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## CITY APPOINTS ROGERS, JADOT TO PLAN COM IN 3-1 VOTES



*Montrose Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank has asked that City Council return to in-person meetings, open to the public, starting in May.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—On Tuesday, April 20, the Montrose City Council met for a regularly scheduled meeting in Council chambers at the Elks Civic Building. The meeting agenda states, “Due to restrictions associated with the COVID-19 emergency, public participation for this meeting will be virtual via Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kCAIBWsfSR6knGV5hPCXBg](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kCAIBWsfSR6knGV5hPCXBg).” While City meetings are broadcast on local Cable Television channels 191 and 970, the Channel 191 broadcast was unavailable during the scheduled time.

All councilors were present for the meeting. “Good evening ladies and gentlemen,” Mayor Doug Glaspell said, and Youth Council Representative Gunnison Clamp led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PRESENTATIONS

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## BOCC APPROVES AGGRESSIVE SCHEDULE FOR SIGNALIZATION OF HWY 550 AND CHIPETA ROAD

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE The April 19 Board of County Commissioners’ (BOCC) meeting was called to order by Chair Commissioner Sue Hansen. Hansen said, “For those of you who don’t know, [Commissioner] Roger Rash is in Arizona taking care of his wife. We miss him and his personality.”

On behalf of the Association of Montrose Churches, All Saints Anglican Church Pastor Robert Munday expressed appreciation to the commissioners for the opportunity to give invocations at BOCC meetings. Munday’s prayer included asking for wisdom and discernment for the commissioners.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the roll call, the opportunity for public comment and changes to the agenda. There was no public comment.

### CONSENT AGENDA.

The consent agenda, which is approved by a single vote, contained 23 items.

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*Two Montrose County Commissioners were present during the April 19 Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting. BOCC Chair Sue Hansen said, “For those of you who don’t know, [Commissioner] Roger Rash is in Arizona taking care of his wife. We miss him and his personality.” Photo of Hansen and BOCC Vice Chair Keith Caddy by Gail Marvel.*

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## STATE SENATE PASSES SB 21-116, BANNING USE OF NATIVE AMERICAN MASCOTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Mirror staff report*

COLORADO-State lawmakers have taken a step forward with Colorado SB 21-116, which prohibits the use of American Indian mascots (mascots) by public schools, including charter and institute charter schools, and public institutions of higher education (school) as of June 1, 2022. The bill imposes a fine of \$25,000 per month for each month that a school continues to use a mascot after such date, payable to the state education fund.

Introduced on Feb. 23 by Senator Jessie Danielson (D-Dist. 20), SB 21-116 passed the State Senate on Friday, April 23. The legislation now moves to the House for further consideration. Information and updates regarding the bill can be found at [leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb21-116](http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb21-116).



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ALL POINTS TRANSIT'S MONTROSE PUBLIC BUS: FARES RESUME, MASK MANDATE REMAINS IN PLACE

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE -- Beginning May 3<sup>rd</sup>, All Points Transit's public bus passengers will be paying a fare for the first time since the beginning of the COVID19 pandemic. Even with this change and updates to state and local public health orders, All Points Transit falls under the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) federal mask mandate. All Points Transit's drivers and passengers are still required to wear masks while on board the buses.

In March of 2020 at the start of the pandemic, All Points Transit (APT) suspended public route service. However, APT vehicles never stopped running during the shutdown. Passengers with essential travel needs were able to schedule their rides on the door-to-door dial a ride program.

All Points Transit is now running three routes. The "Townsend Express" travels between the Justice Center and Target,

with buses running every 30 minutes. The "Main Street Shuttle" runs from the West Main Trailhead to Hillcrest Drive along Main St on an hourly circuit and provides two transfer opportunities with the Townsend Express. The "Olathe Green Tree Shuttle" makes 7am, 1pm and 4pm runs between Montrose and Olathe. All Points Transit's public buses currently run Monday through Friday, 6:30am to 7:00pm. Information about schedules, routes and fares can be found at

[www.allpointstransit.org](http://www.allpointstransit.org).

The buses meet to transfer passengers on South 2<sup>nd</sup> St between Cascade and Uncompahgre Avenues. The bus stop recently moved to the south side of South 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to make way for the police department construction that has begun on the other side of the road. A shelter will be constructed at the new South 2<sup>nd</sup> St. stop this summer, in partnership with the City of Montrose

and funded by the Next 50 Initiative.

Passengers can begin purchasing their one month, three month or six-month bus passes now. The passes will begin on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A one month bus pass in Montrose is \$30 for an adult and is discounted to \$15 for older adults 60+, persons with disabilities, youth, students and veterans. Passengers can call in orders to 249-0128 or stop by All Points Transit's new office location at 175 Merchant Drive in Montrose. All Points Transit now accepts cash and debit or credit cards for bus pass purchases. Passengers can also pay for one ride at a time or purchase a day pass on the bus (cash only, exact change required).

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

# SAN JUAN HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL BOOT STOMP FUNDRAISER

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE – The San Juan Healthcare Foundation invites the community to “stomp on cancer” with the announcement of its third annual **Boot Stomp** event

to benefit patients at the San Juan Cancer Center (SJCC). The event will take place Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 5p.m. – 10p.m. at Antler Ridge.

The fundraising event features barbecue

and barn dance for event goers, who are invited to wear cowboy casual dress and enjoy live music by Narrow Gauge Country. Live auction and raffle will also be part of the festivities.

"Sadly, I don't know anyone who has not had a family member or friend face cancer," said Terri Leben, Boot Stomp event organizer. "The Montrose community is so blessed to have the San Juan Cancer Center here to care for our family and friends. Come enjoy and in turn make a difference to those facing cancer!"

The event raises funds for the non-profit San Juan Cancer Center in Montrose and its patients. In the first two years, the annual Boot Stomp event raised \$50,000 in direct assistance to SJCC patients. The Cancer Center needs the support: since 2016, it has experienced a 28% growth in services resulting in more patients with needs.

Cancer is an awful disease, and its impacts are life-changing for those who are diagnosed with cancer and their family members. To address the impacts of cancer in our community, the San Juan Cancer Center opened its doors on April 3, 2006 - providing complete cancer care close to home for residents of a large seven county area in Southwestern Colorado.

The picturesque Antler Ridge location for this event is at 72015 Kinikin Road in Montrose. Tickets are \$60 and may be purchased online at [www.bootstompmontrose.com](http://www.bootstompmontrose.com) or at The Liquor Store next to Walmart in Montrose (1601 Oxbow Drive #300).

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**COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS APPLY.** *The wearing of proper face masks are required. If not masked you will be turned away. Observe six feet of social distancing while at the drop-off site.*

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## NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Routine household trash
- Hazardous materials
- Paint
- Electronics with glass screens
- Tires



# MAYOR PRO TEM DAVE FRANK ASKS FOR RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



*City Attorney Stephen Alcorn and City Manager Bill Bell at the City Council work session of April 19. As the City prepares to return to in-person meetings, City Council thanked staff for their efforts during the pandemic, notably the IT Department headed by Greg Story.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council welcomed new employees and interviewed two additional applicants for the City's Planning Commission at the work session of Monday, April 19. All councilors were present for the session.

## INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Joining the City team were:

- Community Program Specialist Briceida Ortega;
- Public Works Customer Service Representative Kristen Bovre;
- Black Canyon Golf Course Line Cook Lucy Fresquez;
- Police Officer Bobbie Rossiter;
- Police Officer Ruben Trujillo.

