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COMMISSIONERS AWARD CONTRACTS FOR STORMWATER DRAINAGE PLAN AT FAIRGROUNDS; DAILY COVID & FLU LAB TEST RESULTS; AIRPORT BAGGAGE SYSTEM



On Nov. 10, the Montrose BOCC voted to approve the purchase and installation of a new baggage belt at Montrose Regional Airport, above. Photo B. Switzer.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) held a Zoom format meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10. All commissioners were present for the session.

"Welcome everybody," BOCC Chair Keith Caddy said, and noted that all information discussed in the meeting would be available on the County's web site.

Fairgrounds Manager Emily Sanchez led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioners voted unanimously *Continued pg 22*

MURA DEVELOPER SEEKS CONTINUED CITY INVESTMENT

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Background: The Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) was formed in late 2016 by a resolution of the Montrose City Council. Generally speaking, the MURA Board oversees the Colorado Outdoors Urban Renewal Area and administers the Tax Increment Financing (TIF), the funding mechanism to finance public infrastructure in the MURA. The property, which covers 158 acres along the river corridor between the Montrose County Justice Center on the north and West Main on the South, is being developed by the Dragoon's Mayfly Outdoors.

The 10-member MURA board is made up of Montrose City Council (five members), City Manager Bill Bell (Executive Director), Brad Hughes (Montrose County), Chair Tad Rowan (Montrose Fire Protection District), Gayle Johnson (Montrose School

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Montrose Fire Protection District Chief Tad Rowan was in full dress uniform when he chaired the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) Board meeting on Nov. 9. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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LOUIS FAUSSONE HONORED BY MONTROSE ELKS LODGE



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MONTROSE—On Nov. 1, 2020 Mr. Louis Faussone reached a milestone of 75 years as a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Montrose Lodge #1053. Louis was presented a milestone pin and plaque commemorating the event. Courtesy Photo—Louis and Martin Crespín, Exalted Ruler, Montrose Elks Lodge #1053.

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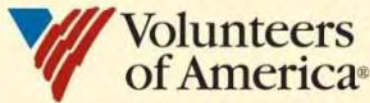
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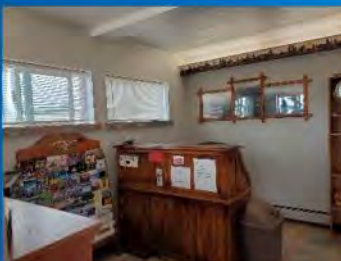
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SCOUTS RECEIVE DONATIONS FROM AMERICAN LEGION POST #73



Photo by Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Montrose County now has only three surviving Scouting Units — Pack 490, Troop 491, and Troop 498. On November 10, 2020 each of the three entities received a \$250 financial gift from American Legion Post #73. American Legion Post Commander Jeremy Rousseau (far right), who is also a Veteran, made the presentation. He said, "We know these organizations are under a financial strain. We want to support them and support our kids." It was noted that for some young men this is the first uniform they will ever wear.



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5800 ROAD CLOSURE BEGINNING NOV. 16

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MONTROSE— Montrose County Road and Bridge is closing 5800 Road on Nov. 16 for a bridge replacement. The bridge is located on 5800 Road between Hwy 348 and Dandy Road. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes. The closure is expected to last through the end of December depending on the weather.

For more information about Montrose County Road and Bridge Department, please visit: <https://www.montrosecounty.net/918/Road-and-Bridge-Montrose>.

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CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS FOR GMUG AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ONLINE

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DELTA-Christmas tree permits for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests are available to purchase online through Recreation.gov as of Nov. 13. Details about designated cutting areas, cutting dates and types of trees that may be cut can be found here <https://www.recreation.gov/tree-permits/gmug>.

The Forest Service decided to move permit sales to [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) as an added convenience for visitors, as well as provide an alternative to in person transactions at offices that may remain closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To purchase a Christmas Tree permit, visit [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) and search for Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) Christmas Tree Permits. It is important to carefully read the overview and need-to-know information before purchasing the permit. Visitors will also need to set up or login to a [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) account to complete the transaction.

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MMH HEALTH FAIR EVENTS POSTPONED UNTIL LATER 2021

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Montrose Memorial Hospital announced the 2021 Early Blood Draw & Health Fair events will be postponed until later in 2021 for the safety of volunteers and participants. The events annually serve about 3,500 individuals in our communities with reduced rate blood draws.

“We feel this is important to protect our Friends and Family,” said James Kiser, CEO of Montrose Memorial Hospital. “The aim of our events is to improve the health of our community – and many of our volunteers and participants would be in a high-risk category. Because we know these events offer valuable information and screenings for our community, we will look to offer these events later in 2021.”

The annual events take place in January and February each year. While a new date has not been chosen for the 2021 events, the hospital plans to offer them later in 2021 when COVID-19 cases may decrease and a vaccine is available.

The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic also created logistical and planning issues for the events. With public gathering guidelines potentially changing based on the prevalence of COVID-19, it is difficult to plan for how many people could participate in an indoor setting at one time. Each day of the Early Blood Draw events historically served hundreds of participants within a few hours – making social distancing difficult to achieve.

Blood draws offered reduced rate screenings such as Complete Blood Count, Hemoglobin A1C, Vitamin D screening, and more. Screenings offered in 2020 are expected to return in 2021 when the events are re-scheduled.

More information will be announced on the hospital's website,

www.MontroseHospital.com.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CLIMBING COVID-19 CASES MOVE COUNTY TO 'YELLOW' ON CDPHE DIAL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- Overall daily increases in COVID-19 case counts have resulted in Montrose County moving a level on the State of Colorado's COVID-19 dial. Montrose County was moved from the cautious or blue level to the concern or yellow level. The dial is an indicator of the overall prevalence of community spread of COVID in a particular county. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the governor's office required this action based on the state's [dial framework](#), which considers the number of cases in a two-week period, percent positivity, and hospitalizations, all of which are trending upward.

"Overall, the number of positive cases is on the rise. The increase is due in part to both the cases linked to outbreak sites, but more importantly overall community and family transmission," said Assistant Public Health Director Allison Howe. "Montrose County Public Health wants to

stress the importance of having a plan for isolating and quarantining if someone in your family or residence becomes ill or tests positive."

The new level designation has stricter requirements and will be in effect until cases, percent of tests positive, and hospital demand reduces. Under the concern (yellow--) level capacity limits remain at 50 percent for most sectors; group sizes are reduced to a maximum of 100 individuals indoors with social distancing. Gyms are reduced to 25 percent capacity or 50 patrons. Full guidance by level is available [here](#).

"The most important things we can all do are to continue washing hands frequently, wearing a mask, and keeping social distance," said Montrose County Public Health Medical Adviser Dr. Joseph Adragna, MD, MHA, MGH. "It is also important to stay home when you are sick and call your doctor's office. Please help keep our community healthy and protect

our vulnerable populations by staying home from work, social gatherings, and errands if you are feeling unwell. Doing so will preserve our healthcare system and our local businesses. This virus impacts all age groups and even though a 30-year-old is less likely to end up hospitalized, they may transmit the virus to a higher risk person that ends up in the ICU. No matter your age, you have a role in this fight."

Montrose County Public Health continues to work with Montrose Memorial Hospital to monitor hospital capacity, and while it has not been stressed, there has been a recent increase in COVID hospitalizations. Both the county and hospital remain ready to respond to COVID surges.

This change to the yellow dial level took effect Friday, Nov. 13 at 8 am. Additionally, as of [Thursday](#), Nov. 12, the county has resumed weekday reporting of the COVID dashboard. Please visit montrosecountyjic.com for more information.



