one grown son, a daughter-in-law and one grandchild. They have resided in New Mexico since 1991. Debbi works at a small scientific research and develop-



Santa Fe Poet Debbi Brody will be the featured reader at the Bardic Trails Zoom poetry webinar Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 7pm. Courtesy photo.



ment laboratory in Santa Fe. To find out more, visit her [here](#) on Facebook, make book inquiries via [email](#), and in local and online bookstores. There will also be a short Question and Answer session.

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MONTROSE STUDENTS ENROLL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Special to Art & Sol

SALT LAKE CITY, UT-- While the COVID-19 pandemic has had significant impacts on college enrollment around the world, the University of Utah has consistently in-

creased enrollment and continues its record-setting streak. For the second year in a row, the U saw its largest total enrollment in school history for the fall 2021 semester.

Local students who are part of the record-breaking Class of 2025 include:

Natalia Graham of Montrose, whose major is listed as Design Foundations BS.

Molly Rhoderick of Montrose, whose major is listed as Psychology BS and Pre Psychology BS.

Joshua Simpson of Montrose, whose major is listed as Design Foundations BS.

Enrollment of first-time freshmen increased 19.6% to 5,361 students-the first class of over 5,000 students at the U. Last fall, first-time freshmen increased 5.5%.

"This is an incredible and exciting milestone for the University of Utah," Taylor Randall, university president. "It speaks to the value and quality we offer and reflects our solid reputation as one of the nation's top public research universities. I am pleased to welcome all our students-new and continuing-and look forward to seeing all they will accomplish at the U."

Overall enrollment increased 4.2% to 34,424-up from 33,047 in fall 2020. The number of new transfer students also increased, up 2.3% to 1,448. The university also saw record highs in undergraduate and graduate enrollment with graduate students up 2.3% and undergraduates up 4.8%.

"We are excited to welcome our largest class to Imagine U," said Dan Reed, senior vice president of Academic Affairs. "The enthusiasm of our faculty, staff and students for the fall educational experience is extraordinary." The U also enrolled historically high numbers of domestic students of color, international students and both in-state and out-of-state students.

Steve Robinson, senior associate vice president for Enrollment Management, attributes the tremendous growth to recognition of the quality of a degree from the U, a new scholarship award strategy and extensive outreach to new students.

"The fact that we continued to significantly grow our enrollment throughout a pandemic demonstrates that we are succeeding in expanding access to the U," said Robinson. "It's clear the U continues to be an academic destination, not only in Utah but nationally and increasingly internationally as well."

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Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Lisa Petty
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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: 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 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 Giveaway and Wellness Fair.

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SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation:

Southern Baptist

Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

Office hours: Varies

Contact information:

phone number: 970-275-7026

email: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com

website: www.summitchurchmontrose.org

Name of current Senior Pastor: John De-Sario

Worship service times: 9 AM for Sunday Worship, Monday Night Bible Study 6:30-8pm Summit Church Montrose preaches the Word of God, reaches the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equips Christians to serve the Lord. Summit Church is a group of diverse people, (widows, retired couples, families with adult children, fami-

lies 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.