City Manager Bill Bell introduced Ortega. Bell said, "We're really excited to have Briceida with us. She graduated high school here and actually interned with Lisa in the City Clerk's office for a few years, and then went off, got her education and came back.

"So it's a success story of getting people used to local government and getting them excited, and then they actually want to come back," Bell said.

Ortega said she has enjoyed her first three weeks on the job, where she works with Community Programs Manager Kendall Cramer. "I really tried hard to stay in Denver, but I kept coming back to Mont-

rose."

Bovre said that she moved to Montrose to be closer to her family. She has worked in customer service for many years and has appreciated the opportunity to learn in her new position. Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said that although Kristen has been with the public works department for a short time, "We definitely welcome her positive attitude and high-paced personality...welcome to the organization."

Fresquez said she has years of experience in customer service and food service and is very honored to work for the City of Montrose.

Police Chief Blaine Hall introduced Rossiter and Trujillo, newly sworn in as Montrose police officers. The husband and wife team are experienced officers who have relocated to Montrose from Pueblo County.

## PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

Councilors interviewed the final two planning commission applicants, Clifford F. Dodge III and Delphine Jadot.

Jadot said she is a realtor in Montrose and applied for the Planning Commission because she really loves being involved in her community, wants to know what is happening and how Montrose is growing, and wants to make an impact.

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank asked Jadot her thoughts on local developments and multi-family housing.

Jadot said, "I do think it's a huge issue...many communities like ours are having this issue at the moment...I do think that it takes creativity to come up with ideas...for example, commercial that is not selling that is just sitting and could be turned into multi-family that could be more affordable for great new employees like we met today.

"It's important that we attract the right talent to Montrose," Jadot said "And right now that is a bit of a challenge to attract the right talent because of housing.

"In my opinion housing needs to change...we need to come up with new ideas for how to bring more affordable housing to Montrose."

Bynum asked whether Jadot would be able to keep her work as a realtor separate from her work on the Planning Commission, and base decisions on Planning Commission criteria.

Jadot said yes, and added that she gives 20 percent of her commissions back to community organizations. "I am just first and foremost someone who lives in Montrose and wants the community to be better, and improved."

Glaspell asked Jadot about her familiarity with the City's zoning regulations; Jadot said they are new to her, but she is a fast learner.

Dodge said he recently moved to Montrose. "Wherever we've been I've always believed in citizen involvement in the local community...I really believe that the involvement of our citizens, whether it's in government, private sector, with charities or non-profits...makes any community, including Montrose, an excellent place to live."

Dodge said he has been a teacher, broadcaster, city manager, has served in the legislature in Denver, and served on the planning commission for the City of Glendale in the early 2,000's. Dodge's extensive resume also includes stints as a lobbyist and a retirement job as Editor of the



# ***MAYOR PRO TEM DAVE FRANK ASKS FOR RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC***

## ***From previous pg***

of the *Glendale Cherry Creek Chronicle* (circulation 85,000).

Councilor Dave Bowman said he had no questions for Dodge. "I am familiar with this gentleman's background, and I'm satisfied."

As he has asked every candidate, Frank asked Dodge about multi-family and affordable housing.

"...Housing is of course a critical issue...you can't look at the issue of housing without looking at the issue of growth," Dodge said. "Growth of course has to pay its way. But from growth, you get jobs. And if you have jobs, you have people coming in, and they need the housing."

The housing provides the opportunity for transportation, environment, quality of life, and education, he said. "It is separate, but it is all related together," Dodge said. "It's not something that's going to be solved overnight."

Strategies to address housing issues include public private partnerships, low interest loans, a trust fund for affordable housing, possible use of tax credits or use of incentive zones, and perhaps rent-to-own units.

Also, "The Federal government is handing out money by the basketful these days; perhaps there are some federal or state grants that can be made to fit this situation...there are many ways we can deal with this housing issue," Dodge said. "If you don't have housing, you are not going to grow economically, and you are not going to grow any other way."

Bynum said, "With such an extensive background...how do you balance all that experience, which is great, with what would be your role as a commissioner here in Montrose today, and looking at our current needs...we don't necessarily want to do it the way Glendale did it in the 90's."

"I certainly would hope that we wouldn't do it the way Glendale did it," Dodge said.

"Not to be critical. But the City of Glendale was a total of 355 acres of space. There really wasn't a lot of planning that went on.

"...the planning commission has a very, very vital function as far as how this community goes forward, how this community prospers, how this community treats its citizens," he said, "and I believe that my experience, both in Glendale and in the State legislature translates here because you have varied housing needs, the costs are increasing faster than wages, makes it unaffordable for young people; they seem to be leaving for both jobs and other opportunities."

Montrose needs an entity that is strictly tasked with recruiting new business to come and locate in Montrose, he said. The State demographer has released numbers that show Montrose growing, and there will be a need to balance that growth with the City's resources. The City is in a prime position to grow and expand; the issues that accompany growth also represent opportunities, Dodge said. "We can solve them if we really put our heads together and get down to work."

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn discussed proposed updates to Municipal Code Sections 1-2-4 and 1-9-3.

Utilities Manager David Bries discussed a recommendation to approve a sole source agreement with Dairy Specialists in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 for repairs to the Centrysis Centrifuge #1 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

During the discussion, Bynum said she has learned that eggshells should not be put down a garbage disposal; Bries said that flushable wipes also create a lot of challenges for the wastewater treatment plant, as they do not break down and can wrap around aerating equipment.

"A good reminder not to flush those," Bynum said.

*Background-A memo from Bries to Council states, "Our Wastewater Treatment Plant has two centrifuges that are used to dewater the biosolids created during the treatment process. The biosolids are then hauled to CBI Industries near Delta, where they are composted to Class "A" standards and reutilized as soil amendments. These centrifuges were installed in 2009 and 2010. Centrifuge #2 was rebuilt in 2020. A recent inspection of centrifuge #1 identified damaged tiles, bearing vibration and pitting on the scroll assembly. Repairs are estimated to take four to six weeks to complete, during which time we will be reliant on Centrifuge #2. Centrifuge #2 was rebuilt in 2020 and is in excellent operating condition..."*

### **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank suggested that Council begin the process of returning to in-person meetings that are open to the public.

"...I recognize that we want to make sure we are in compliance with all applicable health codes and state laws and mandates and so on...it would be good, I think, for us as a city to start looking at having citizen attendance at our meetings," Frank said. "And I would love to have us start investigating what it would take to do that in a safe and responsible manner."

After further discussion Council agreed that the May 3 work session and May 4 regular meeting will be open to the public for in-person attendance.

Frank also thanked City staff for their efforts during the Pandemic. "It's been a lot of work, especially for our IT Department," Frank said. "You guys are rock stars!"

"For sure," Bynum said.

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo reminded Council of the requirements for applicants seeking a vacant council seat.

There will be an alcohol server training on Monday, April 26, Frank said.



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MONTROSE-Former uranium and Department of Energy workers are invited to a free Atomic Heroes Luncheon hosted by Nuclear Care Partners where they can get help from their local EEOICPA Benefits Specialist, Lori Shanks.

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The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 28 at Camp Robber located at 1515 Ogden Road in Montrose, Colorado 81401. Lunch time slots are available anytime

between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the 28th and former workers can call 970-361-3066 to RSVP.

As this is a limited capacity event, RSVPs will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. All attendees will be required to follow COVID-19 safety protocol including social distancing and mask-wearing.

Lori will be taking every COVID-19 precaution and has received the COVID-19 vaccine series.

