BITUARIES/WEATHER

Obituaries

Donald Chris Nelson, 78, passed away June 10, 2016 at Valley Manor Care Center in Montrose, Colorado. Donald was born Sept. 8, 1937 to Edwin and Maggie May Nelson in Tucson, Ariz.

Donald grew up in Tucson and Muleshoe, Texas. He graduated from University of Arizona with an engineering degree.

On Aug. 25, 1973 Donald married the love of his life, Maria Stella (Reeder)

Bustamante in Crested Butte, Colo. Donald traveled most of the United States and retired in Montrose, Colo., where he resided until his death.

Donald was a member of Montrose Christian Church. He served his country in the United States Navy as a Seabee. Donald was a 50-year Asbestos Union Member (Number 73).

Donald loved to fish, read, and spend time at the Senior Pavilion playing pool, but most of all spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Donald Chris Nelson

Sept. 8, 1937 - June 10, 2016





Donald is survived by his wife Stella Nelson of Montrose, Colo.; his son Kirk (Lokelani) Reeder of Denver; his daughter Debbie (Jim) Stewart of Montrose, Colo.; his brother James Stanley Nelson of Phoenix; three grandchildren, Casey Stewart of Montrose, Colo., Valorie (Brandon) Roberts of Montrose, Colo., Brandy (Rob) Felder of Firestone, Colo.; six great-grandchildren; one sister-inlaw, Gene Nelson of Tucson, and many nieces and nephews.

Donald is preceded in death by his parents Edwin and Maggie May Nelson, his brother Edwin Nelson, his sister Bobbie Nelson, and beloved infant daughter Erikka Katherine Nelson.

There will be a memorial service for Donald at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, at the Crippin Funeral Home Chapel. There will be a burial to follow at the Delta Municipal Cemetery on 3rd Street, in Delta, Colo.

Arrangements are under the care of Crippin Funeral Home and

L. W. 'Dave' Davidson

L. W. "Dave" Davidson, 78, of Montrose, died Friday, June 10, 2016 at Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colo.

A visitation for friends will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at Crippin Funeral Home Chapel.

A graveside service is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 17, at Grand View Cemetery, in Montrose with The Rev. Jim Welch officiating.

Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory in Montrose is assisting the family.

Paying the cost for search and rescue

By Mark Rackay

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There are more than 60 Search and Rescue teams in Colorado. The county sheriff's departments across the state estimate there may be as many as 1,725 searches per year in Colorado.

The cost for a typical search and rescue mission can be staggering.

A search in Montrose County last year is a perfect example. On a holiday weekend, an autistic child wandered away from his parents and their campsite. The sheriff was notified and the Montrose County Sheriff's Posse was called.

The response included 15 people from the posse, two deputies, nine vehicles and five ATVs. The sheriff also called out a helicopter to assist with the search.

Fortunately, the child was located safe and sound within a few hours. It is estimated that this mission's cost exceeded \$5,000.

Search and rescue teams are volunteers who contribute many hours in training and missions. These teams never charge an individual who is lost or iniured for their services.

These organizations rely on public donations and grants to cover

their expenses. In some instances, helicopters will join in a search, at an average cost of \$1,600 an hour. There are instances where multiple aircraft will be utilized, depending on the type of emergency.



In 1987, Colorado created the Search and Rescue fund. The purpose of the fund was to provide reimbursement to search and rescue organizations for expenses incurred in conducting search and rescue missions in Colorado.

The fund reimburses reasonable expenses for fuel costs, vehicle rentals, repairs, fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters, when not related to a medical evacuation. The Colorado Department of Local Affairs or DOLA manages this fund.

Dollars for the fund are generated through a 25-cent surcharge on hunting and fishing licenses, boat registrations, snowmobile registrations and the registration of off-highway vehicles.

Individuals may also purchase a Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue card for \$3 a year or 5 years for \$12.

It is important to remember that a CORSAR card is not insurance. Its purpose is to reimburse sheriffs for eligible costs incurred in a discharge of a search

and rescue mission. The reimbursement is

not available to individuals. With or without a card, teams are going to come and look for you. The majority of

searches in Colorado are not submitted to the fund for reimbursement, because costs were minimal or the mission was not eligible for immediate reimbursement.

The reimbursements are divided into three tiers for payments. The first tier, or priority payments are for missions that involved a person who participated in the fund through a sur-

charge or CORSAR card. Missions that involve nonparticipating individuals are reimbursed at lower rates depending on availability of funds in the program.

For the fiscal year 2014-2015, the fund raised total revenue of \$462,409. The fund made 47 payments for reimbursements totaling \$37,581.95. Montrose County received \$3,400.31 for mission expenditures.

The fund serves another important purpose to SAR teams across the

state by making monies available for grants. Teams can apply annually for grants for rescue equipment and training.

During the same fiscal year, the fund paid out \$283,114.01 in grants to SAR teams statewide.

Montrose County Sheriff's Posse received a grant last year for training. The monies allowed 14 members to participate in the National SAR conference held in Estes Park.

"Without these grants, we could not afford the training or equipment needed to do our job," said Paul Martin, treasurer for the Posse. "Sometimes, equipment gets destroyed or damaged performing a rescue while some things just plain wear out. The fund really helps keep us going."

Mark Rackay is a freelance writer who serves as a Director for the Montrose County Sheriff's Posse. For information about the Posse call 970-252-4033 (leave a message) or email info@mcspi.org.

Death notices

Charlea C. "Charlie" Burr

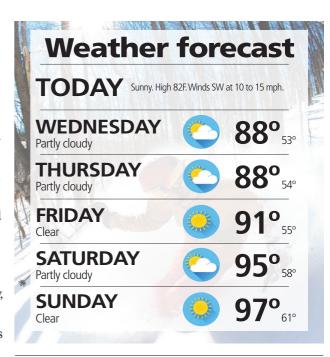
Charlea C. "Charlie" Burr, age 90, of Montrose died Sunday, June 12, 2016 at Brookdale Sunrise Creek

Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory in Montrose is assisting the family.

Annie Deltondo

Annie Deltondo, of Montrose, died Saturday, June 12, 2016 at her home and is survived by her husband,

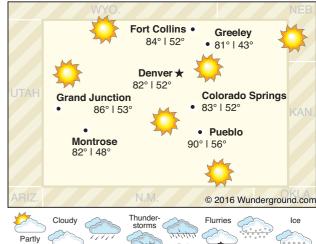
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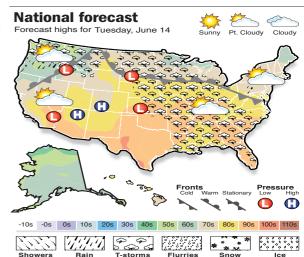
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Forecast for Tuesday, June 14

City/Region High I Low temps



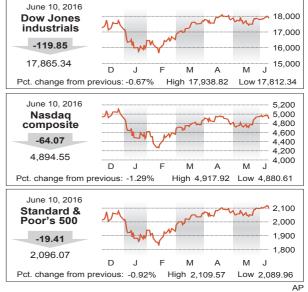
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Strong Storms In The Great Plains And Midwest

Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop over the northern Great Plains and progress eastward through the Upper Midwest as the day goes on. Stormy weather will also be possible across the Southeast and around the Gulf Coast.

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