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 in-

formation to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

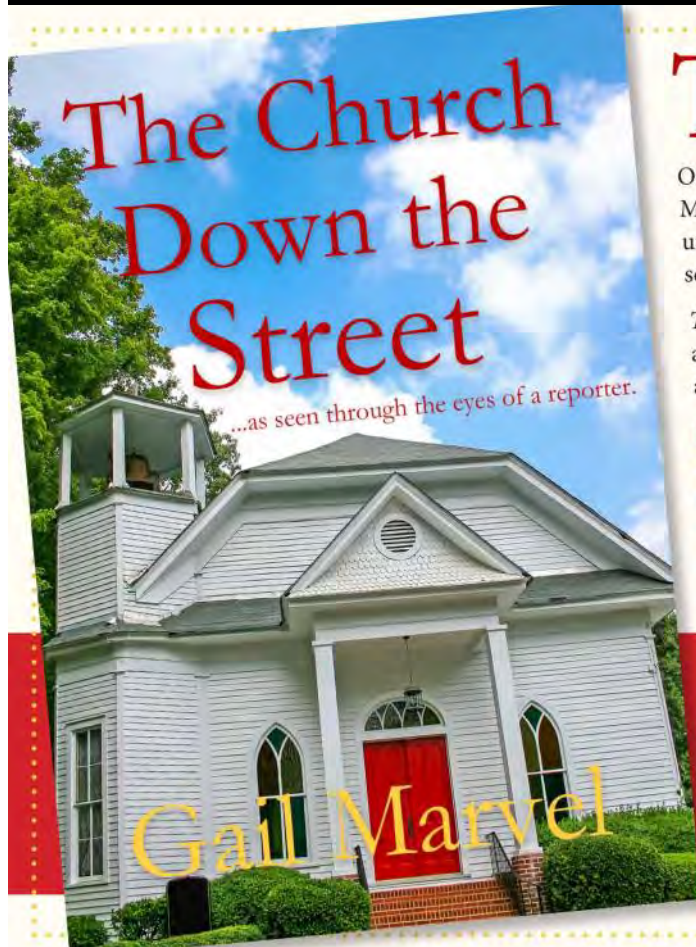
Name of current Senior Pastor

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?



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).

GAIL MARVEL
Montrose Author & Reporter



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

END OF AN ERA: SILVER STAGE RETIRES

Kathryn Burke, Silverstage Publisher

REGIONAL—Twenty-five years! A quarter-century. Hard to believe. But like the stagecoaches of yore, replaced by trains, trucks, and automobiles, it's time for the *San Juan Silver Stage* to head for the museum. It's been a great ride and our editorial content consistently outstanding. Except for a few bumps in the road, it's also been an incredibly rewarding experience. We've enjoyed having you ride along with us and are grateful for your loyal support...but we've reached the end of the trail.

The *Silver Stage* started out in 1996, in Ouray, Colorado. My late husband coined the name—based on the historic Silver San Juans (history and heritage) and my focus on our “on stage” creative community providing arts and entertainment around the region.

The publication began as a newspaper and morphed into a magazine along with six others published by San Juan Publishing group, Inc. (SJPG), our parent company. SJPG was ahead of its time and also built related websites for those magazines.

In print and online, we were once the only trusted source for events around the

Four Corners region, with emphasis closer to home, here in Western Colorado. Our *Stage Events Calendar* was a bible for those hunting for things to do. Now our time of publishing the region's only comprehensive community calendar has come to an end. The combination of Covid and subsequent ramping up of social media has irrevocably changed the need for that service.

Today there are hundreds, make that thousands, of digital locations—if you know how and where to find them—that catalogue current events, by area or region, topic or interest, or just proximity to where you are or plan to be if traveling. It takes a bit of concentrated searching, and accuracy can be somewhat dubious—but it's all out there. You can find what's happening, or did happen, or will happen on your own now, tapping into the myriad of websites and social media pages. Today, almost everybody, regardless of age or technical ability, relies on the Internet as their primary news source.

Remember the magazines in the doctors' offices? Gone. Everybody is scrolling through their smartphone. Remember the printed newspaper delivered in the dark and perused with your morning coffee?



Not in the driveway anymore. Instead of turning a paper page, you tap, click and scroll. For most of us, print has been replaced by digital format. We Google, Zoom, YouTube, Facebook, and log in with face-recognition (or hard-to-remember passwords). We shop online, order food, book our travel, balance our bank accounts, pay bills, and take free classes (and pay-per-view webinars) online—mostly from our phones (or a tablet, laptop, or desk computer if we need a bigger screen).

So, sadly (because I've *really* loved doing this), it's time for the *Stage* to make its final run, another icon that will, hopefully, be remembered with love...or at least fondness. Although an archival version will still be accessible online, the *San Juan Silver Stage* as you've known it, will be permanently parked as a museum piece at the end of this issue, Holidays 2021. Please stop by for a visit at Silverstage.news and share in the memories.