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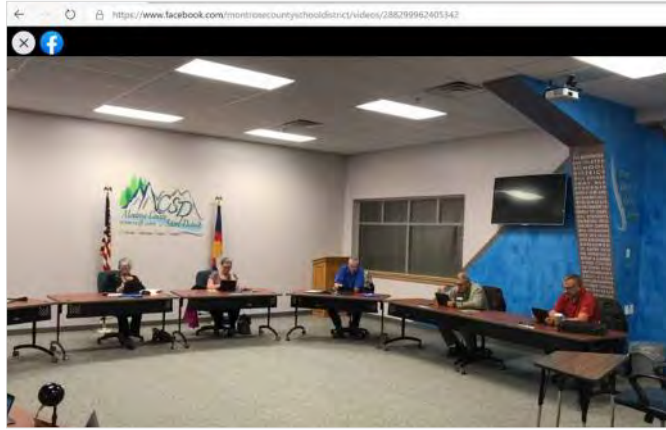
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JUUL LITIGATION MOVES FORWARD; RETURN TO CLASSROOM LEARNING STILL THE GOAL DESPITE RECENT COVID SPIKE



Connectivity issues made the Board of Education meeting difficult to follow online. At one point, ECC Director Penny Harris vanished while addressing the board (second photo).



By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose County RE-1J Board of Education held a regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10. All directors were present for the meeting, which was held at District Offices and broadcast on Facebook live.

Although the meeting could be viewed online, internet connectivity issues recurred unceasingly throughout the session, which at times could be unsettling and hard to follow. For example, in the posted replay of the meeting on the District's Facebook site, Early Childhood Center (ECC) Director Penny Harris abruptly vanishes from the table where she is seated while reporting to the Board at 24:47.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board of Education President Gayle Johnson called the meeting to order; all joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. All directors were present for the session; there were no changes to the agenda.

Secretary to the Board Laurie Laird shared information on recent donations/recognition, including:

- The San Juan Healthcare Foundation donated \$580 to offer the Virtual New Me Puberty Program through the Denver Museum of Nature & Science to the MCSD 5th grade students. The classes occurred last week at Pomona, Johnson and Peak schools;
- The Giving Club of Montrose has made a donation of \$10,000 which is designated for technology;
- Michael Benziger has donated \$1,000;
- Walmart has made a school supply donation. Twenty boxes with an estimated

value of \$700 in supplies will be shared with students at every school in the district;

-MCSD Special Education teacher Danielle Musser won the 2020 Colorado Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award.

Board Vice President Sarah Fishering said that there will be a City and County meeting concerning an effort to conduct an area needs assessment. "I am excited about what it may tell us about our community."

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

RE-1J Superintendent Carrie Stephenson gave an update on the JUUL litigation in which the district is participating. Litigation is moving forward and is now in the discovery phase; a request by the JUUL company to dismiss the case was denied. The District will provide additional information as requested by attorneys.

Though no Veterans Day assemblies were held this year, Stephenson said that the RE-1J schools are working with public access television channels (Charter 191 or Elevate 970) to thank veterans. Directors screened a "snippet" of a video campaign during the meeting, featuring local students sharing their thoughts and thanking veterans for their service.

She noted that Olathe schools will have an ornament on the U.S. Capital Christmas tree, "...It's fun to know that the tree in front of the capitol will be our tree from Colorado nearby," she said.

Stephenson thanked RE-1J Instructional Services Director Jessica Beller, "for all of her work on the RISE grant that we were

just awarded this week." RE-1J will receive \$846,320 to pursue partnerships with Hilltop Community Resources, the Center for Mental Health, and local police to address adverse childhood experiences. "That is going to be money well spent, especially in these times...we are really happy about that." Stephenson said.

She gave an update on the pandemic situation within the District. The entire community is seeing a spike in Covid-19; "We are certainly seeing more cases within the school district as well," Stephenson said.

Still, "We are keeping track of the data very closely," she said, "and we are taking so much extra time to make sure that we are contact tracing, doing the mitigation strategies, because our goal is to keep kids in school and to get them back to 100-percent in-person learning as quickly as possible."

Additional mitigation strategies may be required, she said. Presently there are 156 students currently quarantined, with 89 on isolation with symptoms that may or may not be related to COVID.

"Which really is about four percent of the student population, which is pretty low," Stephenson said. "It's nice to be able have the data, so that we can use that to drive our decision making. And really make sure that we are keeping in mind that there are lot of other things that are going on with our kids when they are not with us, that are really important to pay attention to—mental health, student engagement..."

She explained the extensive process that occurs when a COVID positive or probable positive case is brought to the District's attention by the Public Health Department. "I just want you to have the scope of what work is involved in order to keep our kids in school--and that we want to do this work so we can keep our kids in school."

Said Fishering, "...I really appreciate what I feel is a great deal of transparency from

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the administration. I feel like the public is getting the information; it's not scary, it's just the facts...I think it's keeping the public informed." She acknowledged the extra work required but said that it builds public trust. "I know it's taking a lot of work, some days six hours on ZOOM," Fishing said. "That is horrible, but I appreciate it, so thank you."

Stephenson gave a shout out to the COVID response team. "There could not be a better group of people that are just dedicated to this work and doing it right and taking it seriously. It's absolutely a thrill to be able to work with such a fantastic group of people on this."

Stephenson also said that the District provided a letter to Senator Don Coram concerning the Highway 50 update project, detailing the impacts that highway closures would have on local schools.

"We do have a couple of staff members that live in the Arrowhead Subdivision right up there," she said. Also, "...the aca-

demie and athletic trips that we take, with our league being in the southern part of the Front Range ...it would severely impact our athletic teams that have to travel for those purposes."

The financial burden of participation would increase, and could possibly prevent attendance, she said.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

RE-1J Finance Director Emily Imus presented the Enrollment Report. Current District enrollment is 5,822. "The October count window just closed today," Imus said.

Imus also reviewed the Quarterly Fund Report and Quarterly Investment Report. "So far we're staying in line with what we projected for the budget."

A lower fund balance is projected for the Food Service fund, she noted. All kids will continue to eat free through the school year; the District will add a Friday weekend meal in December. "We're working hard to get meal count numbers up."

Early Childhood Center (ECC) Director Penny Harris gave the Board of Education an update as well, including Data dashboard and In-Kind report. The ECC Pre-school aims for 85 percent attendance, she said. "...It's working; we still are showing some pretty good attendance for our kids." Due to Internet connectivity issues at the District office, Harris' presentation was briefly interrupted on the livestream, as was the apparent approval of Consent Agenda items, including the Personnel Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Fishing reviewed Revised Board policy JEB, Entrance Age Requirement, presented to the Board for review on First Reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Education entered Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter.

The next regular meeting of the RE-1J Board of Education is scheduled for Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m.

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MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IMPLEMENTS VISITATION RESTRICTIONS FOR PATIENT SAFETY

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MONTROSE— Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH) is implementing additional patient safety guidelines beginning Monday, November 16 due to the increase of COVID-19 in the community.

In addition to patient safety procedures that have already been in place, MMH will limit one visitor per patient per day. Exceptions to the policy include end of life

care and other limited circumstances.

The hospital expects this change in policy will allow for a healing atmosphere while also providing a safe environment for patients and their support system. Additional patient safety guidelines include checking patients and visitors for COVID-19 symptoms at hospital entry points, requiring all individuals over the age of 2 to wear masks, and not allowing children under

the age of 18 in patient care areas.

Per the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 should call a medical care provider to determine if they meet testing criteria and to explore how to obtain care and testing. According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) symptoms can include fever, cough and shortness of breath.

GMUG PILE BURNING IN GUNNISON RANGER DISTRICT

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GUNNISON—Fire Management Officials from the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Gunnison Ranger District have announced plans to burn slash piles over the next few months. Most of the pile burns will occur between November through January, pending favorable weather and appropriate ground and vegetation conditions.

The objectives of prescribed pile burns are to reduce the risk of larger wildfires and improve ecosystem health by removing debris and vegetation, or fuels, through the planned ignition of slash piles. Slash piles are constructed from the accumulated debris from fuel reduction and hazard tree removal projects. The piles will be burned in project areas where other means of disposal are not feasible.

Safety of firefighters and the public are the most important factors considered when planning a prescribed burn. Fire managers have developed detailed plans and obtained smoke permits from the State of Colorado for each of the planned burns.

