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MADA NOW UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP



Kathy Cordova, Lorraine Gonzales, Candida Fierro, and Chris Trujillo are working to restore the mission and funding of the Mexican American development Association.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-With longstanding ties to the organization and a shared interest in seeing it once again serve the local community, four individuals who have stepped up to lead the Mexican American Development Association (MADA) out of insolvency know that they face an uphill climb.

Kathy Cordova, Candida Fierro, Lorraine Gonzales, and Chris Trujillo met with the *Mirror* last week to talk about changes that are coming to the beloved non-profit organization that was founded in 1972 to bring resources and opportunities to the surrounding community.

Among the challenges MADA now faces is an immediate need for financial assistance. When long-time executive director Beth Reidelier resigned from MADA in August, she left [Continued pg 6](#)

MONTROSE CORN SCIENTIST HAS HIGH HOPES FOR NEW ULTRA SWEET VARIETIES

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Though not among Colorado's top ten grown growing counties, Montrose County may be among the best known, thanks to the famed Olathe Sweet sweet corn brand, distributed by Kroger Foods for many years. Now, another celebrity sweet corn variety with roots in Montrose may eventually be headed for grocery store shelves.

For years, the ultra-sweet "Mirai" corn developed by corn scientist Dave MacKenzie has enjoyed a niche popularity among home gardeners and consumers, not only here in Montrose but across the nation and around the globe. A longtime Montrose resident, Mackenzie initially created Mirai while experimenting with different corn varieties for an Iowa grower, combining a tender variety with an ultra-sweet.

Now, working closely with a worldwide ag corporation, McKenzie has used his knowledge

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At right, ears of sweet corn are being tested for sugar levels. Courtesy photo.

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knowledge of corn genetics to develop something new—and even sweeter than Mirai. “They have been testing the new stuff for two and half years,” Mackenzie told the *Mirror* Friday. “They like it. They think it’s unique. They want to open it up to supermarkets.”

Typically, the Mirai corn sold at roadside stands tests at 18 percent sugar, Mackenzie said.

“We’re looking at creating a global sweet corn brand that has 20 percent sugar or above,” he said. “We’re going to see where this corn can go.”

So far, the test corn has been nicknamed “Bricks 20” and Sugar 20,” depending on whether it is grown in the United States or in the tropics. No word on what the final version will be named; what is certain is that it will be tasty—and sweet.

“Everything coming out of our testing program now is better than anything else on the market,” Mackenzie said.

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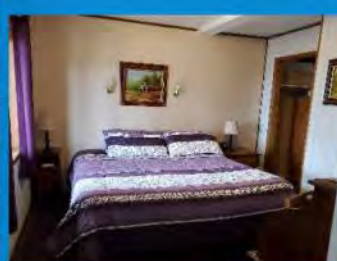
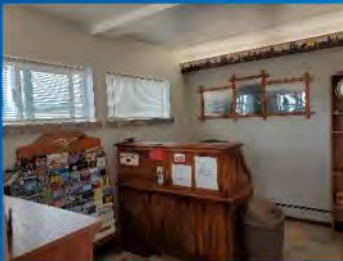
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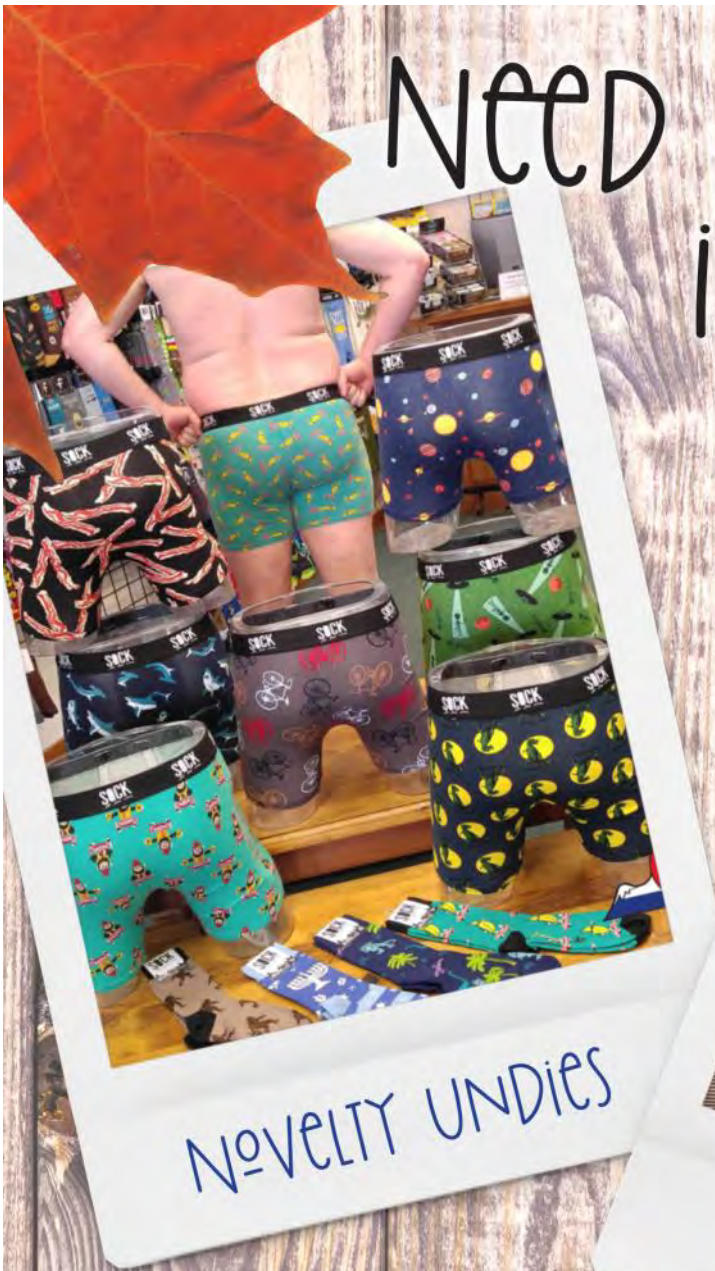
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the organization bereft of funds and with a facility in need of attention.

In recent years MADA, located at 17 North 6th Street, has focused on meeting the needs of homeless people, serving as a daytime shelter location and designated drop-off point. As changes come to the surrounding Tortilla Flats neighborhood, it's important that MADA now refocus as well, Fierro said. "We're moving away from that mission...we're in the process of reorganizing and revamping."

Cordova now chairs the MADA Board of Directors, with Fierro serving as secretary and Gonzales as treasurer. While MADA will continue to provide resources, the focus will shift back to the people of the community. The doors are open now from 9 a.m. to Noon, and showers will be available, but the facility will no longer serve as a day center or drop-off point for homeless people.

Rather, "We want to become a helping center," Cordova said, noting that MADA hopes to work with other local organizations to share resources and referrals. "We can offer a lot of programs here."

MADA is located in one of Montrose's most culturally diverse neighborhoods, Cordova said. The building can be used by community groups for meetings, and there is interest in using the space for counseling as well.

MADA can also help by providing people with computers and educational resources, Gonzales said.

For now, the emphasis will be on restoring the organization's funding, through grants and donations. A recent donation of \$10K from the Montrose Women's Giving Club will help to keep the lights on, as MADA volunteers work to restore the non-profit's mission and funding base.

Volunteers with grant writing skills are especially welcome, Cordova said. "We would appreciate any kind of help to get MADA back on its feet. We want to rebuild, so we can help low income people and people in need."

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THE MONTROSE MIRROR IS A VALUABLE COMMUNITY FORUM

Dear Editor and Mirror Staff,

Thank you very much for the contributions of the Montrose Mirror to the Uncompahgre Valley's information and news offerings. You provide quite the public service in so many ways, including publishing useful news about nonprofit activities and important state government agency news releases. Articles on local history are always appreciated, as well as Jack Switzer's honest (and often humorous) column about teenage life in Montrose. You also provide affordable advertising rates that allow small businesses to reach potential customers. Plus, though I don't always agree with their ideas, you provide space for letters to the editor for community watchdogs and gadflies. The Montrose Mirror is a valuable community forum that I look forward to every week among my diverse news sources.

Thank you, Tanya Ishikawa, Colona

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BE CAUTIOUS WITH CORE ACT SUPPORT

Editor:

I would like to urge caution on urging Senator Gardner to support the CORE act as suggested by articles across Colorado quoting a group called 'The Mountain Pact'. I prefer Senator Gardner's deliberative approach on this bill. After working on forest /watershed health for over 30 years, I now ask if CORE supporters have evaluated the effects of this legislation on the water supplies for downstream counties and municipalities? As CORE is currently written, the new wilderness and recreation designations are mapped down to the river corridors and reservoir edges. As this intense fire year has proven, the fires in Colorado are also moving to the river edges and moving through the vegetation that feeds our rivers and reservoirs. The Pine Gulch and Grizzly Creek fires are draining into the Colorado River. The very active, 127,000+ acre, Cameron Peak Fire in Larimer County has burned through Wilderness areas and now threatens water quality in five reservoirs providing drinking water to downstream users! The CORE Act as a Congressional designa-

tion *permanently* preempts the USFS ability to proactively manage these lands and curtails the decision space of expert land managers. Likewise, it precludes the ability of downstream counties to raise alarms about protection for their water supply systems – reservoirs, intakes, diversions, canals, tunnels and pipelines bringing water to their faucets or farmland irrigation systems. Much of CORE was written over a decade ago. Has there been a recent comparison between CORE and the new information informing Colorado water providers that their systems *need* immediate safeguards such as ridgeline fuel breaks, and sediment basins to capture potential post-fire flooding and debris flows?

Bottom line, being a good steward of the land does not always equate to locking management out by designating permanent Wilderness designations. Protecting our water, wildlife habitat, and gold stream fisheries will necessitate new strategies in-light-of hotter, drier weather. I advocate following science and tapping into the expertise of hydrologists, fire

ecologists and, importantly, identifying the risks to our water quality and quantity. There is new evidence on the behavior and effects of wildfire in high elevation forests.

This science and current weather challenges pose new wildfire hazards that necessitate a modern 'calculus' in determining wilderness proposals. What effects will permanent Congressional designations have on forest health and watershed management in the future? Will the wilderness designations of today prohibit the wildfire mitigation needs of the future? Can we tweak some restrictive language in this Act to allow flexibility for future watershed management capacities? Can we take a fresh look at designated boundaries to consider our warming climate, potential changes in vegetation types and the proactive efforts that will be needed to protect our communities and specifically our water supplies from increasing risks of wildfires in our watersheds? With some extra work, we can take a final concerted effort to pass a CORE act.