Nov. 5th. First Friday Reception and Party at Montrose Center for the Arts 5-7 PM, Artists' Reception & Holiday Art Mart Opens. FREE. Live Music by Yolanda. Light Apps and Adult Libations

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Both November shows thru Nov. 27th

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YOUR BRAIN ON NATURE - HUMOR

Where did the goat go on vacation? The Baaaahamas!!!



Lauren Hall Ruddell, Ph.D.. Courtesy photo.

REGIONAL-The value of humor in our lives is no laughing matter. Once thought to be the purview of humans only, recent research has shown that many animals display a sense of humor as well. Chimps laugh frequently. And not just primates, either. There is anecdotal evidence that dolphins find humans doing humorous things to be very funny and engaging. For a bit of supporting evidence, I viewed a video on YouTube with over three and half million views, in which a girl appears to make a dolphin giggle by doing repeated cartwheels and handstands in front of its tank at Sea World (https://youtu.be/Bsp_JTtE3-w).

"I would define humour, as we know it, as seeing improbable connections in the upper mind," says psychologist Jaak Panksepp. "That's what a joke is all about. You're not expecting it, and then all of a sudden ... bang! It comes from the ability to put very strange, often illogical things together, triggering positive emotions." While the sophistication of human humor requires the medium of language, Panksepp says he would not be surprised if positive emotions could be triggered in some animals by viewing slapstick events which they find startling or surprising. He also found that rats love to be tickled, and emit hypersonic chirps during the process. Rodent laughter? After witnessing a particular comedian in my goat herd, I have no doubt that many animals have a sense



Photo courtesy of Omar Lopez .

of humor.

I once had a large wether on my farm on Log Hill that thought a particular kind of practical joke was hilarious, even if other members of the herd were not amused. I often had number 10 cans scattered about the pen. They come in handy for all sorts of things, but I never envisioned one of their ultimate uses. This prankster would stick his head as far into an empty can as he could get it, and then run at the other goats, terrifying them with this bizarre vision of a Borg goat (Star Trek reference there). And lest you think this was a random behavior, I witnessed him do the can over and over and repeat the whole process. Although I remain unconvinced that goats can vocalize the equivalent of human laughter, the glint in his eye and satisfaction on his face always elicited a laugh from me. So in this researcher's mind at least, humans and primates do not have a monopoly on humor.

The purpose of laughter itself appears to be a social bonding mechanism, and early hominids that could make those happy sounds likely benefitted from stronger bonds with other individuals within their group. Think of it this way. "Funny" primates or early hominids were those who

could make sounds that said, "We're safe and happy now: Everybody relax and pick some bugs off each other." They could also identify those sounds when others in their social group made them, taking the context into account, and could respond appropriately. Individuals who accidentally learned to make their peers emit those sounds may have found that they got groomed more often. Conversely individuals lacking this emerging sense of humor might not have interpreted the signals accurately.

These dull and somber members might inappropriately lash out at others who were only trying to play...not a good strategy for forging alliances or finding mates. Similarly, primates who mistook "danger" vocalizations for play vocalizations were the ones who let their guard down, showed up in the clearing with their Groucho Marx glasses and wax lips (a personal favorite of mine), and became snack food for a prowling saber-toothed tiger.

What did the judge say when the skunk came into his courtroom?

"Odor in the court!"

Among us evolved hominids, the ability to tell a joke is valued by both sexes, however, it is seen as most desirable in mate

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selection that a man be able to tell a good joke, and a woman be capable of appreciating and laughing out loud at said joke. Psychologists have noted a correlation between sense of humor and intelligence since the 1960s. If humor indicates that a particularly funny male is smarter than the average bear, a female might reasonably conclude that the male might be a superior leader, hunter, strategists and all around superior provider, thus helping the ensure the survival of progeny. But the female would need to be discriminating, since not all humor and laughs derive from one simple cause or stimuli.

There are two types of humor origins theories that are relevant to folks spending time in nature and finding something funny to laugh at.