The following prescribed pile burns are planned on the Gunnison Ranger District:

Project Area/Name	Location	Number and Type
Big Meadows	Old Agency area	150 Machine Piles
Cooler	Old Agency area	75 Machine Piles
Willow Mesa	Old Agency area	100 Machine Piles
Skeleton	North Pass area	100 Machine Piles
Last Tree Salvage	Lake City area	50 Machine Piles
Mill Creek II	Lake City area	10 Machine Piles
Alpine East	Alpine Plateau Area	300 Machine Piles
Big Willow	Alpine Plateau Area	300 Machine Piles
Wilder	Taylor Canyon Area	10 Machine Piles
Taylor Park	Taylor Park area	10 Machine Piles
Keefers Cabin	Taylor Canyon area	60 Hand Piles
Monarch	Monarch Pass area	20 Hand Piles

"We will only ignite these prescribed fires if conditions are ideal for a safe, effective burn, as well as for good smoke dispersal consistent with project-specific permit conditions of the Colorado Smoke Management Permit," stated Pat Medina, East Zone Fire Management Officer.

For information on prescribed burns, pile burns, wildfires and fire restrictions on National Forest System lands and other areas, call the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests fire information line at 970-874-6602, visit the GMUG forest website: www.fs.usda.gov/gmug, GMUG fire information Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GMUGFireInfo/> or Twitter: https://twitter.com/GMUG_NE.



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CLICK IT OR TICKET ENFORCEMENT BEGINS MONDAY *27 unbuckled traffic fatalities in Mesa County since 2017*

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION — Starting Monday, Nov. 16, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and 29 local law enforcement agencies throughout the state will begin a two-week Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement period. The heightened seat belt enforcement period will run through Sunday, Nov. 29.

So far in 2020, 299 occupants in passenger vehicles have been killed in crashes on Colorado roads. Of those, 160 fatalities (54%) involved unbuckled drivers or passengers even though they represent just 14% of vehicle occupants, according to a recent CDOT survey on seat belt usage. Colorado's seat belt use rate is 86%, below the national average of 90%.

"The Click It or Ticket high-visibility enforcement serves as a reminder to always buckle up," said Chief Matthew Packard, of the Colorado State Patrol. "Your State Troopers want every driver and passenger to reduce the risk of serious injury, vehicle ejection, or death in the event of a collision on our Colorado roadways. Every citation issued could be a life saved."

There have been 27 unbuckled fatalities in Mesa County since 2017. Mesa County has had a total of two unbuckled fatalities in 2020 (Jan. 1 - Nov. 1), accounting for 50% of the four total passenger vehicle deaths in the county this year. Mesa County's seat belt use rate is 82%.

An average of an additional 70 lives could

be saved each year if Colorado achieved a 100% seat belt use rate, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The seat belt enforcement effort supports CDOT's Whole System — Whole Safety initiative and the agency's vision to reduce the number of deaths and injuries on our roadways.

"With the holiday travel season approaching, one of the safest choices is to stay home to help limit the spread of COVID-19," said CDOT Director Shoshana Lew. "If you are traveling by car, whether you're a driver or passenger, making the quick decision to buckle up is a lifesaving decision."

Earlier this year, CDOT launched the Common Bond campaign focused on one thing that unites most Coloradans — seat belt usage. To view the campaign visuals, visit: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/c1bu6ktdw79jkoa/AADcw32hHrh1OHNv26mCSWKga?dl=0>

CDOT partnered with local Colorado State Patrol Troop 4A Capt. Matt Ozanic to record a message on why buckling up is so important. The video serves as a reminder that seat belt usage is at the heart of every Click It or Ticket enforcement period. To view these videos, visit: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/cegyux447h33z93/AAAi8vTmnKu3NXzzdvt1pE9Pa?dl=0>

This enforcement effort marks CDOT's first November Click It or Ticket enforcement period. During the most recent Click It or Ticket enforcement period in July

2020, 1,839 unrestrained drivers and passengers were issued citations across Colorado.

COLORADO'S SEAT BELT LAWS

- **Adults** — Colorado has a secondary enforcement law for adult drivers and front-seat passengers. Drivers can be ticketed for violating the seat belt law if they are stopped for another traffic violation.

- **Teens** — Colorado's Graduated Drivers Licensing (GDL) law requires all drivers under 18 and their passengers, regardless of their age, to wear seat belts. This is a primary enforcement, meaning teens can be pulled over simply for not wearing a seat belt or having passengers without seat belts.

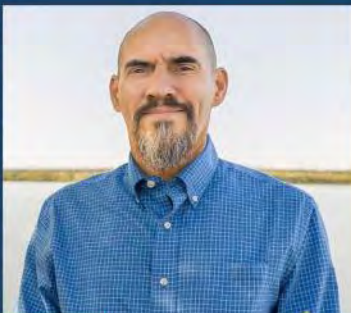
- **Children** — Colorado's Child Passenger Safety law is a primary enforcement, meaning the driver can be stopped and ticketed if an officer sees an unrestrained or improperly restrained child under age 16 in the vehicle.

Fines for not buckling up in Colorado start at \$65, and parents or caregivers caught with an improperly restrained child can receive a minimum fine of \$82.

From 2013 to 2017, 30 children, infant to age 8, were killed in passenger vehicle crashes in Colorado. Among these, more than half were in an improperly used or installed car seat — or no car seat at all. Parents and caregivers can learn more about Colorado child passenger safety laws, recommendations and recalls at CarSeatsColorado.com.

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CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE 2021 BUDGET, ISSUE PROCLAMATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY



On Nov. 17, Council will consider designating the BPOE Lodge Building at 107 S. Cascade Avenue, above, as a City of Montrose Historic Property.

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will meet for a work session at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16 and for a regular meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

WORK SESSION

The agenda states, "Due to the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting will be held electronically via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2QO1Mcrms2iuy-fQNxysA. Additional meeting access details are available at the end of the agenda.

The meeting can also viewed live on the City of Montrose website, www.cityofmontrose.org, on Channel 191, and on Channel 970."

Discussion items will include Revisions to

Title 6 of the Municipal Code. Items to be considered at upcoming City Council work sessions and meetings include:

Nov. 30-Planning Commission applicant interviews;

Dec. 1-Supplemental Budget Ordinance;

Dec. 14-Geyser Systems Update; Designation of Official Posting Place;

Dec. 15-Rainbow Trout Addition Annexation Ordinance; Commission Appointments;

Hilltop Addition II Annexation Hearing; New Fermented Malt Beverage License Application - Maverik, Inc. #616;

New Beer and Wine License Application - Sommelier Secrets Wine School; New Brew Pub License Application - San Juan Brews;

Jan. 5-Lynch Addition Annexation Hearing.

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting agenda states, "Due to the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting will be held electronically and can be accessed at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4SSZage8TF6zACEJtqtGGQ."

Council will issue a proclamation in support of Small Business Saturday, Nov. 28.

ACTION ITEMS

Budget Approval-Council will consider adopting Ordinance 2514 on Second Reading, providing and appropriating funds for defraying the expenses and liabilities of the City of Montrose, Colorado, during the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2021 and Resolution 2020-25: City Council

consideration of Resolution 2020-25, adopting the 2021 Municipal Budget.

Ordinance 2511-Council will consider adopting Ordinance 2511 on second reading, designating the BPOE Lodge Building at 107 S. Cascade Avenue, Montrose, Colorado as a City of Montrose Historic Property.

Ordinance 2515-Council will consider adopting Ordinance 2515 on second reading, amending the zoning district designation of Lot 5 of the Elder Homestead at Montrose Parcel Number 3767-353-04-005 from R-3, Medium Density District, to R-4, High Density District.

Ordinances 2516 and 2517- Council will consider adopting Ordinance 2516 on second reading, for the annexation of the Woodgate Addition No. 4; and Ordinance 2517 on second reading, zoning the Woodgate Addition No. 4 as a B-3, General Commercial District.

Ordinance 2518-Council will consider adopting Ordinance 2518 on first reading, amending the zoning district designation of Lot 1 of the Britney Boundary Line Adjustment from R-3A, Medium High-Density District, to RL, Rural Living District.

Resolution 2020-27- Council will consider approving Resolution 2020-27, setting Jan. 5, 2021 as the hearing date for the annexation of the Lynch Addition.

Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.



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RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR VACANT SEAT

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RIDGWAY-Notice is hereby given that a vacancy exists on the Ridgway Town Council.

Any resident of the Town of Ridgway interested in serving out the remainder of the term, to April 6, 2021, may apply in writing. Qualifications for serving on the Council are: a qualified elector of the State of Colorado; have resided within the Town limits for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of appointment; a United States Citizen; on or before this date shall be 18 years of age or older.