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BOEBERT THREATENS OUR PUBLIC LANDS AND OUR WESTERN SLOPE WAY OF LIFE

Editor:

I was stunned and dismayed to read that congressional candidate Lauren Boebert opposes long-sought protections for our hunting, grazing and recreational areas on the Western Slope. In fact, Boebert recently called the CORE Act a “land grab by Denver’s Liberals.”

Does Boebert even know what she is talking about? Does she understand that the CORE Act was written by local stakeholders and enjoys broad bipartisan support throughout the 3rd Congressional District? I’m guessing the answer to both of those questions is “no.”

I am a hunter and outdoor recreationalist who cherishes the outdoors that makes

our state and region so special. And I am proud to live on the Western Slope, in the Roaring Fork Valley, where local communities have worked together for more than a decade to form a diverse coalition of ranchers, hunters, mountain bikers and other concerned local citizens to protect the Thompson Divide – a crucial nearby public lands watershed and recreation area that would be protected by the CORE Act.

One of the coalition members was a hunting guide and war veteran who ‘never voted for Democrats’. A few years back, he wrote an OpEd which slammed Scott Tipton for ignoring local interests and “claiming to represent Western Slope

ranchers and sportsmen — (while) peddling the interests of Texas oil speculators on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives”. It sure appears that our district would go from bad to worse if Boebert somehow gets to DC.

Ms. Boebert may have a loud voice, but she doesn’t represent our values. Her lack of understanding of basic policy issues presents a real threat to our public lands. By opposing locally-driven efforts to protect our hunting, grazing, and recreational areas, she also threatens our outdoor and agricultural heritage, along with our Western Slope Way of life.

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BOCC ENACTS 6-MONTH MORATORIUM ON HEMP ZONING ENFORCEMENT, DENIES PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All commissioners were present for the regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Wednesday, Oct. 7. BOCC Chair Keith Caddy welcomed all to the meeting, with a special hello to Montrose City Councilor and Mayor Pro Tem Doug Glaspell, who was in attendance. "Thank you for joining us today."

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Brandon Mathis of Celebration Church. "Thank you father for the many blessings you've given us...strengthen us, give us wisdom to govern amid conflicting interests, govern among disunity within our community and our country...you have given us peace through Jesus Christ..."

All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. All commissioners were present for the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments from the public on non-agenda items.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Ken Norris had no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved, with [Resolution No. 43-2020](#) assigned to Item 9, for the Ruggles Rezone from General Residential (R) to General Agricultural (A) – (RZ-20-0042) at 17860 6650 Road; [Resolution No. 44-2020](#) assigned to Item 13, action on the Colorado Department of Transportation Memorandum of Agreement for a permanent easement and a temporary easement with Morfitt Farms, LLLP, and [Resolution 45-2020](#) assigned to item 16, on the Peace Officers Mental Health Support Grant.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve [Resolution 46-2020](#), placing a moratorium on enforcing the Montrose County Zoning Resolution on hemp growers and hemp processing establishments for approximately six months.

Senior Assistant County Attorney Lane Thomasson discussed the resolution. "This



Property owner Gale Longwell, above, spoke to the BOCC about right-of-way issues during a public hearing at the BOCC meeting of Oct.7. The session was open to the public with social distancing guidelines in place, and was live-streamed online through various platforms.

is essentially a temporary moratorium for any zoning enforcement on hemp processing or hemp growing."

The moratorium will allow commissioners time to determine whether hemp processing should be classified as light industrial or industrial agriculture, she noted. "That moratorium is for a period of six months."

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Caddy opened a public hearing on a [proposed right-of-way vacation](#) continued from the previous BOCC meeting on Sept. 16. County Planning & Development Director Steve White presented information on the proposal to vacate the E20 road right-of-way situated to the south of the G & T MINOR SUBD Lot 1 S: 7 T: 50 R: 10 for Gale and Theresa Longwell of Olathe. The item had been continued so that County Attorney Marti Whitmore could review the proposal; following that review staff recommended denial.

Property owners Gale and Theresa Longwell both addressed the BOCC; following some discussion, Whitmore spoke. If approved, the proposal would essentially leave other property owners without access. "...There are probably some ways to address this but vacating it before one or more of those things happen isn't the way

to do it. Once you vacate the road you have vacated all right, title, and interest in right-of-way or the road; essentially you would leave other property owners without access."

There are ways to resolve the issue, but not all involve the county and the county is not responsible, Whitmore said, and reviewed potential options.

Following further discussion, "...For us to vacate this would be detrimental," BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash said.

Commissioners voted unanimously to deny the proposed right-of-way vacation. The Public Hearing was closed.

County Planner Talmadge Richmond presented five additional Planning & Development items.

Commissioners voted to approve: the Big Bear Minor Subdivision [proposal](#) to divide 6.690 acres lot into three lots at 69101 Ursa Road; the Munger 2 Minor Subdivision [proposal](#) to divide a 37.09 acre lot into 3 lots at High Mesa Road; the Prestige Valley Estates Subdivision [proposal](#) to extend the time period to file a final plat at 6900 Road; the [Eagle Heights Subdivision Filing No. 2 Amended Plat](#) at Eagle Heights Subdivision Filing No. 2; and the [dedication of a Portion of Shavano Valley Road](#) and boundary Line adjustment at

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15989 & 16011 Shavano Valley Road. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

SPECIAL MEETING

Also on Wednesday, Oct. 7, the BOCC convened for a special meeting at 4:15 p.m. All commissioners were present for the session.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Ken Norris noted a change to Agenda Item D-1, correcting the budgeted expense in General Business

Item D-1, award of a Request for Proposals 2020 Air Field Maintenance to Maxwell Asphalt, Inc, from \$381,919 to \$524,587.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Montrose Regional Airport Director Lloyd Arnold said that the change to the budgeted expense in Item D-1, award of a Request for Proposals 2020 Air Field Maintenance

to Maxwell Asphalt, Inc, was the result of a change order to the original contract allowed by the State. "...Basically the prices came in good, so we were able to do more with the same amount of money." Arnold recommended approval. Construction was set to begin later that afternoon. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the award of the Request for Proposals 2020 Air Field Maintenance to Maxwell Asphalt, Inc, a budgeted expense of \$524,587.



TROOPER TIPS: WATCH YOUR LINE



Master Trooper Gary Cutler. Courtesy photo.

By Master Trooper Gary Cutler
MONTROSE-If you have spent any time in the military, you have heard the term "Watch Your Lane". It means keeping your eye on your target on the rifle range. In the civilian world,

I'm referring to the lane you're watching while driving in it. Watching your lane will help you get home safely.

Over the years, I've covered a lot of crashes that have dealt with vehicles going off the roadway. We even have a statute that covers this problem: Failed to drive in designated lane. So why is this such a problem for drivers?

It's a cumulative problem that has a lot of parts to it, but is actually very easy to explain. There are many reasons drivers will either drive out of their lane or hit something in their lane. We'll talk about some

of them in this article, but each one is tied to driver attention.

Have you ever been driving down the road and saw something that grabbed your attention off to one side of the road or the other? If you spent anytime looking at it, your vehicle probably drifted towards the direction you were looking. Sometimes referred to as target fixation, it is often taught to motorcycle riders. Target fixation is an attentional phenomenon observed in humans in which an individual becomes so focused on an observed object that they inadvertently increase their risk of colliding with the object. It comes back to driver attention.

The other issue I see all of the time is someone slamming on the brake or swerving out of their lane because traffic stopped in front of them. This isn't because traffic stopped suddenly. It's because the driver was not paying attention to what was going on several cars ahead. This may happen when lanes are blocked or reduced for a hazard, construction, law enforcement activity, or a crash. Sometimes it's not even in your lane, but on the

other side of the road and yet has the same effect. No matter the reason, I call this failing to look beyond the hood. If a driver only focuses on a couple of feet in front of their vehicle, the driver will be slamming the brakes or failing to drive in their designated lane quite often, or even worse, hitting objects.

Watching other vehicles can give you a heads up about anything that may be coming your way. If you start seeing multiple vehicles ahead of you slowing, or moving to one side of the roadway, it's a pretty good sign there is a hazard ahead. Use that to your advantage. Remember to always watch your lane.

Now unfortunately here are the most common reasons we see vehicles drifting out of their lane. It always comes back to paying attention. Failing to drive in a designated lane is attributed to talking or texting on the phone, eating, talking to a passenger, or being sleepy.

Remember, safety is always the responsibility of the driver.

As always, safe travels, and watch your lane!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE 2019 AUDIT

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-In the Oct. 7 Board of County Commissioners regular meeting, the Delta County Commissioners had a presentation from Pete Blair, of Blair and Associates, regarding their 2019 audit findings.

Financial highlights for Delta County include:

Total revenues in 2019 for all governmental activities were \$25,989,150. Total expenditures in 2019 for all governmental activities were \$24,985,276.

Delta County's assets exceeded liabilities by \$168.2 million at the end of 2019. Of this \$146M is invested in capital assets, \$3.4 million is restricted by law and \$18.8

million is to be used meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

In 2019, Delta County showed cash and investments of \$23,454,244.

There were fund balances totaling \$12,304,728.00 that are classified as restricted, committed and special revenue funds; these funds cannot be drawn upon for anything outside of their specific intent. "Delta County doesn't just have \$23M to "spend" as some individuals may think" said Pete Blair, "There are significant restrictions on what the county can and cannot do. That being said, Delta County is in great financial health; Delta

County staff really has a handle on spending, and takes great care with the money the taxpayers have entrusted with them."

Delta County continues to have significant construction projects under way, to make room for a third courtroom that has been mandated by the State of Colorado.

"We don't have a choice in the matter" said Board Chair Mark Roeber, "Thank goodness Delta County is financially healthy as the cost of the new courtroom, is out of our pocket, as well."

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WORLD SCOUTING DEMONSTRATES PEACE

Editor:

As one of the majority of Americans who are upset by the racist attitudes coming to the fore, I would like to mention my eye-opening experiences at some of the World Scout Jamborees I've participated in. Scouting, being a world-wide movement for over 100 years, promotes world-wide friendship among all nationalities, races, languages, and creeds. It is the most inclusive movement of young people ever. A World Scout Jamboree is largely an outdoor event held every four years in a different country attended by up to 40,000 youths (Scouts) from about 160 nations. These youth demonstrate what a peaceful and fun-loving world this could be. The Scouts from around the world, not only share the same values (the Scout Oath and Law), and work well together, but are eager to share their culture and be of service to all. The lesson here is that peace, friendship, and service is very much possible in the world today.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 113

Editor:

It is disheartening to read what Jan Edwards, President of the Montrose County League of Women Voters wrote regarding Proposition 113. She is president of an organization whose purpose is to help voters make informed choices – but instead her organization disseminates incorrect information.

