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Morrison Hogback

APRIL 2020

Mayor and Board of Trustees

Mayor: Sean Forey
Mayor
Pro-Tem: Debora Jerome
Trustees: Michael DeJonge
Katie Gill
Matt Schweich
Jennifer Singer
Paul Sutton

Board Meetings are the
first and **third**
Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission meetings
are the **second** Tuesday
at 7:00 p.m.

Town Staff

Town Manager: Kara Winters
Town Clerk: Lyndsey Paavilainen
Deputy Town Clerk/
Court Clerk: Charla Bryant
Administrative
Assistant: Debbie Jacobson
Public Works Director: Fritz Fouts
Museum Curator: Matt Mossbrucker
Museum Coordinator: Doug Hartshorn

Police Department

303-697-4810

Police Chief: George Mumma
Chief's Secretary: Jennifer Spornick
Staff Sergeant: Jay Harrison

Jefferson County Public Health Website COVID-19 Information and Updates

<https://www.jeffco.us/3999/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19>



Thank you!

To the Town of Morrison **Public Works Staff, Water/Sewer Operators, and Police Officers** for everything you do! Your commitment to the Town and safety of the residents and community during this difficult time is greatly appreciated.

What's Happening

FROM THE MAYOR
AND
BOARD OF
TRUSTEES



THANK YOU

As of April 21, 2020, Christopher Wolfe and Venessa Angel's four year terms were completed. We would like to thank them for their wise counsel and thoughtful participation on the Board of Trustees. We are particularly appreciative of Chris Wolfe's brilliant suggestion to paint the wastewater treatment facility and will miss Venessa's perspective as

a local business owner. We would also like to welcome Mike DeJonge and Jennifer Singer as our newest members of the Board of Trustees. The seven member board is an excellent example of how 'The whole is greater than the sum of its parts'. We are grateful for the volunteered time of our board members and look forward to the contributions and insights of Mike and Jen in the coming years.

The shelter in place guidelines associated with the Corona Virus present some acute challenges for our local businesses. Please make an effort to support our local businesses by stopping by for some takeout food or procuring other essentials.

Stay well,
Paul Sutton, Trustee

**SUPPORT
LOCAL
BUSINESS**

Morrison Natural History Museum



2020 Benefit Brunch - Postponed - Due to the pandemic, the annual benefit breakfast was postponed. The event may be rescheduled for the fall of this year, but a date has yet to be determined.

2020 Paleontology Field Program - With our partner museum the Glenrock Paleontological Museum, we are again offering the public a chance to participate with an informal field school that teaches through experience how to paleontologists collect for museums. Join the crew and help collect fossils in the Upper Cretaceous

Lance Formation of Wyoming - home of thousands of fossils ranging from turtles to *Triceratops*. Email Matthew Mossbrucker at director@mnhm.org for more information.

Work Continues - In spite of public closure, the museum staff has been busy with projects that are difficult to achieve when visitors and volunteers are flowing through the museum. From deep cleaning to staining floors and wooden walls, to collections storage maintenance, exhibit planning, and more.

Even though we are closed to the public, a skeleton crew of your MNHM staffers are hard at work making the museum a better place during the shutdown, while maintaining proper social distancing, of course.

Preparator, Fritz Gottron, cuts into the plaster jacket protecting an *Allosaurus* ilium (upper, left), Collections Coordinator, Sharon Bax, and volunteer, Ken, work on refurbishing collections cabinets (upper, right), Museum Coordinator, Doug Harts-horn, “excavates” the cast Stegosaurus in the simulated dig pit for repair (bottom, left), and Director & Chief Curator, Matthew T. Mossbrucker, is studying stegosaur tails as a part of a long-term research project to be displayed at the museum.



Sincerely,
Matthew T. Mossbrucker,
Director and Chief Curator

BUSINESS... ...Highlight

Tom's UPHOLSTERY 405 BEAR CREEK AVENUE

Tom's Upholstery has been doing business in Morrison for 60 years. The owner, David Cowden, was 18 when he helped his parents start the business. And yeah, his dad's name was Tom. Behind the unassuming store front, fine custom furniture is manufactured and shipped to places as far as Beirut, Abu Dhabi and Padre Island. From local customers with re-upholstering needs to numerous clients in Vail, people who choose Tom's Upholstering will tell you how impressed they are with the quality workmanship and the attention to detail that goes into every piece.

Recently, Tom's has been making masks to contribute to the COVID-19 relief and prevention efforts. They've provided masks for employees at numerous local businesses, the Morrison Post Office, and 100 masks for the Town of Morrison and Morrison Police Department, to name a few. The Town of Morrison is grateful for their contribution to our community.

Tom's Upholstering is truly a family business. David's employees include two sons and one son-in-law (Sean, Tom and Tim). Two other employees have been there for 15 and 17 years. They can be reached at (303) 697-4619.