One is *superiority theory*, which focuses on interpersonal motivational mechanisms, with humor resulting as a function of self-esteem enhancement. This humor results from feelings of triumph over the errors or misfortune of others, which promotes self-enhancement and feelings of superiority. Finding humor in animal fails, something that really, really turns me off in a potential friend, is one such response to perceived 'one up' situations. While this may have some beneficial purpose for wellness, myself and researchers in positive psychology believe that it is inferior to a different type of humor origin. Self-deprecating and negative based forms of humor have even been found to reduce positive affect and release a cascade of undesirable chemicals into the body. So stop it, you folks that tend to do that, for your sake and ours.

A much more healthful origin is described by *incongruity theory*, which focuses on the cognitive mechanisms of perception and interpretation, posits that it is the perceptions of incongruity that explain humor (Martin & Ford, 2018). In other words, laughter is a function of anticipating a different outcome than what was expected. Surprise!! Incongruity is be-



The earth laughs in flowers. Ralph Waldo Emerson. Photo courtesy of Antonino Visalli.

lieved to be the most influential humor theory, with some proposing that it comprises the basis of all sincere and harmless humor. Like the laughing dolphin in the link above, this sort of laughter occurs in response to unexpected punchlines or actions that go against usual patterns and expectations.

Polish jokes, blond jokes and the like are based in superiority origins, while the dolphin delighted by the unexpected antics of the cartwheeling tourist was immersed in incongruity perception. Silly puns, plays on words, a long joke or fable based on a illogical outcome in the punchline (didn't see that coming, did ya, etc) all qualify as incongruity appreciation. A certain charming silliness can also elicit a smile, chuckle, or a laugh. When I watch two tree squirrels chasing each other around and around, up and down, the same tree for 10 minutes, the growing sense of the ridiculous can get a stifled guffaw from me every time.

What do you call an alligator with a spy glass? An investigator!
Humor based in the appropriate origin

framework can be extremely beneficial for the brain. It has already been established in previous articles that nature is good for the brain. So even though there is virtually no research that has specifically examined the relationship between time outdoors and the experience of humor, it is not an unreasonable hypothesis to think that the effects might be somewhat additive. Fortunately, there is evidence that green exercise reduces anxiety, but humorous scenes that result in laugh out loud responses reduce anxiety even more!

Laughter is also good for one's memory, just as is time in nature. For instance, a 2014 study demonstrated delayed recall proficiency doubled in the humor vs. control groups. This is an especially important news flash for senior citizens.

To conclude, although I am disheartened by the lack of research, I choose to believe that fun in nature, either with clever friends or hilarious animals, is good for almost anything that ails you.

Questions or comments? That plus animal jokes humourously accepted at agescapesnow@gmail.com.



A CLEAR, SEEING PLACE



Cristin Johnson



Jenny McIntyre



Julia Reid

By Kathryn R. Burke

MONTROSE-It's a beautiful fall day. We are sitting outside at the Light House Eatery in Montrose, one of my favorite places to conduct interviews. I am visiting with three artists who will, collectively, headline the November show at Montrose Center for the Arts. *A Clear Way of Seeing*: [Julia Reid](#), [Jenny McIntyre](#), and [Cristin Johnson](#).

Three talented, creative women with three different artistic perspectives, methods, and backgrounds. Yet, they share common threads in their work: a love of art and nature as well as recognition of the many profound changes over the past year.

Their lives and artistry overlap and intertwine as they live and make art in Western Colorado. "We have a strong connection," Julia said. "We share a holistic approach to art and to wellness," Jenny added. "And for all of us, for each of us, making art is also a spiritual experience," said Cristin. "It's a process, but it's also more than that, we 'feel' our art, immerse ourselves in the work as we are creating it."

Art-making is also physical, Jenny remind-

ed us. "We live in a beautiful area." (Evidenced by our lovely setting with leaves turning crimson and gold.) "A place where you just need to be outside, making art in nature." For these artists, nature is both inspiration and plein air studio.