Proposition 113 was put on the ballot to give the voters of Colorado the ability to overturn Governor Polis’ and the State Assembly’s decision to have Colorado join the National Popular Vote Interstate compact, which defeats the purpose of the Electoral College.

The Electoral College was created for many reasons, not the least of which to ensure that everyone’s vote counts in the Presidential election. If Proposition 113 passes, it means that Colorado’s 9 electoral votes go to the winner of the popular vote NO MATTER WHAT. What does that mean? It means that if the people of Colorado vote for candidate A, but candidate B wins the popular vote by campaigning primarily in high population areas (like NYC, LA and Chicago) then it doesn’t matter what you or I think or how we vote. If candidate B wins in those regions and thereby wins the national popular vote, then Colorado has to give its elec-

toral votes to that candidate!

The framers of the Constitution knew this could happen so they designed the Electoral College to ensure that the candidate was someone who could win nationally - not just regionally.

The Electoral College is a system used to ensure that each state has a say in who is elected – each candidate needs to campaign and win over as many votes as possible in as many states as possible to ensure a victory on election day – and therefore each voter has a say in who is elected.

Vote NO on Proposition 113.

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CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION IS NO BEAUTY CONTEST

Editor:

Congressional candidate Lauren Boebert has refused to appear in a debate with Diane Mitsch Bush unless she is provided with questions ahead of time. Do we want a Congressperson who cannot think on her feet, or has no knowledge of issues?

Diane Mitsch Bush has served three times as State Representative and twice as Routt County Commissioner. She is an experienced legislator, well educated on issues that affect rural Colorado.

This is not a beauty contest. If you want thoughtful, balanced, and reasonable representation from your Congresswoman, join me and vote for Diane!

Marv Ballantyne, Montrose

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Special to the Mirror

OURAY/MONTROSE COUNTIES — CDOT will perform crack sealing next week on US 550 just south of Colona and approximately seven miles north of Ridgway. The work will take place Monday – Friday, Oct. 12 – 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Travelers will encounter flagging personnel guiding, one-lane alternating traffic with full stops and should allow for extra travel time. Delays should be no longer than 15 minutes.

Crack sealing is the process of applying sealant in the cracks of the pavement to prevent water from seeping in and under the road surface. This method is a cost effective way to prevent road base erosion and deterioration.

- Road conditions and travel information: www.COtrip.org
- Sign up for project or travel alerts: bit.ly/COalerts



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Voter Approval of Gaming Limits
- ➔NO Proposition EE (Statutory)** Tax Increase on
Tobacco/E-Cigarettes for Health &
Education Programs
- ➔NO Proposition 113 (Statutory)**
National Popular Vote Interstate Compact
Referendum
- ➔NO Proposition 114 (Statutory)** Gray Wolf
Reintroduction Initiative
- YES Proposition 115 (Statutory)** Prohibition on
Late-Term Abortion
- YES Proposition 116 (Statutory)**
State Income Tax Rate Reduction
- YES Proposition 117 (Statutory)** Voter Approval
in Certain Fee-Based Enterprises
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and Medical Leave Insurance Program
- YES Ballot Issue 7A:** Colorado River Water
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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

ENCOURAGING YOUTH TO RAISE THEIR VOICES, USE THEIR VOTES

Editor:

The Montrose County League of Women Voters recently invited local youth 16 to 21 to participate in poster and essay contests, to write about and/or represent the importance of voting. Two winners were selected, and awarded prizes for their entries. They represented a welcome enthusiasm and thoughtfulness about their right and intention to have their voices heard.

Historically, the young do not vote in as often as others. In 1976, in one of the first elections to include 18-year old voters, only about 13% of voters 18 to 24 years old actually voted. But by 2000, that number had risen to 36%, and by 2008 the number of younger voters tripled. It's expected that those 18 to 29 will make up 10% of the 2020 vote.

Some structural barriers have kept younger voters from the polls since the 1970s.

Registration and voting processes differ greatly. The 2-party system, many feel, limits real choice. The issue of money in politics is discouraging. More mobile, they often have fewer or weaker ties to local issues and candidates. There is an often-significant civics knowledge gap. Youth often focus more on social issues and activist causes rather than politics. They are also strongly influenced by the voting behavior of their elders. It may be on you, Mom and Dad!

This election cycle will differ greatly, following a 100-year high in younger voter turnout in 2018. Recent legislation reduced barriers to registration and voting. Youth, reacting to the pandemic, the economic crisis, and issues of racial justice, have connected social issues and politics. They have activated and demonstrated increased willingness to show up, to volunteer in campaigns and other civic activi-

ties, and they expect elected officials and candidates to show up for them. A survey in August showed that 83% of youth believe they can make a difference. Another survey in 13 battleground states showed 77% of youth "definitely will vote" and their motivation is "10 out of 10".

The League, and others, have made great efforts to reach out to new and potential young voters with information and support for their participation.

Through print and social media, and by collaboration with youth-focused partners, we've encouraged youth to become informed about the issues impacting their lives and futures, to use their voices, their votes. They will live their tomorrow with the decisions made today. And, they know it.

*Jan Edwards, President
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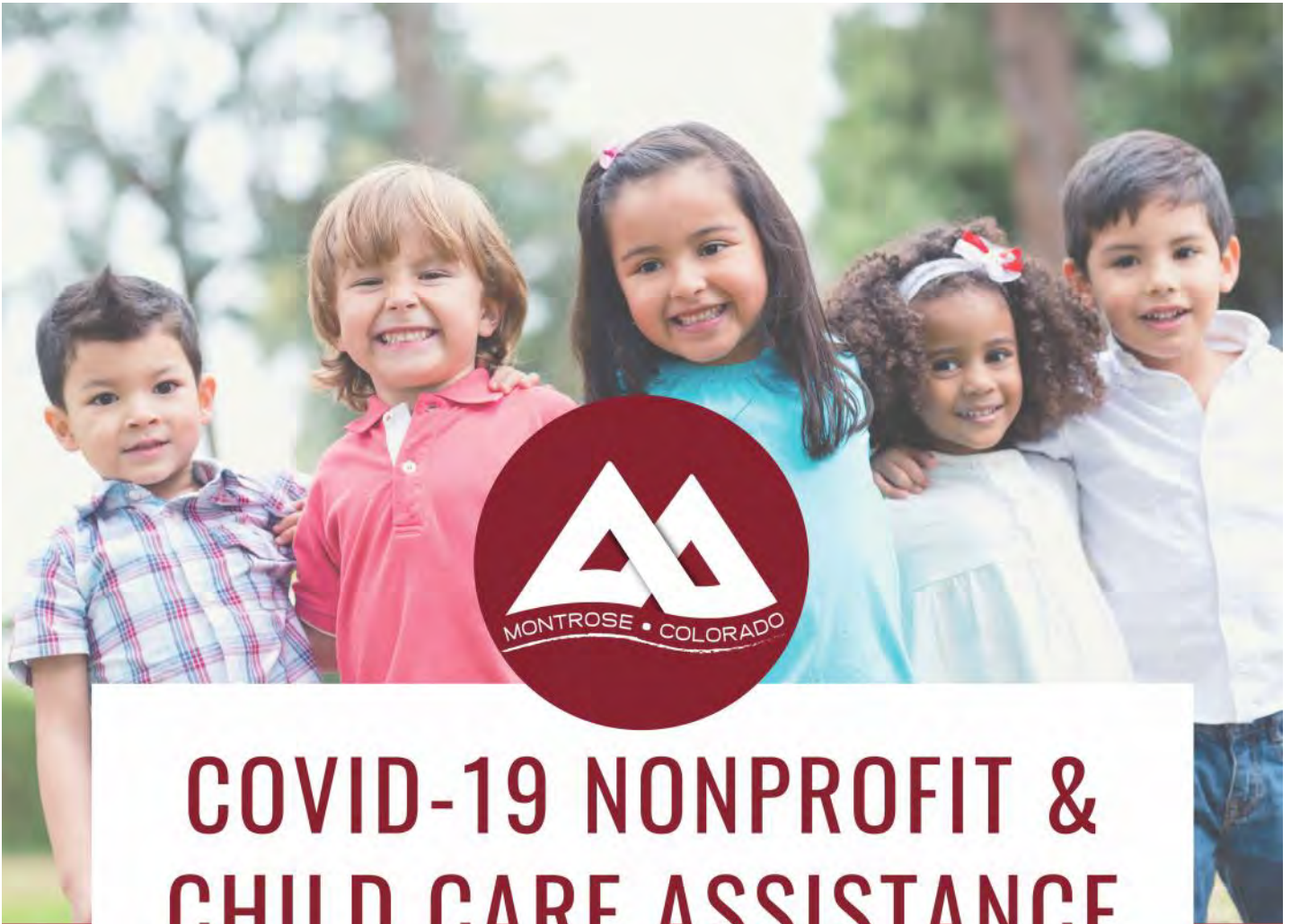
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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SMPA BOARD PUBLISHES NEW STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY—"Our democratic governance depends upon our Board representatives bringing their individual and regional concerns and perspectives to the table..." said Rube Felicelli, Board President of San Miguel Power Association (SMPA), commenting on the Board's recent update of the cooperative's strategic objectives. "We're fortunate to have a group who can do that while respecting each other and committing to the best interests of the whole cooperative and its members."

The two-day planning session took place in mid-July 2020. The representatives met in person, with state-dictated gathering limitations, masking and social-distancing precautions in place.

Working with a consultant, they reviewed the cooperative's strategic direction in a variety of fields.

The last strategic planning session was in 2017, and regular updates are scheduled every three years. "I think our Board found great value in the opportunity to review our strategic direction," Felicelli

remarked.

With the objectives officially adopted, SMPA staff, will now break each one down into component initiatives.

They will designate project timelines and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) based upon industry experience and established best practices. Key staff will then give progress reports to the board every three months.

"This time tested process is a way for our Board to connect with the staff, who will be responsible for carrying out the strategic direction that the Board sets," said CEO, Brad Zaporski. "It is a privilege to manage this process. SMPA's staff and Board are some of the best in the business, and we have been very successful at marrying the Board's Strategic Vision with the determination and hard work of our staff in order to best support the communities that we serve."

With the announcement of the below SMPA Strategic Objectives, the staff now has their marching orders for the next three years. "We're looking forward to getting to work," says Zaporski. "Of

course, we also invite the member-consumers to hear our progress at our monthly Board Meetings."