"I've missed being able to connect with everyone in-person and enjoy some human connection," said Lori Shanks, local EEOICPA Benefits Specialist with Nuclear Care Partners. "I can't wait to get together with these wonderful former workers over lunch. We're going to be safe, we're going to have fun, and I'm excited to see everyone who comes out!"

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# MONTROSE COUNTY CORONER STILL RECOVERING FROM DECEMBER ACCIDENT

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—On Dec. 11, 2020, Montrose County Coroner Thomas Canfield MD was involved in a one-vehicle accident in the 14600 block of 6720 Rd in Montrose. The accident, which occurred on Canfield's 82<sup>nd</sup> Birthday, was reported at 12:23 p.m.

The traffic report, filed by Montrose Police Officer Brett Suppes states, "I arrived on scene and observed a male party up against the passenger side window with a large laceration to the forehead. The vehicle appeared to have been driving normal but gradually veered to the East side on 6720 Rd. The vehicle then went off the road and it appeared that the driver appeared to correct the turn due to the two sets of tracks in the snow. The vehicle then struck a root from a tree and then head on struck another tree causing the vehicle to spin 180 degrees to face the other way."

In a Supplement report dated Feb. 2, 2021, Suppes said, "While at the hospital the day of the incident, Doc sustained a severe head injury from hitting his head on the windshield. It is important to note that while at the hospital on the day of the incident, I did not observe any indication of intoxication. I also could not smell any odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from Doc while at the vehicle or in the hospital. Doc could only say certain things

that day: "what happened", "anybody else hurt", "did I wreck the truck", "what did I hit". This kept going on and on in circles and Doc kept repeating himself."

Canfield, who was transported to St Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, was unavailable to investigators while hospitalized.

When asked how long this type of investigation normally takes, Montrose Chief of Police Blaine Hall said, "It depends on several factors and there is no set rule. In this case, the extent of the victim's injuries made it difficult to obtain a productive interview of the driver until he was released from the hospital. A phone interview on Feb. 2, 2021 of the driver did not provide any more detail to the cause of the accident other than what was already known. I am glad Dr. Canfield is recovering from his injuries, and while serious, the accident could have been worse. I wish Dr. Canfield a speedy recovery." During the phone interview Canfield stated that he had no memory of the incident.

For the Montrose Police Department (MPD) the case has concluded and is now inactive. However, as a Montrose County Elected Official, who swore an oath to "faithfully perform the duties of the office of Montrose County Coroner," no public information has been released on when Canfield might return to his duties.

Concerning current operations, Katie Yergensen, Montrose County Media Relations Manager said, "Dr. Canfield is focusing on recovery at this time. Deputy


Coroners have filled in as necessary and Dr. Michael Benziger M.D., Chief Deputy Coroner, has been handling operations along with Chief Investigator Rick Fellabaum and the coroner's office staff.

At this time, there has been no impact to the Coroner's budget."

Yergensen will respond to additional Mirror inquiries as more information becomes available.




**Montrose County Coroner Thomas Canfield MD continues to recover at home from a serious injury auto accident that occurred on Dec. 11, 2020. The office of the Montrose County Coroner is created by the Colorado Constitution and Colorado Revised Statutes 30-10-600. As an elected official, the coroner is accountable only to taxpayers Courtesy photo.**



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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATE LANDOWNERS TO CONSERVE FORESTED LANDS

*Special to the Mirror*

FORT COLLINS – Colorado landowners who want to protect environmentally valuable private forest areas that could someday be threatened by development or conversion to other non-forest uses – and who desire to receive monetary compensation in the process – now have the opportunity to submit proposals to protect their forestlands.

The Colorado State Forest Service is accepting Forest Legacy Program proposals from Colorado landowners. The program authorizes the CSFS or U.S. Forest Service to purchase permanent conservation easements or contribute to fee acquisitions on private forestlands to prevent those lands from being converted to non-forest uses.

The purpose of the Colorado Forest Legacy Program is to protect environmentally important private forest areas that are

threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The program provides an opportunity for private landowners to retain ownership and management of their land, while receiving compensation for unrealized development rights.

In order to be eligible for the program, the proposed property must be located within a Forest Legacy Area, as identified in the Assessment of Need for the Colorado Forest Legacy Program, must be privately owned and must consist of at least 75 percent of lands that are classified as forests. At least 25 percent of the project costs must be planned to be secured from non-federal cash or in-kind sources.

**The application deadline is June 30, 2021**, for federal fiscal year 2023 funding, and proposals must be submitted by standard mail. Forestlands that contain important scenic, cultural, recreation and water resources, including fish and wildlife

habitat and other ecological values, and that support traditional forest uses will receive priority. Landowners who elect to participate in the program are required to follow a land management plan approved by the CSFS. Activities consistent with the management plan are permitted, including timber harvesting, grazing and recreation activities.

The Colorado State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee will evaluate proposals and recommend to the state forester those proposals that have sufficient merit to forward to the U.S. Forest Service. Forwarded proposals will then compete at a regional and national level for funding. For more information or to obtain an application packet, contact Carolyn Aspelin with the CSFS at (970) 690-4271 or [carolyn.aspelin@colostate.edu](mailto:carolyn.aspelin@colostate.edu). Applications also are available at [csfs.colostate.edu/forest-legacy-program](https://csfs.colostate.edu/forest-legacy-program).



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SUNSET MESA WATER STORAGE TANK GOING UP

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE -With the overall goal of providing safe and reliable drinking water to City of Montrose water customers west of the Uncompahgre River, construction of the Sunset Mesa water tank and pump station is progressing on schedule and within budget.

Currently, the tank is approximately 40 feet tall, and work over the next several months will focus primarily on tank erection before the 46-foot diameter, 130-foot tall structure will be placed into service in the fall. The current green color seen on the tank is a primer only; the final tank will be painted off-white with the city logo on top. This new tank is replacing an existing below-ground storage tank built on Sunset Mesa in 1960.

"Although the old tank was sufficient for its time, continued growth on the western side of the river, increased overall water demands in the city, and changes in water quality regulations have made this old tank obsolete, primarily due to its low elevation, structural condition, and operational issues," City Engineer Scott Murphy said.

In 2018 the city's Utilities and Engineering Departments discussed with the City Council an initial design to replace the

tank. The city then hired an engineering consultant, the Farnsworth Group, to perform an evaluation of alternatives and determine the best course of action for replacing the aged tank. This evaluation of alternatives looked at up-front capital costs, anticipated maintenance and operational costs (including pumping), life-cycle costs, operational considerations, and aesthetic considerations for nine different tank styles.

The Farnsworth Group ultimately recommended a 130-foot-tall, standpipe-style tank as the preferred alternative for replacing the old tank. This also matched recommendations made in the city's 2016 water master plan update. The alternatives evaluation was discussed at a public meeting with the City Council in 2019 and the city decided to move forward with final design of the recommended alternative. Additional detail on the alternatives evaluation can be found on the [project's webpage](#) at [MoveMo.co](#).

The project was put out to bid early in summer of 2020, with four Colorado companies and one Kansas-based company responding. After careful evaluation, Murphy recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder, Ridgway Valley Enterprises of Montrose at a cost of

\$4,336,876. In addition to recommending that the council consider approving the construction contract, staff also recommended hiring the Farnsworth Group to provide engineering support in the amount of \$409,290.

City Councilors voted unanimously to approve the contract for the project at the [September 1, 2020, regular meeting](#). The project is being funded through the city's water capital fund.

"Despite some Covid-related supply chain issues for specialty equipment within the pump house, we are happy to report that construction is progressing along nicely and on schedule," Murphy said. "As Montrose continues to see accelerated growth, we are excited to see this critical infrastructure project coming together to help us stay ahead of emergency storage needs and improve our water system's reliability and efficiency."