Thank you, we appreciate you!



BUSINESS... ...Highlight

MORRISON LIQUORS

SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU, LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE YOU

This has been our slogan for 28 years. Hi, I am Garry, and with my wife Lynette, we own and operate Morrison Liquors. We have the small mountain town atmosphere, but are able to offer the big city conveniences.

I am a third-generation Colorado native and Lynette is a transplant from Wyoming. Between the two of us, we have 5 children, 8 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild! With the store and kiddos, who all live in the Denver Metro area, we stay very busy!

We came into the beverage industry knowing that customer service is the number one priority. Because we know our customers, we have been able to tailor our inventory to their needs. We are in a very unique situation. We have our regular Town customers, but we also need to foresee the needs of the tourist and concert crowds. My goal is, as old fashioned as I am: Customer Service, Convenience, and Selection. Much of the inventory that we carry was specially requested by our customers. During the past 28 years, Lynette and I have gotten to know our customers. We have watched their children grow up, and now their children's children. It is very fulfilling to be a part of their lives.

Since buying the store in 1992, our business has increased so much that we needed to convert a half of the building into a large beer cooler and for more floor and shelf space. Next to the cooler, you can still see the original rock wall of the building, which was built in 1886. We have tried to incorporate some of the historical features in the design of the store, including the original wood floors. A memorable weekend in 1996, we were able to remove the dividing wall between the two sides of the store, and our timing was almost perfect. This was the same weekend that began the five days of the famous Phish concert. Because we had doubled our space, we were able to accommodate the large crowd of Phish fans.

We have the same philosophy today as when we started 28 years ago. We will work hard to keep our regular customers coming back, and meeting new customers and making them regulars! Another slogan I like to use: If you can't find it elsewhere we will find it for you. We are like Burger King: Special orders don't upset us!! When you come in and don't see it, just ask. Please stop by so we can help you, 505 Bear Creek Avenue. Our store hours are Monday through Saturday 11 am to 8 pm, Sunday 11 am to 7 pm or give us a call, (303) 697-4794.



We really appreciate the local support during the stay-at-home order. We are grateful to be a part of this wonderful community.

Thanks and stay well,
Gary Briggs
Owner

Remembering Frank Eugene Sims



Frank Eugene Sims (father of long-time resident, Debora Jerome) was born July 27, 1929, in Morrison, Colorado, to Helen and Elmer Sims. He has one younger sister, Lorraine Michel. The Sims family had been in Morrison since the early 1900's with many Sims children attending school at the Old Schoolhouse. The Sims were also known to host the former Hillcrest Inn (located on Bear Creek Nursing Home property) hired entertainers, cook them meals, and let them stay in their apartments, located off Summer Street, when the hotel was full.

Growing up in Morrison "I was a depression kid, but never realized we were not too well off, because everyone else was in the same condition". Frank attended first through eighth grade at the old stone Morrison schoolhouse. He was never late for school because the family home was right across the street. At the age of twelve he was a soda jerk at Red Rocks and at Schneider's Drug Store in Morrison. He also broke horses and led trail rides for city folks at the Hillcrest and Cavanaugh stables in town. In his teenage years he began to rodeo and bull ride until his mother (Helen) saw him get hung-up during a ride and gave him the choice of continuing to rodeo or getting a 1928 Chevy two door sedan from his father for \$25. He spent several years customizing and working on this car, and this began his lifelong love of automobiles.

Frank graduated from Bear Creek High School in 1947 where he lettered in Football, Basketball, Track, was the editor of the school paper, participated in the Glee Club, and his senior year drove the school bus. He then attended Denver University where he played football and marched in the band (drums); it is said that Frank was inspired to play the drums after meeting famous Big Band drummer, Gene Krupa, who was performing at the Hillcrest Inn. In the middle of his college career he enlisted in the Marine Corps. Frank graduated from DU in 1953 with dual degrees in coaching/PE, biological science, and psychology.

Frank met his first wife Barbara (Walker) on a skiing blind date. The two were married in 1953 and had three children: Debora, Philip (preceded Frank in death), and Craig. Frank has five grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren, and he loved riding them around in his old cars.

Six months after the birth of his daughter Debora, Frank spent a year and a half in Japan during the last of the Korean Conflict. Frank achieved the rank of Major and was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps after twenty-one years (active and reserve).

His years in the Marine Corps meant he was well suited for dealing with boisterous teenagers, so Frank began teaching upon his transition from active duty status to civilian life. In total, he taught for 31 years, a majority of the years at Wheat Ridge Junior High School, and focused in 7th grade science and biology. He was well respected by his students and colleagues and retired from teaching in 1984.