Working in it also means staying fit. If you're hiking above Ouray (for some plein air painting), all the trails go *up*! Which can be hard on the body. Cristin, a graduate of Outward Bound and a certified fitness instructor, recently had *both* knees replaced. Now feeling great, she's been hitting those high trails ever since. Jenny (and her husband) are personal trainers. Staying fit is also her livelihood. Julia is waiting for knee surgery and hopes to be back on the plein air trail soon.

Making art from *A Clear Seeing Place* is the title of their show, which is based on a book of the same name by Brian Rutenberg that Julia shared at our meeting. She interpreted the author's message to mean: "Lock your door and make your own clear seeing place."

"We all experienced this during our time through Covid," Julia said. "This forced us to go within and focus in new ways. ...My

father once told me, 'You can't know someone until you've seen the world through their eyes.'"

Julia, Cristin, and Jenny invite you to see the world through their eyes in this beautiful show that showcases their art and their world view.

Julia: I've explored the creative process throughout my life. I love that I've been introduced to new ways of playing, freeing up the creative within me, techniques I learned from artists working in cold wax/oil and mixed media/acrylic. Abstracting the visible world, through utilizing and exploring these mediums, which I use today, I hope to create the depth, transparency, texture and vibrancy. I am inspired by e.b. white, who said, 'Always be on the lookout for the presence of wonder.'" [\[Julia's story.\]](#)

Cristin: A lot of my inspiration right now is a response to the call of especially powerful times and events during 2020-2021. Following our solar system's annual natural cycles. I work outside, in my outdoor studio and *en Plein Air*, on mountain trails and in the water from our boat. I collect natural elements and integrate them

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into a landscape composition by applying them directly on the canvas. This allows me to connect with, and interpret the mountain range landscape, and in light and gratitude, transfer this to the painting. The pieces in this show were completed following the Super Moon Cycles in March, April, May, and June.

[Cristin's story.]

Jenny: I've been painting for 20 years,

working only in oils. My artistic perspective evolved from living in and exploring Colorado all of my life.

(Jenny is an avid outdoorswoman, observing and drawing inspiration from the natural beauty of the landscapes around her.) As my style has matured, my perspective has become more abstract than representative.

For me, it's all about trying to capture the

essence of place through form and color. [Jenny's story.]

In *A Clear Seeing Place*, Brian Rutenberg wrote: "How do you see the world? Let us stare through your eyes."

In this show, the artists invite you to share their *clear seeing place* as they interpret the natural world around them... and open a fascinating window on a new way for you to view your world, too.

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ONGOING-

FREETHINKERS meet 1st Sunday of the month at 1pm. more info at 970-708-8333.

NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS welcomes adults who are new to Montrose or have been here awhile, who would enjoy learning more about the area and participate in social activities. 2021-22 meeting info. We will hold our first monthly meeting on Wednesday September 8 in our new location. All other meetings will be on the 1st Wednesday of each month (October, November, and January – May). 10am-11:30am in the downstairs meeting hall of Cedar Creek Church, 222 S. Townsend and S. 3rd. enter through the side door on S. 3rd St. Hope to meet you there! Contact Patti 951-544-6289 if you have questions.

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 non-denominational 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

All Month. Montrose Center for the Arts. Montrose Visual Arts Guild, main gallery. Dave Kaufmann, wood-turning, Columbine room. Details here.

Nov. 2-Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants for Our Times-Colorado Mesa University Montrose Campus, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 at 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cascade Hall, S. 3rd St. and Cascade Ave. Free and open to the public. Celebrate the local wild edible and medicinal plants as a resource for these changing times with Colorado wild plant authority Katrina Blair.

Nov. 3-Montrose County Historical Society presents Joel Evans presenting a slide show about exploring, camping and fishing the Black Canyon of the Gunnison 7 pm. Wednesday, Nov, 3, 2021, at Friendship Hall, Pioneer Room. Admission is free, the public is invited. Light refreshments may be available.

Nov. 5-6-Annual Holiday Crafts and Bazaar, Friendship Hall, 1001 North Second Street. Friday 9am to 5pm, Saturday 9am to 3pm.