Murphy said the new tank is designed to serve the residents of Montrose for 50-plus years and help to ensure the availability of clean, reliable water even in the event of an emergency.

Any questions regarding the project may be directed to City Engineer Scott Murphy at 970.901.1792.

### 2021 RE-1J BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION INFORMATION

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Montrose County School District will have five seats on the ballot for election this year. Four of the seats are for four-year terms and one for two years. They are:

District A - Currently held by Jeff Bachman

District C - Currently held by Gayle Johnson (Term limited)

District E - Currently held by Sarah Fishing

District F - Currently held by Eric Kelley (2-year term)

District G - Currently held by Stephen Bush

Information for potential candidates will be available in June. If you have any questions about boundaries for the director districts or general election questions, please contact Laurie Laird at 970-252-7902 or [laurie.laird@mcisd.org](mailto:laurie.laird@mcisd.org).



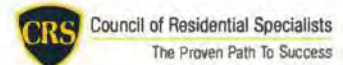


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### CONSUMER ADVISORY: MORE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MORE PEOPLE WHO NEED HEALTH INSURANCE

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DENVER - The Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), is reminding Coloradans that they can now access more financial assistance for health insurance during the special enrollment period.

As a result of the American Rescue Plan, more financial help for people buying individual health insurance plans (meaning not from an employer) is available when enrolling through our state marketplace, Connect for Health Colorado. Individuals and families of all income ranges can now qualify for reduced premiums.

"We're ready and eager to provide these savings to more Coloradans who need relief right away," said Chief Executive Officer Kevin Patterson. "I encourage those who need coverage to sign up. If you were unable to obtain financial help in the past, now is the time to re-apply. You might be surprised how much you can save."

"With these changes, many Coloradans could be looking at very inexpensive coverage, even \$0 premium plans," said Colorado Insurance Commissioner Michael Conway. "Even though the special enrollment is extended to August 15, if anyone

needs coverage for themselves or their families, now is the time to get enrolled. Or if you have coverage, but didn't qualify for assistance before, take the time to re-apply and see how much financial help you could get."

#### What's Different Now?

There is more financial help available to more Coloradans for health insurance.

One out of five (21%) customers could potentially have a \$0 premium if they were to stay with their current plan.

Two out of three (64%) customers could potentially have a \$0 premium if they were to enroll in the lowest cost plan available to them.

Three out of four people could potentially have a \$25 premium or less if they were to enroll in the lowest cost plan available to them.

People who were making too much money before may now qualify for financial help to reduce premiums.

Anyone who has received unemployment benefits for at least one week in 2021 may qualify for \$0 and low-cost 2021 health insurance premium options when they shop through Connect for Health Colorado.

The amount of financial assistance provided will cover the entire cost of the sec-

ond-lowest-cost Silver plan, but you can put that amount of help toward any plan available to you.

#### When Can I Get More Savings and/or Enroll?

You can submit a new application for financial help beginning now. Connect for Health Colorado is keeping enrollment open to anyone who needs health insurance through Aug. 15, 2021. The best way to find out whether you qualify for \$0 and low-cost health insurance plans, and to see all the plans available to you, is to submit an application. Remember that the sooner you enroll, the sooner your coverage begins.

#### How To Enroll

People can enroll using [Connect for Health Colorado](#) or by contacting the insurance company directly. However, Connect for Health Colorado is still the only place where Coloradans can receive financial assistance to make insurance more affordable.

Colorado individual health insurance consumers who wish to use Connect for Health Colorado can enroll online at [ConnectforHealthCO.com](#), can get help and/or enroll over the phone at 855-752-6749, or they can get [free, virtual enrollment assistance](#) from certified brokers and assisters.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### MORE CLASSROOM HOURS WOULD RESULT IN BETTER POLICE TRAINING

*Editor:*

Given the pervasive and almost daily violence involving police departments around the country (thankfully not as much in Montrose), perhaps it is time for someone locally to examine "Defund the police" vs. adequately train the police?

I was stunned to find that classroom hours required to take the POST exam and be sworn as a police officer in Colorado- 556.

-Hours to become a barber - 1,500

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## ***BOCC APPROVES AGGRESSIVE SCHEDULE FOR SIGNALIZATION OF HWY 550 AND CHIPETA ROAD From pg 1***



***The Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) designated the month of May 2021 as "Mental Health Awareness Month." As a means to promote mental health resources in the community, the county partners with the Tri-County Health Network. (L to R) County Commissioner Sue Hansen, Tri-County Health Network representative Corinne Cavender, and County Commissioner Keith Caddy.***

***The Rotary Club of Montrose was founded in 1921. In honor of their 100 years of contribution to the Montrose community, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved a proclamation designating April 19, 2021 as "Montrose Rotary Club Day." On behalf of the Rotary Club, President Lynn Schneider received the proclamation during the April 19, 2021 BOCC meeting. (L to R) County Commissioner Sue Hansen, Rotary Club President Lynn Schneider, and County Commissioner Keith Caddy.***

There is no discussion on the consent agenda; however, if discussion were needed on a specific item it would be removed and considered separately.

Hansen said, "These are routine items; routine contracts." The consent agenda included General Fund and Special Fund Expenditures (04/09/2021 and 04/16/2021), approval of minutes, and county management committee appointments.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY** - Martha Whitmore, County Attorney.

Whitmore presented a Proclamation that April 19, 2021 be designated "Montrose Rotary Club Day" in recognition of their contributions to our community. The Montrose Rotary Club, founded in 1921, is celebrating 100 years of service. Approved unanimously.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY** - Martha Whitmore, County Attorney.

Whitmore presented a Proclamation that the month of May 2021, shall be designat-

ed "Mental Health Awareness Month," in recognition of the importance of creating mental health awareness and promoting mental health resources in our community.

Tri-County Health Network representative Corinne Cavender accepted the proclamation. She said, "We hope to stop the stigma on mental health and we appreciate the county partnering with us." Approved unanimously.

### **COUNTY MANAGEMENT** - Jon

Waschbusch, Deputy County Manager.

Waschbusch presented an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Montrose. He said, "This is for the design and construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 550 and Chipeta Road. Both 550 and Chipeta are only getting busier. We can analyze the exact split, but that debate would be a distraction from the need. The design and construction cost would be 60 percent by the county and 40 percent cost by the city. We want to move as quickly as possible. It's an aggressive schedule. We can put out an RFP [Request for Proposal] in June

and award it in August. It's as expeditiously as possible. We'll have it completed by Spring of 2023. We thank the city for the collaboration. The city will consider the IGA at City Council tomorrow."

Commissioner Keith Caddy said, "This is a good time to do it. I'm glad to see it will be done by Spring 2023."

Hansen thought the project would be completed sooner. Waschbusch said, "For design, permitting and construction it is fairly quickly." Approved unanimously.

The total cost for project design and construction is expected to be less than \$2,000,000.

### **THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CLOSED THE REGULAR SESSION AND CONVENED AS THE MONTROSE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:**

**PUBLIC HEALTH** - Jon Waschbusch.

In the absence of Director Jim Austin, the Public Health report was presented by Waschbusch.

He said, "This is a housekeeping item. This is to rescind in full the Amended Local Public Health Order last amended July 1, 2020. In the county the COVID matrix are low and stable and this can be rescinded

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## **BOCC APPROVES AGGRESSIVE SCHEDULE From previous pg**

in full."

Caddy said, "Thanks to everyone for their hard work to get us through this project the last year."