Details on how to join these meetings are available at www.smpa.com/content/board-meeting-schedule.

SMPA Strategic Objectives:

Reliability and Resiliency

Strategic Objective: Identify and prioritize reliability and resiliency risks and issues. Initial focus shall be on a fire mitigation.

Financial/Power Supply/Rates

Strategic Objective: Determine the optimal long-term power supply strategy that best achieves safe, reliable, cost effective, and environmentally responsible service to our members.

Safety/Culture/People

Strategic Objective: Continue to improve SMPA's overall safety and work culture.

Technology

Strategic Objective: Fully optimize all technology.

COVID19 & Crisis Management

Strategic Objective: Further develop Crisis Management Plan in order to best respond to external threats or crisis

CITY COUNCIL HEARS FROM YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICANTS



At left, a well-protected, socially-distanced, Montrose City Council met behind masks and dividers at the meeting of Oct. 6. The public and media are not yet welcome to attend in person. Above, teen Chyanne Storrs interviewed by Zoom for a seat on the City's Youth Council.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-At the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, Oct. 6, Montrose Mayor Barbara Bynum informed Council that the City of Montrose placed fourth out of 379 cities in its population size category for the Ninth Annual Mayor's Water Competition.

"That's something we can really be proud of," Bynum said, before awarding a Geysers Technologies Portable Shower System to a randomly chosen participant of the water challenge, Gary Robertson.

She thanked all of the citizens who participated in the 2020 Mayor's Water Challenge.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Bynum spent four minutes first explaining the reason for public comment on non-agenda items and then reading the guidelines for comments from the public. Still, no comments were heard from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted unanimously to approve minutes of the Sept. 15, 2020 special City Council meeting and the Sept. 15, 2020 regular City Council meeting as presented.

YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

Youth Council Coordinator Mikayla Unruh introduced the youth council applicants, who were present via Zoom link.

Asked what she would bring to City Youth Council, applicant Chyanne Storrs said that she would help Council build relationships with lower income families, with her

peers, and with the older generation.

Councilor Dave Bowman told Applicant Grace Hotsenpiller, daughter of District Attorney Dan Hotsenpiller, "Hi Grace, Dave Bowman here, and I've got a question for you, tell mom and dad they cannot help on this, I know your dad...can you give me an example of a time when you were worked with someone whose opinion differed from your own? If you sound like a lawyer you're going to be in trouble."

"Don't worry, my parents are upstairs," Hotsenpiller said, adding that she works frequently with others at school whose opinions differ, especially when it comes to mask wearing. "My opinion is that I would like them to keep their mask on, but sometimes they don't want to do that...Usually the teacher will come by and tell them to put their mask back on."

Applicant Gunnison Clamp answered a question about important qualities for a City Youth Councilor. Clamp cited the ability to lead; critical thinking and decision-making skills; the ability to work as a team; and being able to socialize well with members of the community.

Applicant Josephine Coulter was asked what change she would like to see in the community.

"I would say the one thing I would want to change in the community would be the drug use," Coulter said. "...it can be really evident and seen in some areas of town. I would really like to change that for the

betterment of the community."

Applicant Zach Oldroyd was asked about the biggest challenge facing youth in the community. Oldroyd said that teens are struggling with communication and the inability to see friends during the pandemic.

"I think we could help that through things like Zoom," he said, "...Fun activities online and increased communication to those who feel like they are kind of left out right now."

Applicant Mari Wilson answered a question about her greatest achievement; she spoke about her efforts as a dance student to move from second place to first place in dance competitions. "I worked hard, and eventually I got first place."

RESOLUTION 2020-20

Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2020-20, setting Nov. 3, 2020 as the hearing date for the annexation of the Woodgate Addition No. 4.

Background-A memo prepared for Council by Senior Planner Amy Sharp states, "The Woodgate Addition No. 4 is a proposed annexation approximately 0.49 acres in size. The parcel is located east of S. Townsend Avenue, west of Woodgate Road, and in between Oak Grove Road and Odelle Road. It is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, the City of Montrose Water Service Area, and the City of Montrose Sewer Service Area. Annexation of this property will clean-up an orphaned parcel of land surrounded by existing City

CITY COUNCIL HEARS FROM YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICANTS

From previous pg

City parcels. The City of Montrose is applying for this annexation on behalf of the landowner in support of the upcoming Woodgate Road realignment project.”

UNREIN ADDITION II ANNEXATION

Council also voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2020-21, Findings of Fact for the annexation of the Unrein Addition II and Ordinance 2509 on first reading for the annexation of the Unrein Addition II.

ORDINANCE 2510 - FIRST READING

Council voted to approve Ordinance 2510 on first reading, zoning the Unrein Addition II as a B-2, Highway Commercial District.

Background—A memo prepared by Sharp for Council states, “The Unrein Addition II is a proposed annexation approximately 0.87 acres in size. The parcel is located west of S. Townsend Avenue and between Odelle Road and Odgen Road. It is within

the City’s Urban Growth Boundary, the City of Montrose Water Service Area, and the City of Montrose Sewer Service Area. Annexation of this Property will clean-up an orphaned strip of land not annexed into the City in 2002 with the parent parcel. This orphaned strip was added by court order to the parent parcel in 2008 and has remained in the County since that time. All land on all sides of this strip is within City Limits. This property is adjacent to the river, parks, and the existing trail network. Annexation would allow improved trail connectivity between the Ogden Road corridor and the current main trail corridor to the north (Oak Grove Road to Recreation Center trail).

2020 SANITARY SEWER CURED IN PLACE PIPE BID AWARD

As discussed previously in work session, Council voted to approve a bid award for

cured in place lining of sanitary sewers to Insituform Technologies, LLC for the not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000.

STAFF REPORTS/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Doug Glaspell thanked Youth Council Coordinators Mikayla Unruh and Kailey Rivenburgh for doing a great job and praised the applicants as well. “...it’s so impressive to deal with these young people and see their intuition and their interest level,” Glaspell said.

Bynum reminded Council of a walk-through on Oct. 7 of the community trail near La Raza Park at North Ninth Street to consider proposed sidewalk improvements. “The public is invited to join us,” she said.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT COLORADO REALIGNS DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Special to the Mirror

LAKESWOOD— After robust outreach with its employees, local communities and government officials, Tribes, stakeholders, as well as Colorado’s congressional delegation, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) realigned its district boundaries in Colorado.

The BLM now has four districts in Colorado – the Northwest Colorado District, Southwest Colorado District, Rocky Mountain District, and the newly formed Upper Colorado River District.

This realignment effort will align the BLM Colorado’s fire units to improve public and wildland firefighter safety, as well as create more efficient, logical geographic, and geopolitical boundaries.

“After the last realignment effort in 2016, the BLM committed to conducting an evaluation to see how things were working

and if any adjustments were needed,” said Colorado State Director Jamie Connell. “We did our evaluation, had strong dialogue with everyone affected by our new realignment, garnered resounding support and are now poised to better serve the public.”

The primary changes include:

- Establishment of the Upper Colorado River District, which comprises the Grand Junction and Colorado River Valley Field Offices with district headquarters collocated with the Grand Junction Field Office.
- Headquarters for the Northwest Colorado District, currently collocated with the Colorado River Valley Field Office, will move to the Little Snake Field Office in Craig. The Northwest Colorado District now comprises the Little Snake, White River and Kremmling Field Offices.
- The Gunnison Field Office moved from

the Rocky Mountain District to the Southwest Colorado District, which will retain its purview over the Tres Rios and Uncompahgre Field Offices. District headquarters will remain collocated with the Uncompahgre Field Office in Montrose.

-The Rocky Mountain District now comprises the Royal Gorge and San Luis Valley Field Offices, with its headquarters remaining collocated with the Royal Gorge Field Office in Canon City.

The BLM is now working to recruit and hire a new District Manager for the Upper Colorado River District. A total of two to three positions will be hired. The vacant Northwest Colorado District Manager and Associate District Manager will be filled as well.

A map showing the boundary change is available online at <https://go.usa.gov/xGe4g>.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

2020 ELECTION IS A TIPPING POINT FOR UNITED STATES

Editor:

The greatest form of government ever devised, the United States Constitution, was signed by our visionary founding fathers over 230 years ago. That instrument and the freedoms it and its amendments provide, has enabled this country to become the greatest bastion of freedom and opportunity on our planet. Over all those years more than 1.3 million of our citizens have lost their lives defending the very freedom we all take so lightly for granted.

The greatest threat to this country in my lifetime occurred with World War II and the external threats presented by Germany, and Japan, both totalitarian governments. During that one war America lost over 400K killed with over 671 K wounded. Our Greatest Generation kept us from speaking German or Japanese today.

The 2020 election poses the greatest threat to this country since WW II, in the form of an internal threat by the radical Democratic party, completely taken over by unhinged ultra liberals, that has slowly tried to destroy our Constitution, our freedoms, and economy for the last six decades in the name of "progressivism". Our greatest generation saved us in WWII, and our worst generations are trying to destroy us from within today.

The Democratic "cancel culture" is set on revisionist history, tearing down statues of prominent and honorable men of their time. Books are being banned. History is being rewritten to indoctrinate our children. Our Constitutional freedoms are constantly under attack. All reminiscent of the Mao cultural revolution and Nazi Brownshirts, and openly condoned by the Democratic party!

This election will be the tipping point in the long history of this country and is much more than a decision between two individual candidates. It will determine whether or not we continue the slide into socialism/communism and self destruction, or if we remain true to the ideals, freedoms, and opportunities this country

has provided.

THE CANDIDATES:

BIDEN has been in the "public service" sector for 47 years [36 in the US Senate, 8 as USVP, and 3 in local government]. With minimal experience in the private sector, he is a classic example of a "career politician", who has enriched himself and family members at taxpayer expense. His political career has been lackluster at best, with the high point as VP and Obama's "yes man".

Of all the 29 candidates vying for the 2020 Presidential nomination, Biden was the "cream of the crop", which spoke volumes about the quality of the crop. Admit it or not, his mental acuity has diminished considerably over the last few years, increasing the ability of his radical party to manipulate his decisions. He has a long history of pandering to different voting blocs, purely for political purposes, and continues to do so today.

The Democratic party has done little in the last four years for the good of the country. Suddenly now in 2020 they voice "concerns" over the "peaceful transfer of power", but have conveniently forgotten their "Resistance movement" to Obama's transfer of power to Trump, that has lasted four years to the detriment of our country.