Please send letters of interest to the Town Clerk at pkraft@town.ridgway.co.us or mail to Post Office Box 10, Ridgway, CO 81432 or deliver to the Town Administrative Offices, 201 N. Railroad Street.

Deadline for receipt is Thursday, Dec. 1, 2020 at 12 p.m.

Appointments will be considered by the Town Council at the regular meeting on Dec. 9, 2020.

Any questions should be directed to the Town Clerk at 626-5308, Ext. 211.



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COMMISSIONERS AWARD CONTRACTS FOR STORMWATER DRAINAGE PLAN AT FAIR- GROUNDS; DAILY COVID & FLU LAB TEST RESULTS; AIRPORT BAGGAGE SYSTEM From pg 1

to approve Consent Agenda items. Resolution Numbers were assigned as follows: Item 5-Resolution 2020-47; Item 8-Resolution 2020-48; Item 10-Resolution 2020-49; and Item 11-Resolution 2020-50.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Sanchez presented Item D-1, possible action on a bid award and contract in the amount of \$48,280 to DOWL for a storm water drainage master plan for the Montrose County Fairgrounds per the specifications outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) and proposal submitted on Oct. 6.

"We put out an RFP, and we got four bids back that ranged in price from \$29,000 to \$53,000," Sanchez said. "We had an evaluation team of three people, and we all came to the conclusion that DOWL proposed the best quality for the money in regards to the stormwater drainage plan...we're getting a lower per-hour cost with DOWL, and it seems to be a better quality proposal and master plan."

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash praised the matrix used for evaluating bids.

Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the bid and award the contract in the amount of \$48,280 to DOWL for a storm water drainage master plan for the Montrose County Fairgrounds.

Montrose County Public Health Assistant Director Allison Howe presented Item D-2, an agreement with Quality Health Network (QHN) to receive daily COVID-19 lab results and flu lab results. Two individuals will be permitted to look up medical records, Howe said, herself and Emergency Preparedness Response/Communicable Disease staffer Lisa Gallegos.

"It's going to be very tightly controlled," Howe said.

Commissioners unanimously approved the agreement with QHN.

The BOCC also voted to approve the purchase and installation of a baggage belt at Montrose Regional Airport, based on informal quotes, and to contract with Five Star Airport Alliance, who submitted the lowest quote, a budgeted expense in a base amount of \$125,770.

"It's good to see that we're getting some

additional airlines into our airport," Rash said. "I think this is an important aspect of helping to move people and product through that airport. I think this is a good plan."

"Lloyd, thanks for doing the work on this," Caddy said, "...We need to improve the baggage handling system down there; this seems like a cheap way of fixing some of our problems when you get down to it."

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

In other business, Commissioners approved three planning and development items, presented by County Planner Talmadge Richmond:

-A proposal by Creek Ranch Minor Subdivision to divide a 17-acre lot into three lots at 61696 HWY 90;

-A proposal by David Road and 6125 Minor Subdivision to divide a 32.09-acre lot into two lots at 60948 David Road; and

-A proposal by D. Wolfe Minor Subdivision to divide a 16.5-acre lot into three lots at 64607 Ranger Road.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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IT'S WINTER DRIVING TIME



CSP Master Trooper Gary Cutler. Courtesy photo.

By Master Trooper Gary Cutler
COLORADO—Well we have a couple of snowstorms under our belt already this year and we have had our standard crashes that come with those storms. Just as you need to get used to your sea legs when

sailing, you need to be ready for snow when driving and how your vehicle will respond to different surface textures. So, these are the topics I want to hit on in this article this year: freezing rain, windblown snow, and compacted snow.

Freezing rain scares me the most. I've been doing this job for 17 years now and in my opinion this one catches drivers off-guard the most each year. Because a driver sees the road, speeds are usually faster and the resulting crashes are more extreme.

It comes down to how drivers perceive road conditions when the roadway surface, whether it be asphalt, or concrete, is visible. So, this means speeds remain too fast because drivers don't consider the

road surface may be slick. Just because you can see the roadway doesn't mean it's safe for fast speeds. If it's raining and the temperatures are low, that rain can quickly turn to black ice.

Windblown roads. This is when it has snowed, but no longer snowing and there are wind gusts blowing snow over the roadway. Sometimes this is only happening in specific areas, so the perception is the road surfaces are dry. But in fact, this area will ice up a road almost immediately. Especially as the snow blows across the roadway and vehicles drive over and compact the snow even more turning it icy. Drivers assume that since it's no longer snowing and the roads are clear, speeds can be higher. Not always so.

Compacted snow roadway surfaces. This is when the snow on the road has a visible amount of snow on it and has been compacted. This can cause traction to be a problem. There can also be a layer of ice that is hidden causing driving on it to be even more dangerous. Treat it as a slick surface.

When driving in adverse weather and you are around other vehicles, make sure to give yourself more distance for stopping. There is no reason to be so close that

when your tires don't grab, you end up meeting your fellow driver in a fender bender. Try to double your usual distance. That may seem a lot, but it helps prevent unintentional crashes.

To all of my 4-wheel drivers out there. I know, I have a truck too, but just because you have better traction doesn't mean you won't end up off the side of the road or hitting someone because the truck slid into them.

We cover many truck crashes in the winter due to over confidence in how they handle in bad weather. Also try not to get too close to vehicles going slower than you due to road conditions.

One last thought. Anytime the roads look wet, from either water or snow on them, never use your cruise control. If you hit standing water, snow, or ice, and you have cruise control on you are more than likely going to wreck. It's a mixture of slower reaction time and braking when you shouldn't be braking that late.

Remember to use my favorite saying. If it's raining, treat the road as if it's snowing. If it's snowing, treat the road as if it's ice. If the road is icy, just stay home. Drive safely, arrive alive.

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COLORADO LAND PROJECT NOW IN PUBLIC'S HANDS

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MONTANA— A small section of choice elk habitat in south-central Colorado now belongs to all Americans after the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation conveyed it to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The tract in the northern end of the San Luis Valley is a mere 28 acres in size but greatly improves public access for hunting and other recreational activities to 8,500 acres of surrounding public land.

"This project is a prime example of the power of partnerships," said Kyle Weaver, RMEF president and CEO. "We appreciate the desires of a willing seller, who is also a RMEF member, as well as our partners at the BLM and Bass Pro Shops for getting this done."

The transaction connects BLM-managed

land to the east with U.S. Forest Service land to the west. A county road provides access to it. "This acquisition will enhance access for recreational opportunities in the Trickle Creek ACEC and other nearby public lands," said Bureau of Land Management Colorado State Director Jamie Connell. "Partners like the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation are critical in helping BLM provide high-quality hunting and fishing experiences in Colorado."

RMEF first became aware of the property while visiting BLM officials in Colorado and later purchased it with funding assistance provided by Bass Pro Shops.

"The Middle Creek project is another critically important step to provide greater access for the outdoorsmen and women of today and tomorrow," said Bob

Ziehmer, senior director of Conservation at Bass Pro Shops. "The efforts of RMEF and BLM help ensure we're conserving and protecting our precious natural resources for generations to come and inspiring even more people to engage with the great outdoors."

The property features vital habitat for a wide range of species ranging from elk and bighorn sheep to black bear and upland birds. Since Middle Creek crosses the immediate landscape, it also provides riparian habitat for fish, birds and other animal life.

BLM utilized Land and Water Conservation Fund-Priority Recreation Access funding to complete the project.

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BLM TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT TO MANAGE WILD HORSES AND BURROS

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MEEKER— The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to use helicopter, fixed wing aircraft and other motorized vehicles to track, inventory, gather, and transport wild horse and burro herds throughout Colorado in the coming year. The actual number of areas where gathers will be conducted or inventoried will depend on a variety of factors including funding.

The BLM will conduct a public hearing, offering an opportunity for members of the public to provide information to the BLM and comment on the proposed use of helicopters and fixed wing aircraft to track and inventory wild horse or burro populations; use of helicopters to gather and remove excess animals; and use of motorized vehicles to transport gathered wild horses or burros and conduct field monitoring activities.