Hansen said, "Essentially, it's over as far as the county is concerned?"

Waschbusch said, "This doesn't deal with masks and gatherings. It's an adjustment schedule for buildings. It's just an order we don't need anymore." Approved unanimously.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CLOSED AS THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND RE-CONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The commissioners went immediately into Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: COUNTY ATTORNEY,** Martha Whitmore, The Board met with the County Attorney in executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(a), (b) and (e) to receive legal advice and develop negotiation positions relative to the hotel project at the Montrose Regional Airport.



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## CITY APPOINTS ROGERS, JADOT TO PLAN COM IN 3-1 VOTES

### From pg 1

the Oath of Office as Municipal Court Judge.

Mayor Glaspell and Youth City Council Mayor Harrison Hall joined together in issuing a Proclamation in support of Earth Week 2021, and Council issued the 2021 Arbor Day Proclamation.

#### **CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were heard from the public on non-agenda items.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council voted to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 and April 6, 2021 special City Council meetings and the April 6, 2021 regular City Council meeting.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

After interviewing all Planning Commission candidates in work session (Candidates included Laura Baker, Clifford F. Dodge III, Delphine Jadot, Christine Kersen, Kevin S. Kuns, and Richard J. Rogers) Council voted to fill vacant positions on the City of Montrose Planning Commission.

In three-to-one votes, (one vote for Dodge), Council voted to select Rogers as a member of the Planning Commission, and to select Jadot as Planning Commission alternate (one vote for Dodge).

#### **SIGNALIZATION OF CHIPETA ROAD AND HIGHWAY 550**

City Engineer Scott Murphy discussed the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Montrose and Montrose County regarding the signalization of Chipeta Road and Highway 550. All traffic warrants have been met; the IGA was discussed previously in work session. Citizen Randy White and Cobble Creek Homeowners Association President Kathy Devor spoke in support of the traffic signal, and of its importance as a safety measure.

White said, "There needs to be some subjective allowance for factors that those numerical thresholds do not accurately represent." He described an accident that he had witnessed while waiting at the intersection of Chipeta and 550., in which a pickup truck was T-boned by a BMW driving at a high rate of speed. "The pickup

truck was thrown on its side and skidded into my jeep."

Devor thanked the City and Montrose County for taking action. "...I just really want to say my appreciation for your efforts to move forward with this project at this point in time...for the safety of all."

*Background-A memo from Murphy to Council states, "The total cost for project design and construction is expected to be less than \$2,000,000 (two million dollars). Costs for both design and construction will be pro-rated based on the estimated contribution of each party to traffic volumes on Chipeta Road at Intersection. Design and construction costs shall be divided with forty percent of project costs being paid by the City and sixty percent of project costs being paid by the County."*

#### **NEW LODGING AND ENTERTAINMENT LIQUOR LICENSE**

Also approved was a new Lodging & Entertainment liquor license at 431 E. Main Street for Bliss Beauty Bar Co. LLC, doing business as Bliss Beauty Bar, for consumption on the licensed premises. Owner Saige Unrein was present to answer questions.

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn asked Unrein about taking the alcohol server training course, and about over-service of alcohol.

Only clients of Bliss Beauty Bar will be served, Unrein said, and all ID's will be checked.

"We will only be serving to clients of the salon, not just anybody off the street," she said. "You have to be a client in the salon getting a service done."

#### **ORDINANCES PASSED ON SECOND READING**

**Ordinances 2532-2535 on second reading** Council voted to approve Ordinance 2532 on second reading, for the annexation of the Valley Ranch Addition North; Ordinance 2533 on second reading, providing for the zoning of the Valley Ranch Addition North as R-3A Medium High-Density District and R-2 Low Density District; Ordinance 2534 on second reading, for the annexation of the Valley Ranch Addition

South; and Ordinance 2535 on second reading, providing for the zoning of the Valley Ranch Addition South as R-1 Very Low-Density District.

#### **Ordinances 2536-2537 on second reading**

Also approved on second reading were Ordinance 2536 on second reading, for the annexation of the Highway 50 Addition, and Ordinance 2537 on second reading, zoning the Highway 50 Addition as B-2 Highway Commercial District.

#### **Ordinance 2538 on second reading**

Council voted to approve Ordinance 2538 on second reading, amending the zoning district designation of Lot 1 of Cedar View East Minor Subdivision from R-6 Medium Density/Manufactured Housing District to B-3 General Commercial District.

#### **Ordinance 2539 on second reading**

Ordinance 2539 on second reading, vacating a right-of-way along North 2nd Street within the City of Montrose.

#### **ORDINANCE 2540-FIRST READING**

Public Safety Attorney Matthew Magliaro discussed updates to City code. A memo from Magliaro to Council notes one of the major changes, including daytime social services as a use by right. "Daytime social service activities by a social service provider, to include food storage; food distribution without monetary remuneration as a food pantry and/or food service without monetary remuneration as a soup kitchen; laundry facilities not for profit; showers; and counseling to include alcohol and/or substance abuse counseling. This use by right expressly excludes the overnight sheltering of people. For the purposes of this use by right authorization, 'daytime' shall mean from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. 'Night' shall mean from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Mountain Standard Time. Magliaro noted that specific definitions have been added. Overnight shelters are not authorized as a use-by-right. Still, the City is not saying that it is categorically now and forever intending to ban an overnight shelter within city boundaries. Any such regulation would come about with input from the City's partners and relevant stakeholders, Magliaro said.

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## **CITY APPOINTS ROGERS, JADOT TO PLAN COM From previous pg**

Councilor Dave Bowman asked Magliaro why, as the Public Safety Attorney whose position was funded by Measure 2A (Public Safety Sales tax), he was addressing zoning code changes.

"In general, this is an issue of concern during the pandemic," Magliaro said. "Particularly, it exacerbated a number of the issues, including homelessness, and the need for some of these daytime social service providers to be recognized as lawful in providing services to the community. "We felt it fell squarely within my position to take on this task, in conjunction with Amy (City Planner Amy Sharp)," Magliaro said.

### **BEAR CREEK SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 5 FINAL PLAT**

Council voted to approve the Bear Creek Subdivision Filing No. 5 Final Plat to create 59 new residential lots and dedicate rights of way and/or easements.

A memo from Senior Planner Amy Sharp states, "The Bear Creek Subdivision Filing No. 5 Final Plat proposes to create 59 new residential lots and dedicate right of ways and/or easements. Newly created lots will be as follows:

- Lots 28 to 40, and 42 to 52, Block 18, Weminuche Ave (24 Lots total)
- Lot 8, Block 28, Weminuche Ave (1 Lot total)
- Lots 1 to 8, Block 29, Weminuche Ave (8 Lots total)
- Lots 1 to 8, Block 30, Weminuche Ave (eight Lots total)
- Lots 1 to 5, Block 31, Weminuche Ave (five Lots total)
- Lots 1 to 6, Block 24, Blue Creek Ave (six Lots total)
- Lots 9 to 15, Block 30, Blue Creek Ave (seven Lots total)

The property is zoned R-3A Medium High-Density District and R-5 Low Density/Manufactured Housing District. It is located north of Lilac Road, south of Lincoln Road, east of 6530 Road, and west of 6600 Road. City acceptance of new roads and infrastructure improvements is planned for early April 2021. The Bear Creek Subdivision Preliminary Plat was approved by City Council in July 2016.

### **WOODGATE ROAD REALIGNMENT- ADDITIONAL COSTS**

Council voted to approve \$1,752,083.17 in expenditures for construction of the

Woodgate Road Realignment Project, including award of a construction contract to Mountain Valley Contracting in the amount of \$1,467,983.17, a survey and engineering support contract to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of \$59,100, and Century Link utility relocation expenditures totaling \$225,000.