Democrats have shown by their actions and rhetoric that they stand for open borders, voting rights for non citizens, higher taxes, defunding police, dismantling our Constitution, weakening the military, and the Green New Deal costing trillions in new taxes. For months the Democratic party has not only condoned widespread riots, looting, and anarchy, but shown a complete inability to stop it.

A vote for Biden, or any other Democrat for that matter, means more of the same! More importantly it sounds the death knell for "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness", a gradual loss of the freedoms we so lightly take for granted, a dismantling of our Constitution, and a head long rush into socialism/communism and anar-

chy. More businesses will close, unemployment will increase dramatically, family incomes will be devastated, investments and savings will disappear, home equity will decline, all tied to Biden's plans for a \$ 4.3 trillion tax increase. It's hypocritical for the Democrats to think they should lead the country after four years of concerted efforts to destroy it!

TRUMP on the other hand, is a successful businessman, who stepped away from a cushy lifestyle to help save the country, preserve our Constitution, and its guarantees of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness", as well as our freedoms.

He certainly fails to fit the mold of what we have come to think of as "presidential". Personally he is arrogant, brash, combative, unpredictable, obnoxious, rude at times, and narcissistic. The best comparison I can make to Trump is General George Patton, who displayed similar personality traits. Patton was often in hot water with his superior officers for his comments, but he got the job done and that's what really counted!

In the 64 years I've voted, no other President has accomplished so much for the country in such a short time as Trump, given the fact of having to fight obstructionist Democrats and a biased media that has lost sight of responsible journalism. Some I know find it difficult to even get past his particular personality characteristics, concentrate on the really important issues of accomplishment for the country, and make a decision to save this country from going the way of Rome.

In spite of Democratic and media "resistance", some, but far from all, of his major accomplishments are:

- The economy- Until Covid hit, Trump's policies built the most robust economy ever in this country, with the highest employment rates and lowest unemployment rates ever! With Covid unemployment climbed to 14+%, but with Trump's guidance businesses are recovering and unemployment is now half that.

2020 ELECTION IS A TIPPING POINT FOR UNITED STATES

From previous pg

- He built our greatest economy and is the only one capable of doing it again.
- Energy- For years we have been dependent on others for energy, but under Trump we have become exporters of energy instead of importers.
- Foreign relations- for years we have had no President capable of negotiating trade agreements where America didn't come out with the short end of the stick. Trump has put America first and negotiated more equitable agreements. For years our Presidents kowtowed to China, and Trump is the first to confront China and it's policies.
- Immigration- For far too long no President has addressed the influx of illegals into our country that take advantage of our generous laws and take American jobs. With no help from Democrats supporting open borders, Trump has built 500+ miles of southern border wall that has greatly slowed the influx of illegals. Much remains to be done and only Trump will get it done.
- Taxes- Trump passed the greatest tax cut in history that enabled businesses to expand, increasing employment, and ben-

efited every American. If elected, Biden plans a \$4.3 trillion tax increase, while Trump projects a \$1.7 trillion tax cut.

- The military-After eight disastrous years of Obama, our military was severely depleted, but Trump has rebuilt our capabilities in short order.
 - The Pandemic- Covid from China dealt a crippling blow to our robust economy. Early on Trump ceased all travel from China and has acted upon the advice of respected virologists. Early death estimates for the US exceeded 2 million, but protocols in place have held that number at 212,000. Clinical trials for a vaccine have been fast tracked with a vaccine expected by January.
- Federal courts- For far too long Congress has appointed judges who have attempted to usurp duties of the legislative branch by making law instead of interpreting law. As openings have occurred Trump has nominated judges with strict constitutional backgrounds. He has had the unique opportunity to have two such judges already appointer to SCOTUS, with a third nominee set to begin confirmation hearings immediately. Make no mistake, this election is truly the tipping

point for our country and is anything but a popularity contest! A decision should be based on accomplishment and the candidates vision for making this country the best it can be for all Americans!

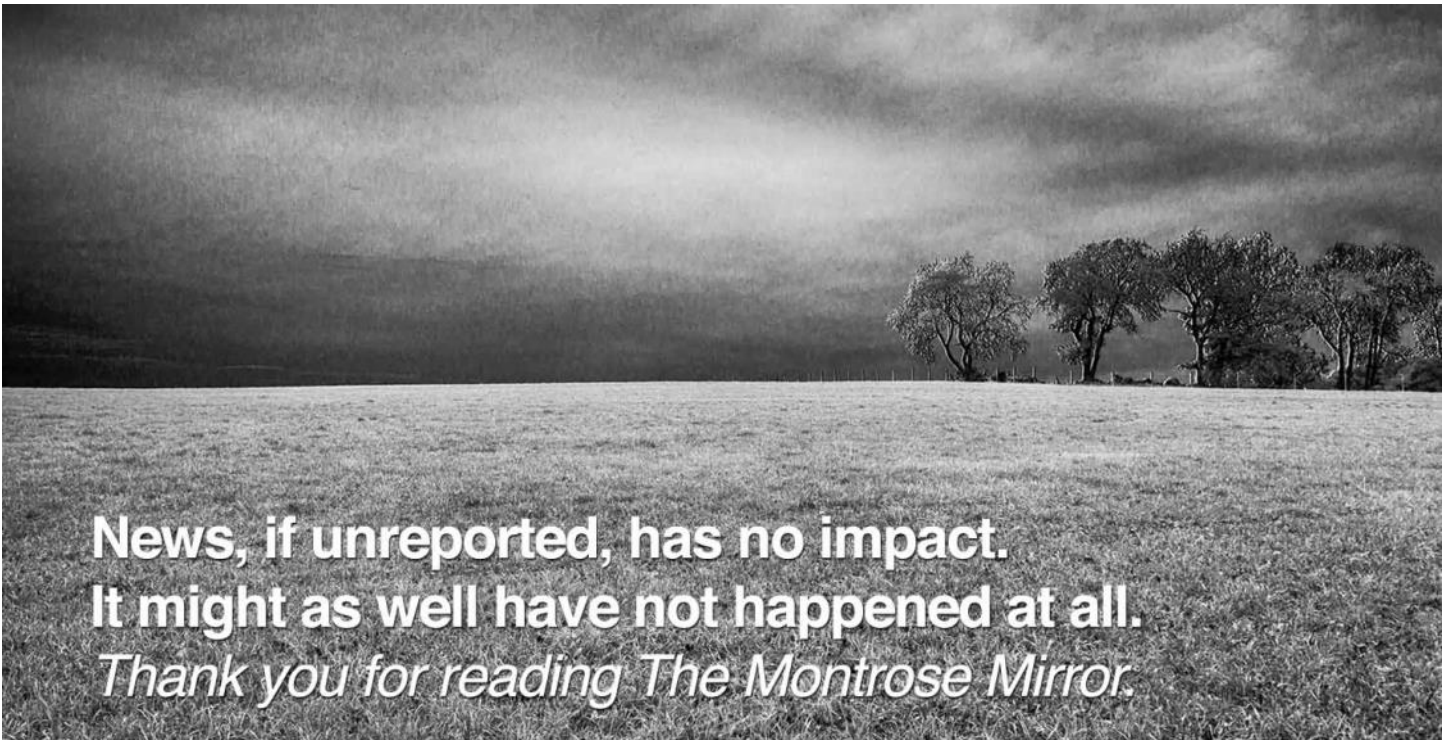
A vote for Biden/Harris is a vote against our Constitutional Republic offering life ,liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and opportunity for all, and will guarantee a faster slide into socialism/communism and anarchy. All leading to the destruction of this country! Look around the world, socialism is the theory, but communism is the implementation. One party with total control over our every day lives and futures.

A vote for Trump/Pence is a clear rebuke of the ultra liberal progressive agenda that threatens our very freedoms.

Like him or not personally, Trump/Pence have shown the ability, and have the proven accomplishments to warrant a second term.

As at no other time, the very future of this country is at stake! A vote for any Democrat at any level of government imperils the future for your kids, grandkids, and generations unborn!

Dee Laird, Montrose



**News, if unreported, has no impact.
It might as well have not happened at all.
*Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.***

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

SAN MIGUEL POWER ANNOUNCES SHARING SUCCESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-San Miguel Power Association Inc., in conjunction with its national cooperative partner, CoBank, seeks funding opportunities that stimulate and enhance our local economies. In order to financially support projects, programs and organizations that are actively working to improve the financial stability of local businesses, expand entrepreneurial opportunities and bring revenue to our towns and counties, SMPA awards grants to selected applicants.

This year's total Fund is \$20,000. It is made up of equal matches from SMPA and CoBank.

Member organizations and businesses may apply for an amount up to the total \$20,000 (rounded to the nearest \$500) depending on the costs of their initiatives. Initiatives may vary in size and scope but should aim to benefit the entire business community of a region, not just individual businesses. We expect multiple applicants.

The following definition of economic de-

velopment will be used by SMPA Board of directors for evaluation of all proposals: Economic development is the development of economic wealth of regions or communities for the well-being of their inhabitants.

From a policy perspective, economic development can be defined as efforts that seek to improve the economic well-being and quality of life for a community by creating and/or retaining jobs and supporting or growing incomes and the tax base.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR FALL FOOTBALL FANS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose High School (MHS) is pleased to have football back on Friday nights. However, Indian football games will be unfortunately closed to the general public during the pandemic.

Throughout this football season, MHS and Montrose County School District (MCSd) will continue to collaborate with Montrose County Public Health (MCPH) and work within the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) guidelines, implementing all necessary COVID-19 precautions to ensure that athletic events are safe for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators.

At this time, student activity-participants (athletes, band members, cheerleaders) will be provided two spectator tickets for each game to distribute as they choose; fans for each football event will be limited to two spectators per student activity-participant for both the visiting and home football teams. Only spectators with a ticket will be granted entry. All spectators will be screened upon entry to the stadium and must wear a mask at all times.

For fans unable to attend in person, football games will be live-streamed for FREE on the official *MHS Media* YouTube channel. Just go to YouTube and search "MHS Media" or visit and bookmark the link below: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWgkgxxOAj6xJJ2GTRYj67Q>

For questions, please contact Montrose High School Activities Director, Lyle Wright, at lyle.wright@mcsd.org or (970) 249-6636.



