

OBITUARIES

Larry Dean Martin



Larry Dean Martin passed away surrounded by his family on Sept. 2, 2016 at the age of 58. He was born on Aug. 20, 1958 in Steamboat, Colo. to Ed and Carol Martin. He married his wife Jana on July 20, 1985.

Larry grew up in Gunnison and graduated from Gunnison High School in 1977, where he was an active member of the 4-H, FFA, rodeo and several sports teams. He followed his love of the ranching lifestyle after graduation to the Ohio

Creek Valley where he managed the Seven M Ranch for many years. In addition to his full time work, he was a volunteer fireman.

Larry spent his life helping others. His passion to lead and mentor members of the 4-H community was strong and never missed an opportunity to volunteer his time with them. His love for the outdoors was seen by all that loved him. During Larry's last few years, he spent all the time he could on horseback with a rope in his hand.

Larry was devoted to his family. His passions for hunting, livestock and being actively involved in the community was shared with his wife and daughter.

Larry preceded in death by his daughter Jaclyn. He is survived by his wife Jana; daughter, Shellie Jacobucci (Randy); parents, Ed and Carol Martin as well as many close family and friends.

A celebration of Larry's life

will be held at the Fred Field Western Heritage Center and Multipurpose Building on Sept. 10, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Gunnison County 4-H Forever Fund or the Gunnison Volunteer Fire Department.

Harold Clark

Harold Clark of Gunnison passed away in the early morning hours Wednesday, Sept. 7. He was 79.

Services are pending and community members are encouraged to keep an eye on the "Funeral Notice Board" out in front of the *Gunnison Country Times* building, 218 N. Wisconsin, for further information. A complete obituary will follow in the *Times* as well.

Celebration of Life

Join us in celebrating the life of Virginia Jones. It will be held at the Community Church on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow. Hers was truly a life well lived.

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persed camping was implemented this year in response to complaints by Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory staff of damage to long-term experiments.

Murphy said certain similar management "projects" — such as restrictions or closures — would include an environmental analysis and public input as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Decisions could be made and implemented by next summer following such a review, Murphy said.

"Wherever we decided to go on Mirror Lake and the Tin Cup Road in regards to dispersed camping does have a NEPA requirement with it," said Murphy.

Murphy also said another solution — the future revision of a forest-wide management plan — is scheduled to take place in coming years. He encouraged residents to track its progress and get involved in its formation.

Yet, residents complained of problems "being on the radar" without much in the way of noticeable action to address

them. Some urged immediate closures and enforcement through citations.

Staff officer Drendel clarified that camping farther than 100 feet from water is a Forest Service guideline and not a law. Campsites within 100 feet of water — such as what is occurring on Mirror Lake Road — cannot be ticketed, he said. However, other offenses such as camping more than 14 days or unattended fires could be.

Duane Kirkley complained of a campsite on the edge of town with yellow tape surrounding it and noted several close calls he has had with ATVs during the summer. He noted numerous unattended fires he had extinguished and the risk they posed to the community.

"It's out of control," said Kirkley. "We've got to do something here. Either enforce the rules or eliminate camping — period."

Gunnison County Commissioner Jonathan Houck offered that there is a positive economic benefit to the county from having more visitors to the area. The recent One Valley Prosperity Project, he said, identified sustainable tour-

ism and recreation as a "must." Houck said the Gunnison Basin is not alone in experiencing impacts from the rise in recreation — that issues are widespread throughout public lands throughout the West.

"It's not specific to a use or a place," said Houck. "I'm finding it's like a game of 'Whack-a-mole.'"

Yet, former County Commissioner and part-time Tin Cup resident Hap Channell encouraged residents to build collaboration with other stakeholders, such as county leaders and the Forest Service, to get the results they were seeking. He also appealed to Forest Service leaders in seeking solutions, which drew applause from the room.

"When you look in your toolbox ... anticipate 10 to 20 years," Channell said. "Don't try to manage for now. Manage what's going to happen after Cottonwood Pass gets paved, and well beyond, and make some drastic management decisions."

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