City Engineer Scott Murphy provided an update. Murphy's memo to Council notes, "...The realignment construction project also includes the demolition of two vacant houses on Arland Road. Costs for demolition of these houses is included in the construction contract above; however, the scope of work associated with pre-demolition asbestos abatement was still being determined at the time of construction contract bidding. The City has since completed asbestos evaluations on the properties and estimates the abatement work to cost approximately \$60,000. To streamline completion of this abatement and demolition of the houses, it is recommended that an additional \$60,000 in contingency be added to Mountain Valley's construction contract, bringing the total contract amount to \$1,467,983.17... In addition to the award of a construction contract, we are also recommending award of an engineering support and survey stakeout contract to the project designer, Del-Mont Consultants. This scope of work is budgeted at \$59,100 on an as-needed, time-and-materials basis, based on a proposal provided by the consultant. The realignment of Woodgate Road will also require the relocation of several communications cabinets in conflict with the new roadway...this work is estimated to cost \$225,000 payable to the utility owner Century Link."

### **MOVING MONTROSE FORWARD 2021 STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT**

Council approved \$1,017,669.94 in expenditures for completion of the Moving Montrose Forward 2021 Street Maintenance Project. This includes the award of a construction contract to Skip Huston Construction in the amount of \$699,269.70 for asphalt patching work and a construction contract to A-1 Chipseal Company in the amount of \$318,400.24 for slurry seal surface treatments.

### **STAFF REPORTS/GENERAL COMMENTS**

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the February 2021 Sales, Use & Excise Tax report.

Youth Councilor Gunnison Clamp gave a Youth Council update. "Last month we did a recruitment project for the youth council...we did a presentation to a large eighth grade class a few weeks ago, had quite a lot of interest...we've got another presentation coming up." Youth Council has been doing Earth Week projects including street cleanups. Clamp also thanked the City for the progress on street projects. "Especially Mr. Scott Murphy our City Engineer, for working really hard on these. It's amazing." He mentioned specific projects by name, including the Chipeta Signalization project. "I really appreciate what the City is doing and how quickly they are moving to get that stoplight up there." He and his extended family will be grateful for the Woodgate Extension Project as well, Clamp said.

Councilor Dave Frank said that Council will welcome the public back to meetings beginning with the May 3 work session and May 4 council meeting. "We look forward to having the public present again," Frank said.

City Manager Bill Bell spoke about the City's Yard of the Month Program. "There's a team of people put together on a monthly basis to take nominations for Yard of the Month," Bell said. A review team will visit each of the nominees.

Councilor Bynum praised the latest *Montrose Visitor Guide*, now available at the City's Visitor Center. "...It looks fantastic...it's very inspiring, all these things you can do in your own back yard, or if family is coming to see you for the first time in over a year and you're looking for something to do, lots of good ideas in here....my hat's off to the staff for producing an amazing Visitor's Guide."

Said Mayor Glaspell, "And if you stop in downstairs at the OBT, there's some pretty good sales going on, some children's clothing and other items."

Clamp said he had enjoyed working on the visitor guide, and thanked OBT staff for their work putting it together.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### STATE AERONAUTICAL BOARD APPROVES 2ND ROUND OF AIRPORT FUNDING *Discretionary Aviation Grants Maintain Public-Use Airport System*

#### *Special to the Mirror*

WATKINS – Some of the state's public-use airports will be getting some much-needed improvements after the Colorado Aeronautical Board approved \$2 million to fund state and local grants from aviation fuel taxes.

Following passage of the American Rescue Plan in March, some additional, indirect funding became available. Due to provisions in the law, the \$2 million in state aviation funds originally earmarked for federal matching funds were reallocated to support state and locally funded airport improvement projects.\* These projects were previously programmed, but deferred due to reduced revenues to the Colorado Department of Transportation's Division of Aeronautics.

"We are extremely grateful to the Colorado congressional delegation for advocating for our state during negotiation of the American Rescue Plan," said CDOT's Executive Director Shoshana Lew. "The 100 percent federal airport grant share contained in the Plan allowed us to further leverage Aeronautics Division funding to support more airports across our state,

from Delta to Walden to Lamar."

Aeronautics Division Director David Ulane added, "The indirect benefits created for us by the 100 percent federal grant share provision this year are incredibly valuable, and have allowed us to keep many of our state-funded airport improvement projects on track."

Grants ranged from \$25,000 to \$400,000. This round of funding supported a wide range of airport needs, including airfield pavement maintenance and reconstruction projects and the purchase of snow removal equipment.

"Repairing our secondary runway has been a priority for GJT for years, as it's a valuable asset to our general aviation community," said Angela Padalecki, executive director of the Grand Junction Regional Airport. "We are grateful to the CDOT Aeronautics Division for their partnership that helped us develop a plan to fund the rehabilitation as quickly as possible, and to the Colorado Aeronautical Board for their support and approval of this grant." A comprehensive listing of each grant award is [here](#).

The Colorado Airport System consists of

76 public-use airports that support more than 345,660 jobs, provide \$16.2 billion in annual payroll and \$48.6 billion in total annual business revenue and output. Legislation was passed in 1991 to develop and maintain the state's aviation system through taxes collected on aviation fuel sold within the state. No general funds are used to meet the needs of the Colorado Aviation System. It is funded solely through the taxes collected by those actually using the aviation system.

More information can be found at [Colorado-Aeronautics.org](https://Colorado-Aeronautics.org).

*\*Federal capital airport improvement grants typically only cover a portion of the overall project costs. The federal government generally provide 90 percent of the project costs, with the local contribution approximately 10 percent. Colorado's Aeronautics Division, in most cases, provides half of the required local matching funds for programmed federal projects. In this instance, provisions in the American Rescue Plan allocated \$608 million dollars programmed in fiscal 2021 to cover 100 percent of the cost of federally-funded airport projects around the country.*

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### LONGTIME LOCAL MUSICIAN AND ENTREPRENEUR DAVID NUNN JOINS RIDGWAY CHAMBER BOARD

*Special to the Mirror*

RIDGWAY-The Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed David Nunn as a new member of the Board of Directors at its April meeting. Nunn is a longtime marketing and sales professional and is well known for frequent guitar performances at venues from Montrose to Telluride.

"I hope to bring my 30 years of marketing knowledge to the Ridgway Chamber with a local, regional and national perspective. Continuing to define and refine Ridgway's unique value proposition as a destination offers a tremendous opportunity to compete effectively with other destinations and attract desirable revenue to the area," Nunn said.

The Chamber Board is comprised of a mix of professionals from different business sectors. Each member also has interests and expertise in one or more of the five Ridgway tourism themes: Outdoor Adventure, Culinary Experiences, Arts & Entertainment, Health & Wellness, and History & Heritage.

The Chamber has been renovating the Ridgway Visitor Center this spring, including the addition of a new meeting space for members. The Center, located on Sherman Street west of the intersection of highways 550 and 62, will reopen with limited hours starting Memorial Day weekend, to provide information to travelers. New board member Nunn is an 18-year resident of Ridgway, who is preparing for the launch of a new community-based "Ridgway Ouray Friends & Neighbors" magazine.

He previously worked for the largest direct marketing company in the United States, and has worked since 2003 at one of the nation's largest print-promo companies, where he earned the Innovator of the Year award.