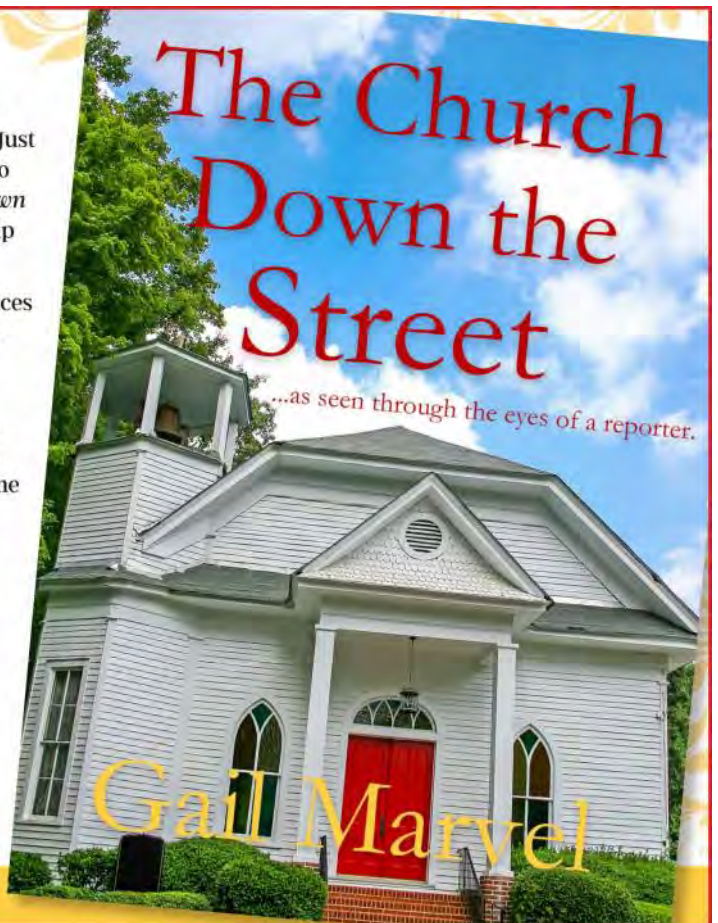
GAIL MARVEL
Montrose Author
& Reporter

It is human nature to compare ourselves with others, and the church is no different. Just as Paul's Epistles allowed the early church to peer into the lives of each other, *The Church Down the Street* allows readers to peer into the worship services of other churches.

The presence of a reporter in the worship services produced mixed reactions. While many church leaders were grateful for the publicity and exposure for their congregation, others were uneasy. One pastor said, "The minute I saw you

I knew this wasn't my best sermon!" Another pastor said, "We didn't like everything you wrote...but we've made some changes." One elder defended his congregation's lack of friendliness, "Maybe no one spoke to you because of the perfume you were wearing."

Excerpts and anecdotes from approximately 120 church visits are organized in a topical format (Hospitality, Program and Source Material, Music, Meditations and Invitations, and Sermons) and include mainstream denominations, as well as Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, Christian Science, New Age, and Quaker Silent Worship. *The Church Down the Street* is unbiased and reports on the worship experience, not on the denomination.



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RUSSELL STOVER NOTIFIES CITY OF MONTROSE OF INTENT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FOR \$1; FRANK ASKS CITY TO OFFSET BURDEN OF COVID TESTING



Exercising an option from their 1972 agreement with the City, Russell Stover Candy notified the City of Montrose on Sept. 14 of its intent to purchase the City-owned property on which its Montrose facility is located. The price is \$1, as set in 1972. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council met for a [work session](#) on Monday, Oct. 5. The work session was held in a hybrid format, with Council and key staff meeting in chambers and the public and the media allowed to follow via livestream. Although the Zoom link worked, the City's Channel 191 cable was not available during the session. All councilors were present for the work session.

Historic Preservation Commission applicants Kenneth Huff, Patrick Dwyer, and John Eloie discussed their qualifications and interest in serving on the commission. A native of Southern California, Eloie has been a resident of Montrose for 28 years. He is seeking reappointment to the commission. "It is so important for us to preserve what we are so proud of here in Montrose," he said, noting that the history of the community is reflected in its architecture.

Huff is a native of Montrose who left to earn a living as an educator and coach and

returned upon his retirement. He presently heads the Montrose County Historical Society and was appointed to the City's Historic Preservation Commission to fill a vacancy last year. His background as a teacher has been helpful when it comes to reading the lengthy documents required as a commissioner, he said. "Thank you for the opportunity to serve this past year," Huff said, "it has been quite a pleasure."

Dwyer is a retired architect, and during his career worked on the remodel of the First National Bank building. "Montrose has been good to me," Dwyer said.

Applicant Ian Atha could not be present. Council also took time to speak with Montrose Youth Council applicant Harrison Hall. Hall served on Youth Council previously and is re-applying for another term. He said that he hopes to bring back the popular "Rock the Rec" events with social distancing and mask guidelines in place.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Senior Planner Amy Sharp presented in-

formation on the Adamson Family Trust #1 Gap Parcel Disposal. The parcel was separated when the original parcel was transferred to the City in 2017 because additional surveys were required.

*Background-*A memo prepared by Sharp for Council states, "This property is located east of Chipeta Road, south of the Clifford E. Baldrige Regional Park, west of Sunset Mesa Road, and northwest of the Grandview Cemetery. The City completed a land exchange in 2017 with the Adamson Family Trust No. 1 to obtain property off Anderson Road. It included approximately 11.93 acres owned by the City near Sunset Mesa, and approximately 16.2 acres owned by the Trust off Anderson Road. A small, 0.28-acre City-owned gap parcel (a portion of Parcel #3767-333-00-902) was not transferred to the Trust at that time. An additional survey was required for the gap parcel, and the parties did not want to delay the land exchange while waiting for the survey. The survey is now prepared and the parties are ready to

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RUSSELL STOVER NOTIFIES CITY OF MONTROSE OF INTENT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FOR \$1 From previous pg

complete this final portion of the land exchange.”

GENERAL COUNCIL/STAFF DISCUSSION

The Colorado Mesa University (CMU) advisory committee met recently with a CMU official, and has been working to find a replacement for retired CMU Montrose Director Gary Ratcliff, Councilor Dave Frank said. “It was very productive...We hammered out a lot of items that we would really like to see in a new director here in Montrose...he really understands deeply what we are looking for.”

Frank also mentioned using CARES ACT money to offset the cost of COVID-19 tests for employees of local restaurants and businesses. “One of the things I would love to have us explore is using some of our CARES Act money to help offset the costs for these people,” Frank said. “A lot of these people aren’t doing financially that well...For them to be forced to take time off of work, and then be forced to pay \$100 for a test in order to go back to work, I think is a burden we are putting on our citizens.”

Mayor Bynum said that some neighboring counties are looking at ways to help the restaurant industries by making tests available to restaurant employees.

Frank said, “I am not talking about restaurant employees to be clear, I am talking about anybody in Montrose. Because if somebody works at Walmart they’re in the same boat. They’re usually not financially secure enough that they can afford to take two weeks off of work.”

“Sure...The State does have free testing across the state,” Bynum said, “So they could go to one of those locations.” She said that Montrose County, not the City of Montrose, has been in charge of testing.

Frank said that he was asking only to offset costs for citizens. “I don’t want to reinvent the wheel. I just want to offset the cost so the testing is not costing the employee of a low paying job \$100 out of pocket.”

“I thought it was \$100 when someone wanted a test for their own, like if you

were traveling,” Bynum said.

Councilor Dave Bowman said that Council needs more information. “Our school kids that have to get tested? I can’t imagine we’re charging for that. I like the concept; we need more information.”

Bynum asked about progress on South First Street.

City Manager Bill Bell said, “...There will be lights draped from those poles there...we have received some of the matching seating to go along with seating in Centennial Plaza.”

A cosmetic seal coating has been applied, he said. “...The idea was to get some areas for outdoor gatherings that would be safe under COVID for this fall, knowing that we would have to close the street in February for construction.”

The City has been able to use CARES ACT funds, Bell said. Items can be reused in other areas following the street closure. “And so they definitely won’t just get thrown into a storage shed and not used.”

Boulders will be placed to delineate the parking area, Bell said. “The west end of that area has been restriped, it’s nose-in parking now...people hopefully will get used to the look and feel of a parking lot rather than a through street...we’re excited about it, we’re hoping that we’ll be able to honor the guidelines and in a safe way have some kind of gathering space out there for gatherings, whether it’s for food trucks, restaurant deliveries, small events...we’re open to ideas too.”

Exercising an option from their 1972 agreement with the City, Russell Stover Candy notified the City of Montrose on Sept. 14 of its intent to purchase the City-owned property on which its Montrose facility is located. The price is \$1, as set in 1972. City Attorney Stephen Alcorn informed Council that the matter will be voted on by Council in regular session; a yes vote will allow the sale to proceed while a no vote will likely result in litigation for breach of contract.

“We don’t have an option to object,” Alcorn said. “It’s very clear that once they

provide notice it shall happen...a ordinance will be drafted for City Council to vote on allowing this property to be disposed of.”

Alcorn said, “There has been some discussion...could we force them to level the land and turn back over to us our land as we gave it to them before they started building on it...even if we had a way to say no we’re not selling it...we can’t turn around and level and return the land to its original condition.

“...It’s not unusual for a contract like this be written rather one-sided when you are thinking to do business incentives,” Alcorn said. “...our concern is that it’s going to be sold, they are going to make money, the business they sell to is going to fail, and then we have a crumbling, falling down, food processing plant within city limits and it could happen...our best course of action is to make sure that when that is sold, we do whatever we can to make sure that that plan succeeds.”

Councilor Dave Frank said, “...For the last 50 years, because the property is owned by the City, there’s not been any property tax revenue generated...so by selling the property over to Russell Stover, that enters that property back on the tax rolls.”

“Yes. That benefits of course the County, not the City,” Alcorn said.

Frank said, “That benefits the citizens of Montrose overall because it does put money back into our tax base.”

Frank asked about the responsibility for any associated environmental hazards. Alcorn said that the liability will remain with the property owner.

“So at this point there are two major advantages to the City of Montrose to follow the original 50-year-old contract,” Frank said. Following further discussion, “We really don’t have a choice,” Bynum said.

“It doesn’t take a law degree to read what they said,” Alcorn said.

Mayor Bynum reminded Council and viewers of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Oct. 6 (see article in this issue of the *Mirror*).

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES NEW SERVICE TO MONTROSE, TELLURIDE STARTS DEC. 19

Special to the Mirror

DALLAS—Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) has announced that new seasonal service to Montrose Regional Airport (Telluride) begins Dec. 19.

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020, Southwest will operate new service seasonally through April 5, 2021:

- As low as \$49 one-way nonstop between Montrose (Telluride) and Denver (up to three times daily in each direction); and
- As low as \$79 one-way nonstop between Montrose (Telluride) and Dallas (Love Field) (once daily on weekends in each direction).