By all accounts Frank owned at least 24 vehicles in his lifetime, with his prized vehicle, and still-in-the-family car, the 1926 Flint Touring car purchased by his grandfather Albert Sims in 1926. Frank spent years restoring the Flint and enjoyed taking it and his other cars to shows and driving tours.

Frank Sims passed away on March 1, 2020 and was given a full military honors funeral at Ft. Logan National Cemetery on March 10, 2020.

References:

For full obituary: please visit <https://allveterans.com/tribute/details/178882/Frank-Sims/obituary.html#tribute-start>

This last November 12th, The Denver Channel - 7 aired a story on Frank and his '26 Flint <https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/the-car-that-has-driven-a-colorado-family-through-90-years-of-denver-history>

Pictures:

Top Left: Frank on horseback, taken at the east end of Summer Street, 1942 or 1943.

Bottom Right: Frank in the Marine Corps, late 1950's.







The Bulletin Board

Morrison Assistance Network

We are a group of neighbors who can help homebound or quarantined people in Morrison get the groceries and/or supplies they need. If you feel too vulnerable to go out in public, or if you may have been exposed to the COVID 19 virus and don't want to risk exposing others, please contact us.

Call or email people from the list below to request assistance.

(If the first person you reach cannot help directly, your request will be forwarded to a community list)

Katie Gill	Phone: (303) 881-3379	Email: jimkatie@aol.com
Elizabeth Burris	Phone: (303) 697-2004	Email: eburris2@msn.com
Petra Bute	Phone: (303) 748-2817	Email: Petralikesyoga@gmail.com
Becci Siegle	Phone: (303) 204-1645	Email: beccimatt@comcast.net
Paul Sutton	Phone: (720) 767-8788	Email: paul.sutton@du.edu
Chris and Kathy Wolfe	Phone: (303) 350-7867	Email: Chrisandkathy@comcast.net

Want to volunteer? Send your name and contact information to Katie Gill, jimkatie@aol.com or call (303) 881-3379

Town Clean Up Days:

June 6-7

700 Bear Creek Ave

WILL NOT ACCEPT: Hazardous material, concrete, TV's, electronics, air conditioners or refrigeration units.



Staff
Recognition
Spotlight

Sgt. Schreiber – 4/15/2009

Off. Hunter – 5/2/2012

Judge Wheatley – 5/1/2014

Off. Wilbur – 5/16/2016

Det. Williams – 5/17/2016

EVERYONE
COUNTS Census 2020

CENSUS 2020

Census day was April 1, 2020, For more information about Colorado and the Census and why your Census Response matters, visit:

[https://
demography.dola.colorado.gov/
census_2020/](https://demography.dola.colorado.gov/census_2020/)



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Home

Classic Car

Boat/Watercraft

Pet Insurance

Auto RV & ATV

Landlord Protection

Motorcycle

Condo & Apartment

Flood Proofing - How to Protect Yourself

There is a high potential for flooding in the Bear Creek Canyon and Morrison. Floods can occur anytime we get the right combination of conditions. Residents, especially in low-lying areas such as Morrison, should always be aware of the possibility for flooding.

A few tips to become more flood savvy:

- Stay tuned to local radio or television for updates on flood watches (possible floods) and flood warnings (flooding imminent or in progress).
- Be prepared to evacuate if asked to do so. Plan a place to meet your family in case you are separated; plan an out-of-state contact to call to advise each other of your whereabouts.
- Assemble a disaster supplies kit: flashlight, battery-operated radio, first aid supplies, sleeping supplies, and extra clothing.
- Consider purchasing flood insurance, and make a record of your personal property.
- If flash-flooding is possible, move to higher ground; be aware of channels known to flood.
- Stay away from floodwaters and moving water; they may be contaminated or electrically charged. Do not drive into flooded areas.
- Stay away from downed power lines; avoid disaster areas, unless volunteers are requested.
- Secure your home, and move essential items to the upper floors.
- Be alert to health and safety concerns: wash hands frequently, avoid food that has been in contact with flood waters, and listen to news reports to learn whether community water is safe, and where to get assistance.

Flood Plain Information

Persons interested in obtaining information about Morrison's flood hazard areas may do so by contacting the Town Office. The Town Office has a copy of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Morrison and can help you with the following:

- ▶ Identifying whether a property is in or out of the floodway or flood fringe.
- ▶ Providing data from the map, such as FIRM zone and base flood elevation or depth.
- ▶ Providing a handout on the flood insurance purchase requirement that can help those who may need a Mortgage or loan for a property in the flood hazard area.
- ▶ Elevation Certificates are available at the Town Offices for some properties.
- ▶ All development in the floodplain requires a floodplain permit.
- ▶ Do not dump in the streams/creeks in Town!

Canon Street Bridge and Highway 8 during 2013 Flood Event