"We are committed to managing healthy wild horse and burro populations on healthy rangelands," said Benjamin Gruber, Acting Deputy State Director of Resources. "Use of motorized vehicles and aircraft helps us to efficiently monitor and manage wild horse populations. The more efficiently we can do our job, the more effective we can be at protecting and preserving these iconic animals."

The hearing is scheduled Thursday, November 19, 2020, from 6-7 p.m. at the BLM White River Field Office, 220 E. Market St., in Meeker, Colorado. The use of COVID-19 prevention protocols will be utilized at this meeting including wearing facemasks, washing hands, and maintaining social distancing. In addition, due to these guidelines, only 10 people will be allowed in the office at a time. If necessary, once people have provided comment, they will be asked to exit so that others may enter the building to provide comment. For more information, contact Maribeth Pecotte, 970-724-3027.-



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DELTA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH INVESTIGATES OUTBREAK SITES

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DELTA-Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has informed Delta County Public Health of two new outbreak sites, Horizons Care Center and Gateway Residential Services; Delta County has experienced a total of eight outbreak sites since the beginning of the pandemic. There are currently four active outbreak sites; two were identified last week, one was named the week before, and one was identified in September. The other four outbreak sites are no longer

active. For additional information on outbreak sites in Delta County and throughout Colorado, visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid19-outbreak-data>.

As a reminder, an outbreak is defined as two positive cases at the same location, within a 14-day period. A coordinated investigation team including Delta County Public Health and CDPHE worked to identify the positive cases, and immediately began contact tracing. According to CDPHE guidelines, outbreak resolution is

defined as 28 days after the onset of symptoms of the last case.

The best prevention against COVID-19 remains washing your hands thoroughly and often, maintaining 6 ft. of physical distance between you and others, and wearing a mask. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to an individual who has tested positive, contact your primary care physician or Delta County Health Department at 970-874-2172 to make an appointment to be tested.

OURAY COUNTY MOVES TO MORE RESTRICTIVE LEVEL OF STATE'S SAFER AT HOME DIAL

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OURAY-Ouray County Public Health Agency has been notified by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment that Ouray County will be moving from Safer at Home Dial Level Yellow to Orange. This change is effective Monday, Nov. 16, 2020 at 5pm.

Should Ouray County restore metrics for a less restrictive level at any time during the more restrictive phase, the county would need to maintain those metrics for two weeks and complete the request process to move back to the less restrictive level. Additionally, when the State transitioned

to Safer at Home Dial, any sector or site-specific variances that exceeded the new dial framework remained intact. However, if a county moves to a more restrictive level in COVID-19 Dial, sector variances are permanently lost. As such, all sectors in Ouray County are required to operate according to the corresponding allowances and occupancies for Level Orange.

Daily updates are provided on the Ouray County website: ouraycountyco.gov as well as Ouray County Public Health Facebook page: [Facebook.com/OurayCountyPublicHealthAgency](https://www.facebook.com/OurayCountyPublicHealthAgency). The Safer at Home Dial dashboard can be

viewed at: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial/covid-19-dial-dashboard>. Please remember there are ways that you can continue to protect yourselves, family members and community members:

- Stay home
- Wash your hands, often
- Disinfect hard surfaces frequently
- Practice social distancing
- Wear a mask if you go out and are around people

If you have general COVID-19 questions, please call the Ouray County COVID-19 Hotline at 970-626-5484.



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District) and Mark Plantz (Special Districts Representative). The six-member city constituency holds the controlling interest and actions of the MURA Board.

Executive Director and City Manager Bill Bell was out of town for the Nov. 9 Zoom meeting. All other board members logged into the meeting; however, when roll was taken Johnson did not respond. Also, in attendance was City Engineer Scott Murphy, Anderson Analytics representatives Mike and Graham Anderson, Doug Drago (Colorado Outdoors Developer) and Deputy City Clerk Mikayla Unruh.

Board Chair Tad Rowan called the meeting to order and opted to forgo the Pledge of Allegiance for the virtual meeting. There were no changes to the agenda. After a correction to the minutes the board unanimously approved the minutes from the Sept. 1, 2020 meeting. In the absence of Executive Director Bell, City Engineer Scott Murphy facilitated the meeting.

Murphy said, "This is to look at the likely pace of development with updated information to see that we don't get in over our heads, see if it is solvent, and does it pencil out."

In 2016 Anderson Analytics of Colorado Springs prepared and presented a **Projected Tax Increment Revenue and Estimate of Economic Impacts/Contributions Resulting from: Colorado Outdoors Urban Renewal Area** to the MURA Board. Recently the board asked for an updated report to ensure the MURA was on track.

In their PowerPoint presentation Anderson Analytics referred to their study as a financial "check-up" for the urban renewal project. Their stated purpose:

- Update the development plan for Colorado Outdoors URA with the upcoming projects in 2021-2022, and the future buildout in 2022+.
- Update the tax increment financing (TIF) revenue projections for the Colorado Outdoors URA, based on the development to-date and the updated development plan.
- Analyze how the projected TIF revenues pay off the MURA promissory notes issued to-date.

-Project the future financing capacity supported by the projected TIF revenues, and compare to the future anticipated public infrastructure and eligible horizontal costs.

Anderson representatives noted their 160-page report was a draft and, that in these uncertain times of COVID, no one has a crystal ball. Their report is an assumed pace of development.

The Upcoming Projects in 2021-2022:

- Phase 1 Apartments: 96 units (Q2 2021 to Q2 2022)
- Hotel 1 – Fairfield: 90 rooms (Q3 2021 to Q3 2022)
- Wedge Brands: 77,000 sq. ft. (Q1 2021 to Q1 2022) Wedge Brands is a third-party logistics company for several different brands.
- Flex/Industrial 1: 27,500 sq. ft. (Q2 2021 to Q2 2022)
- Flex/Industrial 2: 27,500 sq. ft. (Q2 2021 to Q2 2022)
- Project Canvas: 30,000 sq. ft. (Q2 2021 to Q2 2022)

Murphy described phase one through five. He said, "Phase One - the design is to break ground in the summer of 2021. Phase Two - the hotel. We've heard nothing recently. It is unknown. Phase Three - building permits are ready to be issued. Phases Four, Five and Six – are in design as we understand it and will break ground next year."

Graham Anderson said, "We assume the second hotel in the area is way far out [future]."

Murphy said, "When the pace of development starts to snowball, it's aggressive, but it's achievable. It's pretty aggressive."

Graham Anderson said, "The projects coming up will generate momentum for the upcoming phases." When comparing the 2016 analysis to the 2020 analysis, Anderson highlighted the **Key Changes in Development Phasing and Buildout.**

- Stretched target buildout date to 2030 (previously 2025).
- Shifted some retail/Food & Beverage (F&B) space to Industrial/Office.
- Lowered average Retail/F&B sales per sq. ft.

-Pushed second Hotel out to 2030, with 90 rooms.

-Assumes no residential development on west side of the river. Roadway access will be needed before residential can be on the west side of the river.

Currently the public infrastructure within the MURA is funded by loans (Promissory Notes) from the City of Montrose to the MURA.

Summary of MURA Promissory Notes To-Date

- Loans by the City of Montrose to MURA, paid back by TIF revenues.
- All with annual interest rate of 4.0%, simple interest.
- Interest accrues if not paid in a particular year.
- Assumes oldest notes are senior (oldest note paid back in full first, then the next oldest, etc.).
- For each note, its accrued interest balance is paid first, then its annual interest, and finally its principal balance.
- Pay-as-you're-able — not a fixed loan, and no prepayment penalties. More TIF revenues sooner means that the note is paid off sooner.

Promissory Note amounts approved To-Date total \$9,684,148. Expenditures To-Date total \$7,838,672. Outstanding Expenditures To-Date \$1,845,475.

Revenues To-date from TIF total \$4,515,498. These revenues come from the Mayfly Building, all land @ current values, less 100 percent annual "base" value. However, if nothing more develops in the urban renewal area, the total (2021-2041) TIF Revenues of \$4,515,498 will fall short of the current outstanding notes of \$9,684,148.

After reviewing the revenues and financing board member Brad Hughes, Montrose County Assessor, said, "I'm not sure where you are getting your projected revenues, from personal property?"