"We are thrilled to welcome Southwest as a partner in Western Colorado to Telluride and the Montrose Airport, providing new and expansive access for both incoming visitors and our residents," said Matt Skinner, CEO of Colorado Flights Alliance, the air service development organization for the region. "Southwest's dedication to service and the traveler mirrors our own, and we look forward to welcoming their loyal customers to our ski slopes, national

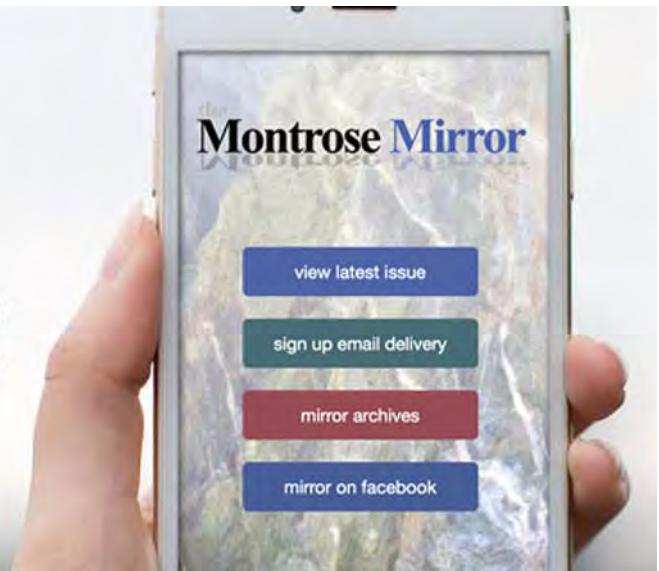


Southwest Airlines announces new service to Montrose (Telluride), CO. Flights to Montrose, as well as previously announced service to Steamboat Springs (Hayden), CO, begin Dec. 19, 2020. Courtesy image Southwest Airlines.

parks, and some of the most renowned scenery in North America." Adding Southwest Airlines to Montrose Regional Airport is a win for the community and region, said Montrose Regional Airport Director Lloyd Arnold.

"Southwest's commitment to quality, customer-first approach, and the large number of major cities available via their service is attractive for the regional market and beyond." For more information visit [Southwest Airlines](https://www.southwest.com).

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE BY PERSON, NOT BY STATE

Editor:

In a national popular vote system, we would no longer be voting by state, as we do in the Electoral System, but by person. Every vote would count. A California voter would get no more say in our presidential election than a voter from Mississippi, Rhode Island, Kansas, or any other state. THIS is what the framers intended when they unanimously agreed with James Madison's statement that the "President is to act for the people not for [the] States."

You often hear the mantra that smaller, less populated states need the protection of the Electoral College to ensure their interests are represented by the President.

The fact is that there is no coherent "small state" - or "large state" - interest that needs protecting by the Electoral College because even the smallest state has sub-

stantial diversity within it. It is a fallacy to suggest that when a state goes "red" or "blue" that represents the interests of the entire state.

All of our states have diverse interests. The concerns of a farmer are likely to be very different than those of a computer programmer, whether they live in New Hampshire, Nebraska, CO, or any other small or large state. Think Denver and Montrose...

Small states represent a great diversity of economic interests, and they share many of these interests with large states. For example, agriculture. Most farmers live in states with large populations such as Texas, Florida, California, and Illinois, and they share economic interests with farmers from smaller states all over the country.

Our political interests cross state lines. The great political battles of American

history have not been fought between large and small states but between opposing ideologies or economic interests.

In Congress, the representatives of small states don't vote as a bloc, and their citizens don't vote as a bloc for president. In fact, the numbers from the 2016 election show this emphatically. The smallest states, those with fewer than 7 electoral votes, did not all go for the same candidate. In fact, they voted exactly the same as the largest states. Forty-percent of small states went for Clinton, and sixty-percent went for Trump. Forty-percent of largest states also went for Clinton, and sixty-percent for Trump.

Small states do not benefit from the Electoral College. Every vote should count! After all, the very first words of the U.S. Constitution are "We the People".

Vote "Yes" on Proposition 113!

Nancy Ball, Montrose

READ BIDEN-SANDERS MANIFESTO BEFORE YOU CAST YOUR VOTE

Editor:

Those who plan on voting for the Biden-Harris, or more commonly known as the Harris-Biden campaign should first read the Biden-Sanders Manifesto. Biden's 50,000-word manifesto claims climate change is a global emergency and demands eliminating carbon dioxide emissions to "net zero" by eliminating fossil fuels. The climate is slowly changing, but climate change CAUSED BY HUMANS has not been scientifically proven by scientists INDEPENDENT of government funding. For one thing the term "climate change" is a meaningless repetition since climate is a statistical average of weather conditions gathered over decades. It's not just, "Wow it's hot this year, must be global warming!" Ever notice the scare mongers quit using the words "global warming"? Interesting! The fact that the radical left spends so much time and effort fine-tuning their scorched earth climate scare tactics tells us all we need to know about its validity.

The Manifesto further states they will install 500 million solar panels within five years! The only way that's possible is to

buy them from China. But, it's publicly known Biden has the perfect connections there. Then Biden will rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement and transfer money to the Green Climate Fund, which gives grants to China, even though China doesn't contribute a cent! This amounts to a direct transfer of American taxpayer money to the Chinese Communist Party! Hasn't China done enough damage to America? Of course the Manifesto claims this will lower your electricity bills! But, almost two-thirds of our electricity comes from fossil fuels. Australia and Germany have learned that switching to wind and solar drives costs up. And with the popularity of electric cars on the rise the demand for electricity will skyrocket. Wind and solar power won't charge your car on a cloudy, calm day! Biden claims that fossil fuel jobs will be replaced by climate jobs building wind turbines, electric cars, and climate "retrofitting" 4 million homes. To pay for all of this, Biden promises to increase your taxes in the trillions. Whata guy!

There's more. Biden will abandon school

choice and eliminate charter schools. He told MSNBC, "charter schools are gone." Biden said he will redirect (meaning eliminating) police funding and eliminate cash bail. That means criminals will be released from jail with just a promise they will appear in court.

A Biden campaign staffer recently ridiculed police as being worse than pigs. And Biden's running mate, Harris, is involved in raising money to bail rioters, looters, arsonists, and killers out of jail. So much for law and order and supporting police! And the Biden/Harris team will open our borders and eliminate the border patrol. Biden/Harris will eliminate President Trump's accomplishment of elevating America to the number one energy producer. They have both promised to eliminate fracking on public land before they started backpedaling.

There is much more in this hideous 50,000 word manifesto.

This election is the most important one in history. Remember to vote RED, (Remove Every Democrat)!

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose

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ART & SOL

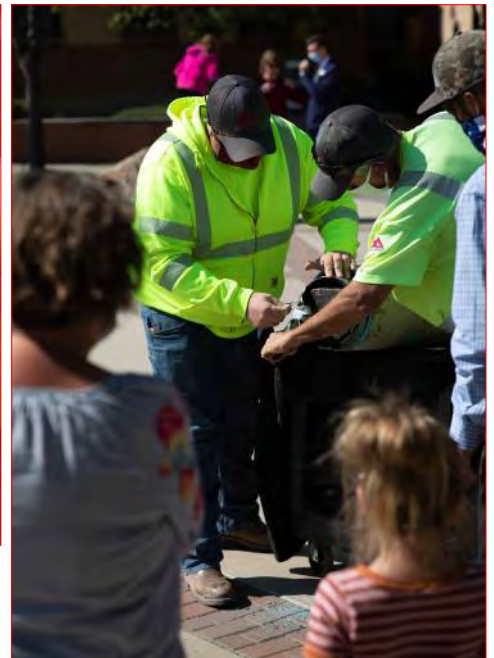
AFTER HALF A CENTURY, TIME CAPSULE AT MONTROSE CITY HALL UNEARTHED



*The time capsule ready to be lifted out.
Photos by Paul Arbogast.*



Capsule being lifted out.



Capsule being cut open and first look inside.

By Paul Arbogast

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose held a ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 6 to dig up the time capsule buried outside of city hall in 1970. Items will be placed on display at the Montrose Visitor Center. You can

watch the live stream (or replay) of unpacking the capsule here: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=790019585183311>. According to the City of Montrose, the time capsule was buried in 1970 to commemorate the installation of the ship's bell from the USS Montrose and contains a glimpse of Montrose 50 years ago. Some items known to be included in the capsule are a map of the city, local restaurant menu, cassette tapes featuring popular songs from 1970, stamps, coins, and a copy of the Montrose Daily Press' "Americanism" issue from the weekend of the capsule burial in April 1970.

Some things never go out of style.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

APPLY FOR WILDLIFE REHABILITATION GRANTS UNTIL NOV. 4

Special to Art & Sol

DENVER- Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is announcing the application period for Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants is now open. Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants are offered by CPW to support wildlife rehabilitation efforts across the state. Grant amounts are for a minimum of \$1,000 and are awarded with the goal of maximizing wildlife rehabilitation efforts in Colorado. All applications must be submitted by Nov. 4, 2020. Since the grant program's inception in 2018, 18 grants totaling more than \$38,000 have been awarded to Colorado wildlife rehabilitation facilities. Funding has supported repairs to existing facilities, construction of new flight cages and enclosures, veterinary work, and medical and food supplies among other wildlife rehabilitation needs. A link to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants program page on the CPW website is below:

<https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Wildlife-Rehab-Grant-Board.aspx>

To be eligible for Wildlife Rehabilitation

Grants, applicants must meet the following criteria: Applicants must be a wildlife rehabilitator currently licensed by CPW. In general, grant funds can only be used for species authorized under the applicable wildlife rehabilitation license. Per the authorizing statute, the minimum grant award is \$1,000. Please note, the total estimated funding available for the 2020 round of funding is \$16,000.

Funding for Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants is primarily from the nongame tax check-off program, along with fines from nongame wildlife-based offenses and interest income. For the first \$250,000 raised annually through the nongame check-off, 10 percent is allocated to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Grant program, which aims to provide funding specifically for wildlife rehabilitation centers.

Regular operational expenses and capital improvements are both eligible for funding. Rehabilitation of both game and nongame species is eligible; exotic species are not. Awardees must execute an agreement with CPW to receive a grant, and



Baby red tail hawk. Courtesy of North Park Wildlife Rehabilitation

work done under the grant must be performed or managed by the grantee. Matching funds are not required, and applicants do not have to be a 501(c)(3) organization.