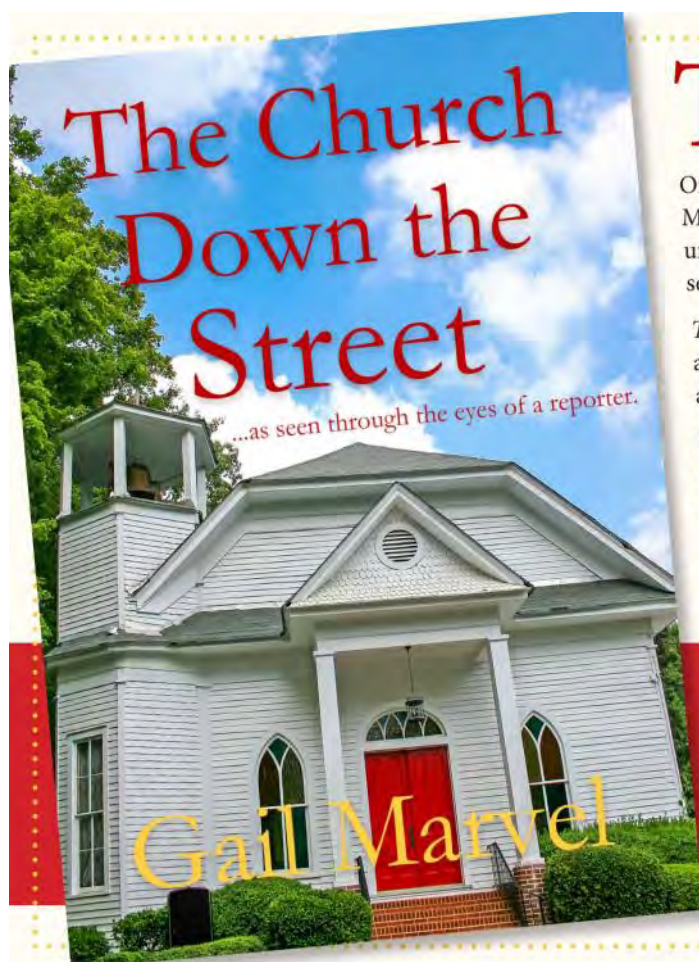
With more than 300 gigs over the three years before COVID-19 hit, Nunn performs covers and originals solo and with other local musicians. His vast set list of over 700 tunes includes a soulful mix of Delta blues, Appalachian bluegrass and classic



*David Nunn. Courtesy photo.*

rock. This summer, he can be seen and heard several times a month at local venues including the Sky Bar in Chipeta Solar Springs Resort, Ouray KOA, and Ridgway Lodge & Suites.

The Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce promotes business and community growth and development in the Town of Ridgway and the surrounding area. The chamber manages the town's tourism website, markets local businesses through many channels, operates the Ridgway Visitors Center, and promotes responsible, sustainable tourism. For more information, visit [ridgwaycolorado.com](http://ridgwaycolorado.com).



**T**he *Church Down the Street*, published pre-COVID, peers into the worship services of more than 70 churches, some of which have a weekly attendance of less than 10.

Organized in a topical format (Hospitality, Program & Source Material, Music, Meditations & Invitations, and The Message), the author uses an unbiased approach to allow readers to experience the worship service as seen through the eyes of a reporter.

*The Church Down the Street* contains anecdotes and stories from the actual worship services and asks thought-provoking questions that allow readers to draw their own conclusions.

#### Readers will:

- See strengths and weaknesses in the worship service
- Re-evaluate hospitality toward visitors
- Become more aware of source material used in the worship service
- Compare and contrast music presentations and selections
- Discern the value and content of the sermon.

Gail Marvel's book, *The Church Down the Street*, is available online at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and [wingedpublications.com](http://wingedpublications.com).

**GAIL MARVEL**  
Montrose Author & Reporter





## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### TWO NEW POLICE OFFICERS SWORN IN TO SERVE CITIZENRY

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE — The Montrose Police Department officially welcomed two new police officers to its ranks April 19. Officers Bobbie Rossiter and Ruben Trujillo were officially sworn in during a ceremony held in the City Council Chambers.

Before joining the Montrose Police Department, Rossiter and Trujillo worked as deputies in the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office. Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall said the husband and wife team moved to Montrose to work in a community that they hope to retire in one day.

Officer Rossiter has been working in law enforcement for 11 years and Trujillo has been an officer for about five-and-a-half years. Both are Colorado natives.


Hall told the officers to hold themselves to the highest personal standards, both on and off duty. Their job as police officers, Hall said, was to earn and uphold the trust of the citizens of Montrose while protecting their lives and property and the community. Hall also said the role of a police officer has become more challenging in recent years, but Montrose has always been supportive of local law enforcement.

"I can't tell you how thankful we are to get to live in a community like Montrose," Hall said. "I've had so many people come up to me and thank us for our service."


Information about future department recruitment and hiring will be released as it becomes available.



**Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall swore in Officers Bobbie Rossiter and Ruben Trujillo on Monday, April 19. Courtesy photo Montrose Police Department.**



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# COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

## NOMINEES ANNOUNCED FOR 2021 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR DOWNTOWN EXCELLENCE



*The City of Montrose Development and Revitalization Team (DART) and Colorado Yurt Company, a Montrose-based business, teamed up to "Tipi the Town" as a way to cope with the indoor dining capacity restrictions. Eleven tipis were placed at seven restaurants in town allowing locals and tourists different options to enjoy this unique dining experience. Courtesy Photo Downtown Colorado, Inc.*

### Special to the Mirror

DENVER— Twenty-five downtown revitalization projects in Colorado's 247 cities have been nominated for the Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence. Downtown Colorado, Inc. (DCI) will announce the Governors Award winners along with our 2021 Board Member Elections on May 27, 2021, during our virtual Governor's Awards and Annual Membership Meeting.

Due to COVID-19, the Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence, typically the centerpiece of DCI's IN THE GAME Vibrant Downtown event, will be virtual to allow access for all. Colorado downtown champions will get the chance to tune in virtually to learn about projects that exhibit downtown excellence and to participate in a People's Choice selection remotely while celebrating the many people-centered projects throughout the state.

The Governor's Awards applications opened in February and winners were decided based on community and local business impact; impact on downtown; and how well the project achieved its goals.

The Pandemic Response category winners were decided based on the above criteria, as well as the impact the project had on

adapting to COVID-19 restrictions. The nominating categories in 2021 include: Pandemic Response considering the financial assistance, partnerships, and outdoor expansions that our Colorado downtowns and local governments have been key in implementing.

The 2021 Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence celebration will also include the DCI 2021 Annual Membership Meeting and Board of Directors Elections. In 2021, DCI's downtown champions and active DCI leaders were nominated to join the DCI Board of Directors. DCI's nominating committee is pleased to nominate these local government leaders and innovators who have demonstrated a commitment to vibrant downtowns in Colorado and the mission of Downtown Colorado, Inc. The 2021 Board Member Nominees include (more details available on DCI's [LinkedIn Page](#))

-Brian Lujan, Town Manager for Town of Center

-Jill Mendoza, Economic Development Manager for Town of Superior

-Carl Young, County Administrator for Huerfano County

### Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence 2021 Nominees

Since 2003, the Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence have recognized outstanding Colorado projects and people that demonstrate creativity in the face of challenges, unlikely and enduring partnerships, and dedication to the community to advance downtown initiatives.

"Colorado's downtowns have been on the front lines of the economic and health response for over a year. The 2021 Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence nominees represent efforts and projects that have found a pathway to success in the most challenging circumstances and leaders who have risen to one of the most significant challenges of our time," said Katherine Correll, Executive Director of DCI.