Graham Anderson said, "I'll have to get back to you on that."

Hughes said, "The Mayfly building, incremental property values of \$4.5 M is way overstated as far as revenues."

Mike Anderson said, "We assumed there

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there would be growth in reassessed values every two-years." Anderson then requested they have a Zoom conference with Hughes.

Hughes said, "These projects are way overstated. It's not even close. We need to talk before we continue with the analysis."

Murphy said, "We need to get this calibrated correctly. We can get you guys together."

Mayor Barbara Bynum questioned the city doing \$2.8 M in public infrastructure projects in the MURA. Murphy said, "We need to have a risk discussion. It's the board's decision if you want to spend that \$2.8 M."

Councilman Dave Frank said, "We need a more accurate representation with Brad before we move forward."

Hughes said, "I have a concern on your projections in all of Montrose since 2016. That seems like unrealistic projections."

Murphy said, "We want the model to reflect what is reasonable and achievable. If it's an overshoot, we should not model it."

Mike Anderson said, "2021-2022 [there] is not any retail. Stage 3 is more speculative, not market. General assumption going into it. Beyond 2022 numbers could be achieved going forward. Every two-years Mayfly building would increase by 2 percent. We assume 2 percent every two-years. We tried to compress it [report] down."

Doug Dragoo (Colorado Outdoors Developer) speculated that they could build one Mayfly building a year.

Murphy said, "We're not making any decisions today. We need to make it accurately reflect where we are going."

Graham Anderson said, "It's a great asset to have Brad on the board."

Financing Options

The discussion turned to financing and compared the current funding of promissory notes vs. Municipal Bond Issuances. Tax-exempt municipal bonds are a common financing method for urban renewal projects. In terms of expending TIF revenues, making payments on bonds would take priority over payments on promissory

notes.

Murphy acknowledged that the MURA Board is in an uncomfortable position. He said, "Bonds could repay the city's debt, but we are getting close to what we can [continue to] loan to the URA."

Dragoo said, "What you are talking about is two scenarios. If the city is willing to continue to loan money or with new projects going in, MURA could qualify for a bond."

Murphy said, "The city's existing debt would be junior. Revenues would be upside down...we are limited on what we can loan the URA."

Bynum said, "Is it just me, or are we doing it backwards?"

Mike Anderson said, "If you had a big box you would be doing more up front. Those big retailers generate more, but it's not being done backwards. We are going to impose on Brad to make sure he is comfortable with this. It's great having an assessor on the board."

Encouraging the board to consider the bond option Dragoo said, "It's not a city bond. It could pay the city back in full and have a little left over, or have a happy medium. Pay back half to the city and have half and half [half promissory notes and half bonds]."

It was noted that Dragoo hired D.A. Davidson to perform a preliminary bond sizing analysis for Colorado Outdoors LLC on 8/27/2020. Based on their analysis, another bond sizing was performed to estimate the financing capacity supported by the Stage 2 TIF revenues.

Dragoo said, "The project is at a state where they [city] don't want to loan any more until the TIF pays off more. We need to keep the momentum going. Why not do the bondable amount and they bring in a pile of money to replace the city's money. The city could have a pot of money to draw from. The city could continue to loan money, or we could go to a bonding company like D.A. Davidson."

Mayor Bynum said, "Or, we could stop borrowing money until we see more TIF money."

Murphy said, "There are two ends of the spectrum."

Dragoo said, "If we don't continue to offer it [public infrastructure and horizontal site improvements] people then are going to come back and ask for [incentives]. We can take the bonding money and repay 100 percent of the city's money."

Mike Anderson noted that if the city issued bonds there would be an immediate impact and it would free up capital for the city. However, Anderson Analytics indicated they are not in total agreement with the numbers provided in the D.A. Davidson analysis.

Murphy said, "There is some uncertainty with growth rate. We need a detailed market study of Montrose at this point."

Frank said, "This could be pie-in-the-sky. I'm more interested in more accuracy, a sensitivity study."

Board Chair Tad Rowan said, "I think we should move forward with a conservative approach. As a board we need to confirm what our role is. What is the definition of horizontal improvements? We need to be squared away up-front on what the MURA is going to offer [prospective businesses]."

Anderson Analytics Key Observations on Financing:

- The development currently in the ground (Stage 1) will generate TIF revenues (over 2021-2042 period) to pay only a portion of the current outstanding MURA notes.

- However, the upcoming 2021-22 projects - with Hotel 1 - (Stage 2) will put the project "on track" to pay off its outstanding notes.

- These Stage 2 TIF revenues could also facilitate all but \$1.5 million of the \$4.4 million in anticipated requests from these projects.

- The future development beyond 2022 (Stage 3) would generate additional TIF revenues that could support up to \$27.4 million of additional MURA notes. This could fund the balance of the 2021-22 projects' requests, as well as future infrastructure cost of about \$13 million, leaving about \$12.9 million available for other uses.

- The current promissory notes @ 4.0% are a more efficient financing method than other typical urban renewal financing

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methods – i.e. municipal bonds, developer reimbursements, bank loans.

-The Colorado Outdoors URA, once completed, should meet several of the economic development goals of urban renewal: primary job and business creation, housing development, tourism, as well as local tax generation. The MURA promissory notes to-date have contributed to achieving this.

-MURA and the Colorado Outdoors URA are also rather unique in facilitating industrial and apartment development – primary jobs and housing – in the earliest phases of the project. Often, the major TIF revenue generator(s) must develop first in order to finance the project's infrastructure. Retail and lodging development (sales tax increment) often precede office, industrial, and residential development renewal projects.

The MURA Board will schedule another meeting in two to three weeks. Citizens interested in attending the zoom meeting can contact Deputy City Clerk Mikayla Unruh at munruh@cityofmontrose.org

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AMERICAN LEGION ADOPTS VALLEY LAWN CEMETERY FLAGS



The community and American Legion Post #73 stepped forward to bring the Valley Lawn cemetery back to life. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-When Valley Lawn Cemetery changed ownership, the grounds fell into disrepair. Maintenance equipment, as

well as American flags that once decorated the grounds, disappeared.

The community and American Legion Post #73 stepped forward to bring the

cemetery back to life.

Post Commander Jeremy Rousseau said, "We adopted the cemetery. For Veteran's Day this year we purchased 20 American flags that are three-feet by five-feet. We put in new flag poles around the circle-drive and we'll have a ceremony at 9:00 a.m. on Veteran's Day."

Upcoming service projects for the local American Legion include making pine bows to place on Veteran's headstones. Rousseau said, "We make the bows in conjunction with Camelot Gardens. There are three cemeteries in Montrose and on Dec. 12 we will take to bows to all three cemeteries."

American Legion Post #73 has approximately 100 members. Their meetings are held at Friendship Hall at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. Anyone wanting information can contact Jeremy Rousseau at 970-209-9336.



GAIL MARVEL
Montrose Author
& Reporter

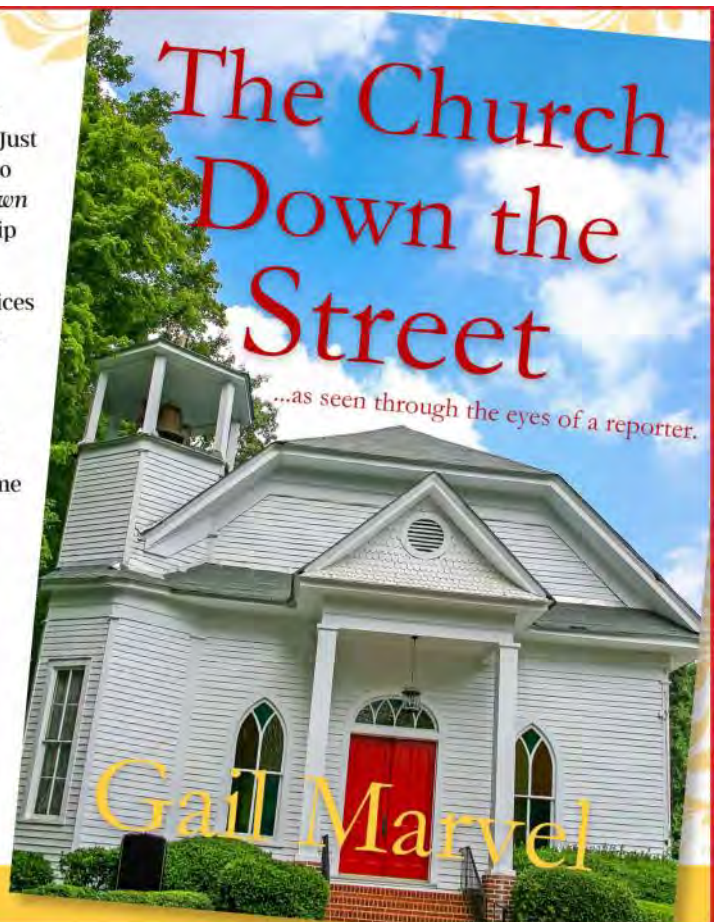
It is human nature to compare ourselves with others, and the church is no different. Just as Paul's Epistles allowed the early church to peer into the lives of each other, *The Church Down the Street* allows readers to peer into the worship services of other churches.