After funding decisions have been made, CPW will make information on grant recipients, award amounts and grant annual reports available on its website. For more information on the grant program and application materials, please visit the Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants page.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

CITY MOVES FORWARD WITH COVID-19 NONPROFIT AND CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — The City of Montrose has been allocated funds through the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES Act) to respond to community nonprofit needs as a result of the COVID-19 emergency. A portion of these funds has been set aside to establish the COVID-19 Nonprofit and Child Care Assistance Grant Program to provide financial assistance to local community nonprofit organizations and child care providers in the form of grants to address unexpected expenses resulting from the COVID-19 emergency. Funds are intended to reduce exposure to COVID-19, particularly in vulnerable, at-risk populations, and to lessen or mitigate the economic, health, and social impact of COVID-19.

Eligible applicants include:

- Community nonprofit organizations that serve the residents of Montrose (Organizations will be required to provide documentation of nonprofit status).
- Nonprofit and for-profit child care providers, including preschools and daycare centers located in the city of Montrose. Eligible organizations must have been impacted by the COVID-19 emergency and have responded, or intend to respond, to the emergency by providing services to the community. The city is unable to provide grants to individuals.

Project Eligibility

All projects must align with the U.S. Treasury's Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments available at <https://cdola.colorado.gov/cvrf>.

CARES Act funding may only be used to cover costs that:

1. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency;
2. Were not accounted for in the organization's most recent budget;
3. Were incurred during the period beginning Sunday, March 1, 2020, and ending on Wednesday, December 30, 2020.

Examples of eligible projects include COVID-19 expenses related to meeting local or state health orders, acquisition and distribution of personal protective equipment, public safety measures, food delivery and transportation for vulnerable populations, technological expenses to facilitate distance learning or teleworking, and payroll expenses if the employee is substantially dedicated (more than 51-percent of time) to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 emergency.

All projects and services must occur in the city of Montrose.

Exclusions

The list below includes examples of ineligible expenditures:

1. Expenses for the state's share of Medicaid.
2. Damages covered by insurance.
3. Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
4. Expenses that have been, or will be, reimbursed under any federal program.
5. Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services.
6. Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime.
7. Severance pay.
8. Legal settlements

The City of Montrose will determine the eligibility of all proposed projects.

Funding Availability

City Council has committed \$300,000 to providing assistance to community nonprofit organizations, \$75,000 of which is reserved for assistance to child care entities.

There isn't a minimum or maximum grant request amount.

Applicants will be required to provide a budget detailing how funds will be utilized.

Dates and Deadlines

Applications will be accepted beginning immediately, but on a rolling basis until Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, at 6 p.m.

Applicants should complete the appropriate application (i.e. Nonprofit Grant Assistance or Child Care Assistance Grant Program). Nonprofit child care providers may apply for both programs. Applications are accessible at www.cityofmontrose.org/covid19.

Apply early. Funds will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis until they have been exhausted.

Applications will be reviewed on a weekly basis by an evaluation committee. All applicants will be notified about the status of their application as soon as possible. Additional information may be requested by the evaluation committee.

Questions

Questions about the eligibility of proposed projects should be directed to the city's Innovation and Community Engagement Team, Bethany Maher (bmaher@cityofmontrose.org), or Kendall Cramer (kcramer@cityofmontrose.org).



Montrose Elks Lodge #1053

801 S. Hillcrest, Montrose CO 81401



Tues October 13, 2020 6:30 PM

\$1,199 "Must Go"

Progressive Game #4

***Jackpot will be awarded to 1st player
that reaches BINGO***

Progressive Game #2 \$200

***Can be won by reaching Bingo
in 37 numbers or less.***

Progressive Game #6 \$8,682

***Can be won by reaching Bingo
in 53 numbers or fewer.***



**Fresh Sandwiches
This Tuesday we have
Sloppy Joes**

***Go ahead,
Laugh a little louder
Smile a little bigger,
And just live life better
at Montrose Elks Bingo.***

**Bingo doors opens at 5:00 PM. Card sales begins at 6:00 PM. "Early Bird" begins at 6:30.
The main Bingo session of 8 games, including 3 Progressives starts at 7:00 PM.**

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

JOHNSON GRADUATES FROM BSC IN SPRING 2020

Special to Art & Sol

BISMARCK, ND-- Steven Johnson, Montrose, Colo., graduated from Bismarck State College with an Associate in Applied Science degree in Electrical Transmission System Technology during the college's 80th commencement ceremony on May 15, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the BSC 2020 Commencement ceremony was held virtually to confer 970+ degrees. The BSC 2020 Commencement speaker was Miss America 2018 Cara Mund, a native of Bismarck, N.D. The virtual ceremony is available to view on the [BSC website](#). BSC students finished their Spring 2020 semester online after BSC and other college campuses across the state and country closed in March because of COVID-19. During the Summer 2020 semester, students in various technical programs returned to campus under heightened health and safety protocols to complete hands-on labs and coursework to meet the requirements for graduation.

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

Special to Art & Sol

DURANGO-- More than 200 students were named to Fort Lewis College's Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester. These students took at least 15 credits of gradable hours and achieved a 3.60 or higher grade point average. Sierra Vigil of Montrose (81401) Alexa Yanosky of Montrose (81401) As the Four Corners' stronghold of academic excellence, Fort Lewis College blends small class sizes, engaged faculty, and unparalleled research opportunities to help students earn college degrees and chase dreams. Guided by real-world experiences and a bountiful landscape, our students develop critical thinking and communication skills to fuel further studies or rewarding careers. A broad range of subjects and diverse student body weave cross-cultural knowledge throughout signature programs focused on environmental studies, education, the health sciences, creative arts, and business administration. Find an education to live by at FLC.

CABIN BENCH ROAD NOW OPEN

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The washed-out culvert at Dry Fork Escalante Creek on Cabin Bench Road, National Forest System Road (NFSR) 501, has been replaced and the road is now open. NFSR #501 (Cabin Bench Road), originates in Mesa County at its intersection with NFSR #500 (Love Mesa Road). Cabin Bench Road becomes Montrose County L37, Sawmill Mesa Road, at the Forest boundary. It ultimately intersects with G Road west of Delta. Funds to complete the repairs came from a partnership with Mesa County Road and Bridge Department and the Forest Service. The culvert and road were damaged April 29, 2019 by excessive runoff and debris from the melting of that year's high snowpack. To stay safe, help protect our forests, and communities, remember to "know before you go" and check current forest road and trail conditions. Forest travel on wet or muddy roads can cause serious resource damage and safety concerns. Respect road and gate closures. Report any National Forest System road and trail damage to the nearest national forest office. Please check our Facebook page for updates and contact your local Ranger District for current conditions before heading out on your trip. Ruttled roads can lead to increased maintenance costs and damage to surrounding land and aquatic ecosystems. For information on National Forest System lands call the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests at 970-874-6600, visit the GMUG Forest website (www.fs.usda.gov/gmug), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/GMUG.NF>) or Twitter (https://twitter.com/GMUG_NF)

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Winter Collection for Veterans

Montrose Elks Lodge is collecting items for Veterans in need until October 23, 2020; distribution day.

Items being collected include:

- * Cold weather apparel (coats, hats, gloves)
- * Blankets and Sleeping Bags
- * Hand Warmers (in packets)
- * Wool Socks (most asked for item)
- * Dry snacks (like crackers in packets)
- * Beef Jerky (in pkg)
- * Cat food, dog food (a lot of Veterans have an animal for protection or a helper animal issued for a disabled Veteran)



**38 homeless
Veterans in the
USA will die from
exposure every day
this Winter.**

*Some wonder, will I
survive the night?
Make a difference,
reach out and help!*



Please check your closets and if you have an extra Winter coat, deliver it to the Montrose Elks Lodge for distribution to Veterans.



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SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

ONGOING-

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY-Every Wednesday beginning Sept. 2, 2020, through April, 2021 - Community Bible Study live virtual meetings mornings and evenings: gospel of John. Classes for women and children. Call 720-635-0091 for more information or to register.

EVERY SATURDAY THROUGH OCTOBER-Ridgway Railroad Museum – free rides on RGS Motor 1 (Galloping Goose prototype) 9 am – noon. 200 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway.

THE MONTROSE FARMERS' MARKET is a weekly gathering of vendors selling local fruit, vegetables, meat, crafts, and more, on Saturdays from 9 am-1 pm, May 9 – Oct. 31 at Centennial Plaza, 433 S 1st St. in Montrose.

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-

Oct. 15-18-Telluride Horror Show 2020 Shelter-in-Place Edition, passes for the 11th Annual event available on the [festival platform](#).

Oct. 20-In this electronic age finding easy to understand information on your questions about 'Medicare Open Enrollment' can be daunting. First you need to find out the right questions to ask. Can you go to any doctor or hospital and how does a Plan cover Chemo therapy or recovery benefits? What companies allow you to get complete coverage even if you are faced with an illness? Know how to compare plans to choose the best plan for your health need. Know how to easily customize your Prescription Drug Plan. Tue Oct 20th 11 AM at the Montrose Pavilion Senior Center. Call Marilyn Huseby for Info 970 901-9914

Oct. 26-30-The 7th Judicial District announces that as part of the Colorado Judicial Branch's Pro Bono Week, it will facilitate a local Ask-An-Attorney event during the week of Oct. 26-30, 2020. Participants will be matched with a local attorney who specializes in their case type for a free consultation. Availability may be limited, so participants are encouraged to register early. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, consults will be limited to telephone or online formats. To register or for additional information please call 970.252.4312.

Nov. 2--Montrose Women's Giving Club meets at Bridges, 5:30 p.m. Open to all women; each member donates \$100 per quarter at each meeting.

Nov. 20-The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club's (BCBGC) 6th Annual Crab Crack fundraiser will be a little different this year to comply with COVID-19 social distancing restrictions and will be the "Stay in your Shell" edition. This means the BCBGC will not be having an in-person event at a specific venue but, rather, Crab Crack will be delivered to you at the location of your choosing in Montrose! A land and sea feast of crab, shrimp, Andouille sausage, corn, potatoes, and dessert with wine (with all the eating supplies you need) delivered to your door. There will be no individual ticket sales this year but sponsorships are available. There will also be an online benefit auction where you can bid on and fund items the Club members' need. The link to this auction will open on the Club's website (www.bcbgc.org) on Nov. 20. Please contact Bud Taylor at btaylor@bcbgc.org or at 970-249-5168 for sponsorship inquiries or event questions.



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READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: 1st RESPONDERS MEETUP



On Oct. 7, Colorado State Patrol hosted a "Meet Your First Responders" event at the Wildlife Office on South Townsend to allow the public to meet CSP Dispatchers, Troopers, and Sheriff Officers. First Responders plan to adopt A local family for Thanksgiving. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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