Nov. 6-Columbine Quilters-Welcome Home Alliance Warrior Resource Center, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way Montrose. 9 am Fellowship 9:30am Business Meeting 10:30am Show-and-tell, Refreshments and Program. Visitors are always welcome. For more information: Paula-paulalakecity@gmail.com

Nov. 8-6:30 Montrose Library meeting [rm.Citizensclimatelobby.org](https://www.citizensclimatelobby.org) meets. Short Showing of Green Matters. Non Partisan, national, nonprofit environmental organization-All welcome 970-765-9095

Nov. 11-Veterans Day Breakfast, Montrose Elks Lodge (801 South Hillcrest) from 9 to 11 am. All veterans are welcome. Free winter coats, blankets, mufflers, gloves and socks.

Nov. 20-San Juan Weavers Guild 43rd Annual Show and Sale is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Ute Indian Museum, 17253 Chipeta Rd

Nov. 25-Montrose Community Dinner 27th Annual Friends Community Dinner, Friendship Hall. To Go and delivery only. For more information, to volunteer, or to sign up- www.montrosecommunitydinner.com or call 970-318-6724.

Nov. 26-27-Basement Boutique Craft Show and Sale at the Montrose Pavilion. Central checkout for shopping convenience. Canned goods appreciated to support Sharing Ministries. Hours are Friday 9am to 5pm, Saturday 9am to 4pm.



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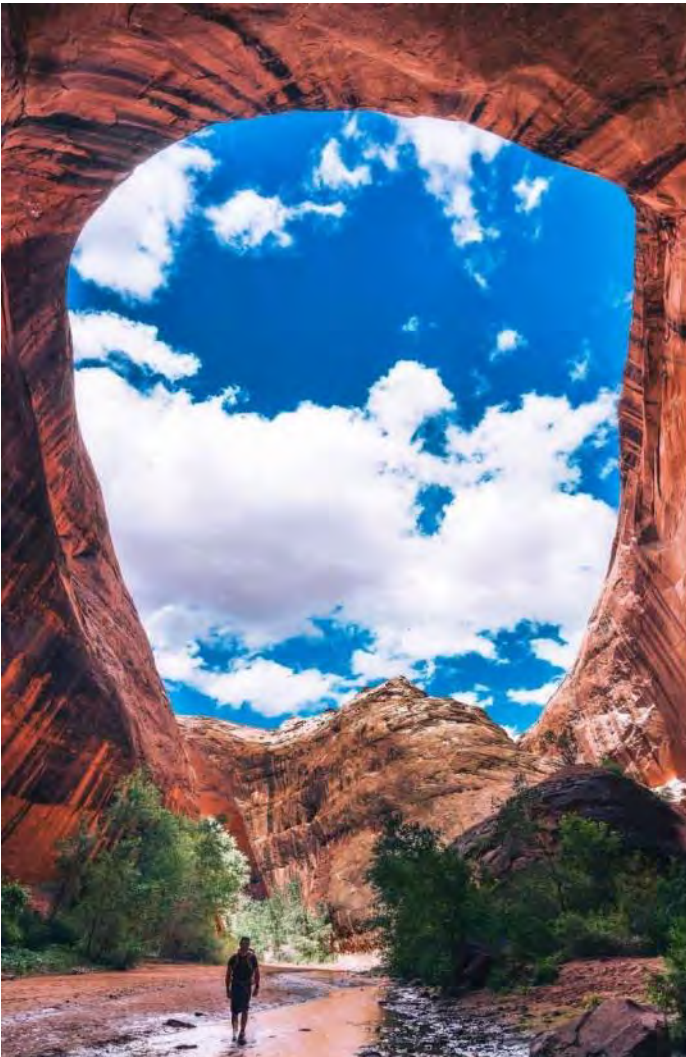
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Trick or treaters on Main Street Saturday. Photo B. Switzer.



A shopper looks at pumpkins at the Mattics Produce stand last week.



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