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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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

YOUR VOICE. YOUR VOTE. YOUR RIGHTS.



Dr. Tony Frank. Courtesy photo.

*By Dr. Tony Frank, Chancellor,
Colorado State University System*

COLORADO—Most Americans don't like the way we talk to each other these days, but no one seems to know how to fix it. The Colorado State University System proposes we start at the most obvious point: Let's talk about it.

In that spirit, the CSU System launched a new initiative this fall: [Your Voice. Your Vote. Your Rights.](#) While we launched the initiative ahead of the election, it's not just about what's happening in November 2020. The idea is to focus on free speech and civic discourse and encourage people — during election seasons and at all times — to better understand their hard-won rights and the responsibilities that go along with them. Let's talk about how we talk to each other. Let's talk about free speech, and what the experience of free speech feels like in real life. Let's talk about what it means to be an informed and engaged community member.

Why does it matter? A Pew Research study last year documented what most of us already know: Political discourse in this country has become increasingly negative, hyperbolic, and less based in reality. But the problem isn't just with candidates debating on a stage or families discussing the election; the negativity and frustration have spilled over into our ability to talk publicly and productively about all sorts of sensitive and nuanced topics, i.e. pretty much everything that matters to our communities and society.

During my years as a university president, I had a short answer for those who wanted the institution to make someone else stop saying something dumb or offensive: "You really don't want the university president — or any authority figure — deciding who gets to talk and who doesn't." Heading down that road means giving up, once and for all, on the American experiment, which, with all its struggles and disappointments, is still something that most of us want to see preserved. When speech is offensive, harmful, and morally wrong — which it can be — the Constitution and 250 years of constitutional law tell us that the best and most powerful counter to it is more speech.

But how does that feel, in real life, to an 18 year old confronting racist speech on a campus where they already struggled to feel safe? How does it feel to descendants of the Nazi Holocaust when a swastika is scrawled on the sidewalk? How does it feel to an older white guy who's dedicated his life to teaching to be told that nothing he has to contribute matters anymore? How does it feel to the invited campus speaker who finds herself shouted down in an auditorium by people with opposing views?

Each of these situations potentially could

lead to demands that someone be punished, silenced, sanctioned. And honestly, looking at specific circumstances, I could make a personal argument for doing so in nearly every case — because sometimes these situations cut deep and inflame my sense of humanity, of fundamental decency, of basic right and wrong.

But then, I think about the beauty of that First Amendment to the Constitution — the Amendment that ensured civil rights marchers of the 1960s had a voice under the law that state and local governments wanted to deny them. The Amendment that in the 1990s allowed CSU's women's softball team to fight for equitable treatment — the beginnings of a transformation (including a landmark lawsuit) that led CSU to become a model of Title IX compliance nationwide. The Amendment that gave people the OK to challenge me and the status quo when I was a campus president, in their drive to make the University better.

Free speech is the heart of higher education, and universities have a unique and important role to play in leading tough conversations around critical societal issues.

That's the nature of what we do — we argue about ideas, we debate theories, we recognize that truth can be malleable, evolving along with the research and knowledge we exist to conduct. We sometimes fail in actuality; we don't always function as a model of civil and respectful discourse. But no institution in our society is as suited to attempt to repair our broken discourse as a university.

For all these reasons, we invite Coloradans to join in [Your Voice. Your Vote. Your Rights](#) — and to spend time thinking about what these deeply held American values really mean to us today.

COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO MEET NOV. 19 - 20 IN VIRTUAL MEETING



Courtesy image CPW.

Special to Art & Sol

DENVER - The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will discuss changes to big game regulations that reconsider the method used to determine the resident/nonresident allocation of licenses in the regular limited license draw; an annual review of all big game regulations; adjusting license fees and license agent commission rates according to adjustments to the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Consumer Price Index; and regulations for Fishers

Peak State Park necessary to ensure public safety, to protect natural and cultural resources, and for CPW and its partners to continue collecting further cultural and biological data while allowing for some limited trail and public hunter access during the master planning process at a virtual meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19 and Friday, Nov. 20. The meeting will be streamed live on CPW's YouTube page [here](#).

The commission will also consider aquatic nuisance species boat inspection exemptions; herd management plans for multiple deer units; changes to regulations that include increasing daily vehicle pass fees by \$1 at several high-use parks, including Castlewood Canyon, Golden Gate Canyon, Highline Lake, Lake Pueblo, Roxborough and Staunton state parks; annual reviews of fishing and turkey regulations; and 2020 final funding recommendations for the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, November 19 and adjourn at 5 p.m. The commission will reconvene at 8 a.m. on Friday, November 20 and adjourn at noon.

Additional agenda items include:

Department of Agriculture update
Department of Natural Resources update
Financial and Capital update
Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) update
Wolf Ballot Proposition 114 – next steps
Awards and Recognition

A complete agenda along with all materials for public review for this meeting can be found on the CPW website. The public is encouraged to email written comments to the commission at

dnr_cpwcommission@state.co.us. Details on providing public comments for virtual meetings are available on the CPW website.

The commission meets regularly and travels to communities around the state to facilitate public participation. Anyone can listen to commission meetings through the CPW website. This opportunity keeps constituents informed about the development of regulations and how the commission works with Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff to manage the parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs administered by the agency. Find out more about the commission on the CPW website.

The next commission meeting will take place on Jan. 13 and 14.

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AMERICAN LEGION HONORS THOSE WHO SERVE ON VETERANS' DAY



American Legion Post #73 held a ceremony on Nov. 11 to honor ALL who have served and are serving. Photo by Paul Arbogast.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TRAVELERS TO ENCOUNTER INTERMITTENT STOPS ON CO 145 NORTH OF RICO NEXT WEEK

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SOUTHWEST COLORADO — Next week, CDOT will perform the final installation of components for the remotely controlled avalanche mitigation equipment above CO Highway 145 Lizard Head Pass, about 1 mile north of Rico (MP 48.5 - 49.5). The work will take place Wednesday, Nov. 18, from Noon to 4 p.m.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

On Wednesday afternoon travelers, both northbound and southbound, will encounter periodic highway closures. The full traffic stops are required to facilitate helicopter operations and system testing. Delays should be no longer than 20 minutes.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COTTONWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEMPORARILY TRANSITIONS TO REMOTE INSTRUCTION FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COVID-19 CASES

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MONTROSE-On Nov. 15, the Montrose County School District (MCSD) COVID-19 Response Team (CRT) received confirmation that additional individuals at Cottonwood Elementary School (CES) tested positive for COVID-19.

As a result of increasing COVID cases, quarantined cohorts, and the subsequent impact on school staffing, CES will transition to remote instruction and operations next week; presently, CES is scheduled to resume in-person instruction and operations on Monday, November 30th after the conclusion of Thanksgiving Break.

All CES parents were notified on Friday (11/13/20) to prepare for the possibility of a remote transition and have received confirmation of the temporary change prior to this community communication.

As our community plans for the Thanksgiving holiday, we urge all families to continue to take the precautions necessary for in-person instruction to continue.

Please be mindful of local health conditions, self-screen for temperature and symptoms prior to leaving the house for school or work, stay home when you are sick, wash your hands often, social distance whenever possible and wear your Personal Protective Equipment (masks) with consistency.

COVID POSITIVE LEADS TO QUARANTINE EVENT AT MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL

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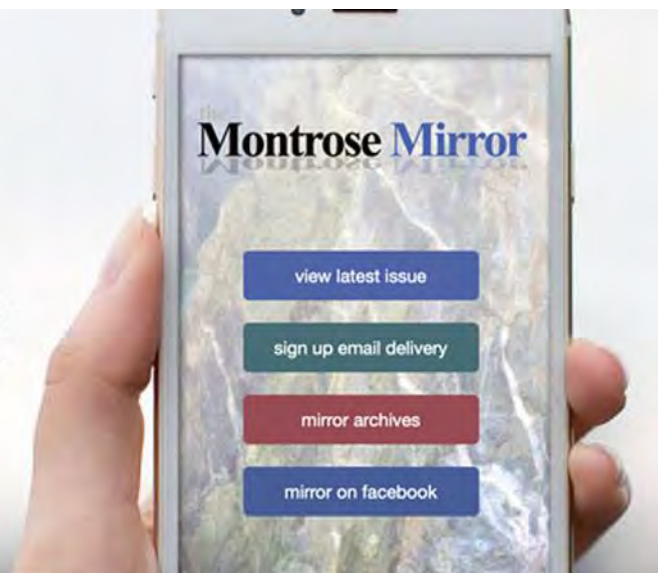
MONTROSE-On Nov. 13, the Montrose County School District (MCSD) COVID-19 Response Team (CRT) received confirmation that a Cohort A student at Montrose High School (MHS) tested positive for COVID-19.

MCSD has worked with Montrose County Public Health (MCPH) to contact trace any staff and students with whom the individual had prolonged close contact, and who now need to quarantine and seek testing.

The CRT determined that 42 MHS students and four MHS staff members need to quarantine through Wednesday, November 18th, and seek COVID testing. Montrose County School District has contacted all individuals affected, prior to public notification, and no other students or staff cohorts are affected at this time.

Please be mindful of local health conditions. As we enter the winter months and approach cold and flu season, we remind every community member to self-screen for temperature and symptoms prior to leaving the house for school or work, stay home when you are sick, wash your hands often, social distance whenever possible and wear your Personal Protective Equipment (masks) with consistency.

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CHRISTY SCHWATHE PRESENTS NARRATIVE PAINTINGS FOR SOLO SHOW



From left, *Sign of Hope*, *Grief on the Wing*. And *Crazy Chicken Lady*, by Christy Schwathe.



Special to Art & Sol

SANTA FE, NM—This November, KEEP Contemporary presents a solo exhibition for Northern New Mexico painter Christy Schwathe, whose art is intrigued and inspired by human emotion and our relationship to our natural environment. For her upcoming solo show, Schwathe presents a series of narrative, figurative oil paintings that are both timeless and contemporary expressions of grief interwoven with hope, with pieces that touch on current environmental and political issues. “Christy Schwathe: Grief and Hope” opens on Friday Nov. 20. “This rollercoaster of a year has kept my focus shifting and changing, and I wasn’t sure of a theme emerging until I was able to step back and look at the pieces I had created,” says the artist of her latest work. “In each painting I see a

bit of grief, sadness and anxiety balanced with elements of hope, strength and possibility. There is something about the challenge of finding a balance between contrasting emotions or elements that intrigues me and is a common theme running through so much of my artwork. Some of the pieces are very obviously about the current events we’ve been experiencing and the environment we are in, while others focus more on an isolated emotional experience.” Many of Schwathe’s exhibition paintings incorporate metal leafing or metallic paint, which reflects the light and enlivens the work’s surface. “The constant shifting of the painting’s appearance brings another element of contrast and change to the emotion of each piece, which feels especially relevant in these times,” says Schwathe.

“The reflective quality actually physically reflects the viewer onto the work’s surface, which brings their presence into the narrative space.” Despite the personal influence of her work, Schwathe intentionally leaves the narratives ambiguous, allowing viewers to have their own responsive experience. “I hope my paintings speak as more of a question to the viewer than an answer; it’s important to me to leave some room for other people to step into the space of the painting and let them feel whatever it makes them feel in the moment.” Schwathe grew up in a small town in Southern Colorado and received her BFA in printmaking and drawing at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She currently resides in the rural New Mexico village of Costilla and is a full time represented artist at KEEP Contemporary.

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A FRESH POINT OF VIEW...ABOUT THAT 'BROMANCE' PHOTO SHOOT...

By Jack Switzer

MONTROSE-Every morning I force my eyes to open, and the second reality comes flooding back into me, I feel the insane pressure of an uncertain future, the will-breaking sensation of a failed assignment, this year's chaos and uncertainty, and my cat meowing for more food.

This is my last year of high school and my last year of being a teenager with little to no responsibility. I have to grow up soon, and that thought itself is enough to send me back to bed to sleep for 300 years so I don't have to think about it. However, even if the future is slapping me across the face while the chains of fear hold me in place, there is one thing that makes my whole situation a little more bearable.

And that one thing would be the hilarious niche photography category that involves giant and fearsome men, those who have faces that command respect, and instill fear in the hearts of those who dare order a fruity drink at the pub, frolicking in flower fields and wearing bikinis in the backyard.

I hadn't discovered this phenomenon

until my mom (who recently learned about the genre from *Mirror* Photographer Paul Arbogast) showed me a photograph of a burly, tattooed man in an American flag bikini sitting atop his grill, looking very proper and photogenic. She then showed me another, of this massive man who could probably crush a cellphone in one hand, holding his buddy in his arms while they run through a flower field. And while this sort of thing may not be considered completely traditional, I think it's awesome and gives me a good laugh when I'm having a rough day or if I need to cheer up a bit.

Because the main takeaway from this isn't just that seeing big burly men frolicking in fields of foliage can be refreshing, but that we're moving into a new age where men can be vulnerable too, and free to express—and dress—themselves. For the past few centuries, men in Western culture have felt ashamed for exposing their feelings, and have felt the need to keep a strong face and to push those feelings down, which only made them feel



Roger and Dustin Kellar frolic in this 2018 photo by Genesis Photography of Arkansas. The Kellars' viral photoshoot has inspired men across America to celebrate their manliness together. Photo by Karlee Kellar.

worse.

So I cannot begin to express how happy I am that we're moving into a new age where everyone is able to freely express who they are and how they feel. We are people, and every single one of us is unique and different in our own way, and it's a beautiful thing to see when people grow into themselves and are capable of expressing it.

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ONGOING-

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Location: Montrose Centennial Plaza and Centennial Meeting Room, 15-99 S Uncompahgre Ave, Montrose, CO 81401

Cost: Free to attend

Curbside service is still available in the winter season!

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.

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-

Nov. 18-There will be a ribbon cutting at 3 p.m. for two sidewalk libraries at La Raza Park. Books will be filled with free books for Montrose youth at this time, and more books will continue to be added throughout the year. The Little Libraries are a project of the Montrose High School ASTRA, led by Clara Carrasco, ASTRA secretary and 2020 graduate.

Nov. 18-We were all very sad to learn that the Vine Market & Bistro closed its' doors earlier this year. However, we are happy to announce that Nick Rinne, the founder of that restaurant, has graciously volunteered to show us how to prepare a tasty dish! He specializes in Mediterranean cooking and will show us how to prepare an endive salad with gorgonzola and toasted walnuts, and spaghetti carbonara. Email Taylor at tevans@montroselibrary.org to sign up for this virtual event on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 6pm.

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.

Nov. 22-The community is invited to a special Peace for All Nations Ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 22, at noon, at the Peace Pole in Ute Indian Park to celebrate the first annual Global Peace Pole Day. Flags of the different nations will form a mandala around the Peace Pole as prayers for peace are sent to the people of each nation. (Masks and social distancing are required). If the weather prohibits holding the ceremony outdoors, the Peace for All Nations Ceremony will be held in the Chipeta Room at the Ute Indian Museum. For more information call 970-252-0908.

Nov. 26-26th Annual Friends Thanksgiving Dinner, Takeout and Delivery only. Pre-register at Montrosecommunitydinner.com.



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