### The 2021 nominees span small and large communities across the state:

-A Friendly Business Guide for Outdoor Expansion Tactics (Statewide)

-All for Fall (Fort Collins)

-Apartments at Maddie (Greeley)

-ArtWalk: Murder on Broadway (Town of Eagle)

-Bigger Hearts, Stronger Streets (Longmont)

-City of Wheat Ridge Pandemic Response

-Confluence, Fort Collins

-CSG Partnership with Workforce Development Organizations (Denver)

-Downtown Improvements Project (Steamboat Springs)

-East and East Central Area Plans - City and County of Denver Neighborhood Planning Initiative

-Englewood Downtown Plan

-Gateways Initiative - Colorado Springs Downtown Development Authority

-Glenwood Springs Pandemic Response

-Jefferson County and Municipality COVID Response

-Main Street Closure for Expanded Outdoor Dining (Louisville)

-[ManitouMade.com](#)

-Neon Alley (Pueblo)

-RiNo Art District Pandemic Response Initiatives (Denver)

-RiNo Recycling and Trash Program (Denver)

-Streetscape Public Realm Masterplans (Denver)

-Tipi the Town (Montrose)

-Upper Pine River Fire 1A Vaccination Clinic (Bayfield)

-Virtual First Friday (Colorado Springs)

-Weekends on Main (Littleton)

-West Vermijo Avenue Streetscape (Colorado Springs)

DCI is pleased to invite Colorado communities, elected officials, state agencies, and all of the nominees home communities to support and comment on projects on our social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#)) and at the Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence event on May 27, 4:30PM.

Register [here](#) for the virtual Governor's Awards and Annual Membership Meeting and mark your calendars for May 27th, 4:30-6PM. Registration free for all DCI Members and Governor's Awards nominees.



## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### ALVERETTA WILHELMINA "PAT" LABOUNTY

*April 25, 1923- April 16, 2021*

Paonia, Colorado resident, ALVERETTA LABOUNTY, passed away on Friday, April 16, 2021 at her residence. She was 97 years of age. As per Alveretta's request, no services will be held.

Alveretta Walker was born on April 25, 1923 to Jasper and Minnie (Gavandy) Walker in Bend, Oregon. She spent her childhood in Becker, Minnesota and then moved to St. Cloud, Minnesota where she graduated from St. Cloud High School with the Class of 1941.

In early 1942, Alveretta moved to Englewood, Colorado where she worked for Gates Rubber Company. It was at work at Gates that Alveretta met Edward P. LaBounty. A short time later, Ed was drafted in the United States Navy and was stationed at Catalina Island, California. They married on October 3, 1942 in Nebraska. She joined Ed where they lived in Avalon, California for the next two years. While living in Avalon, son Jerry was born.

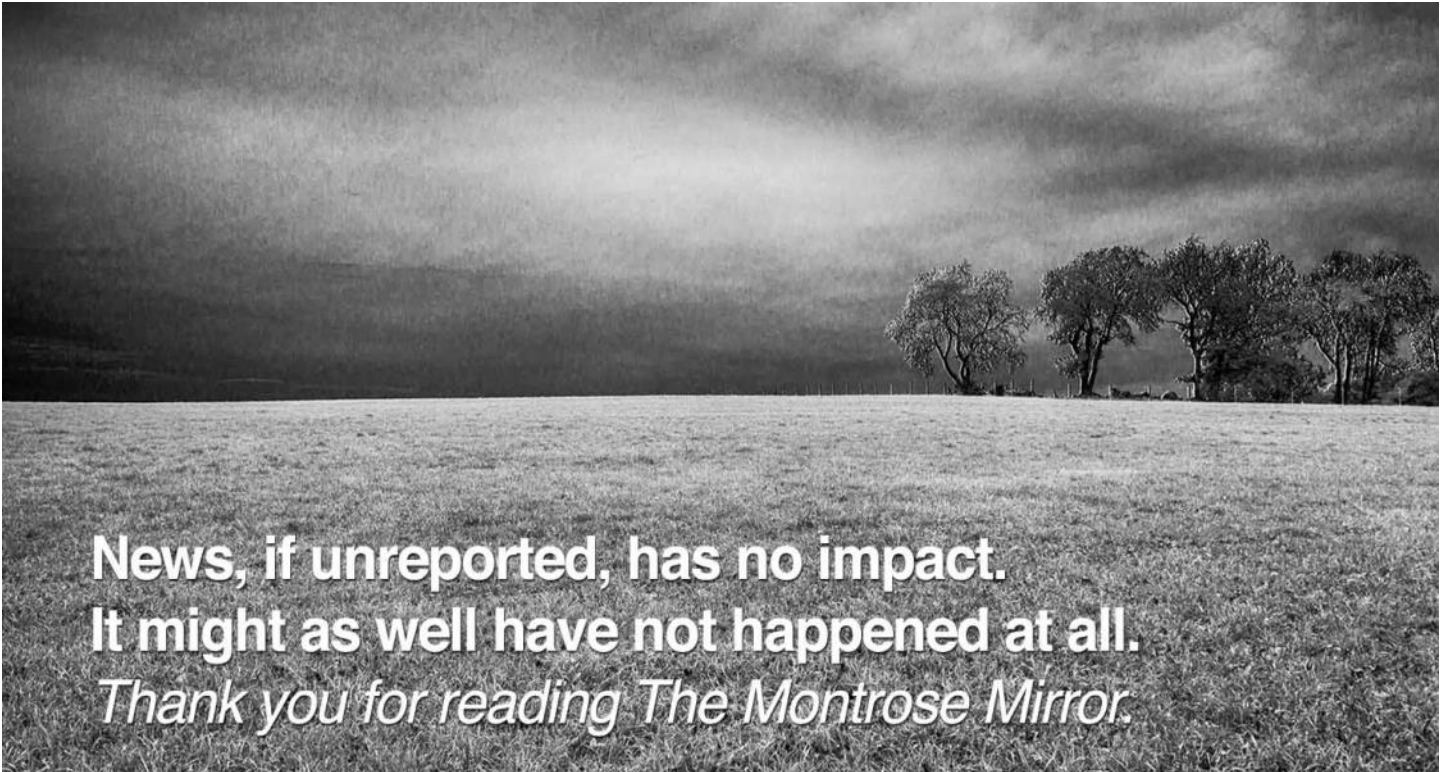
Ed was hurt in a training exercise and was discharged from the US Navy in October 1944 and the family moved to Minnesota. After Ed recuperated from his accident, the family moved to Denver where daughter Joan was born.

In 1949, they moved to Evergreen, Colorado and opened LaBounty Plumbing and Heating. Alveretta was the bookkeeper.

While in Evergreen, son John was born. They lived in Evergreen for 18 years then moved to Cedaredge, Colorado in 1966 where they lived until moving to Hotchkiss in 1990. They wintered in Tucson and Show Low, Arizona. After Ed's passing in 2006, Alveretta moved to Creek Vista in Paonia where she resided until her death.

Alveretta enjoyed knitting and traveling especially taking several trips to Mexico.

Alveretta is survived by her children: son, Jerry (Jane) LaBounty of Paonia; daughter, Joan Bucher of Decatur, Illinois; and son, John (Margaret) LaBounty of Council Bluff, Iowa; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### MONTE JOE SANBURG

*December 28, 1932- April 12, 2021*



MONTE JOE SANBURG died April 12, 2021, at his home in Montrose. He was born December 28, 1932 to Carroll "Pink" and Ruby Kegans Sanburg, at his grandparents' home on 6250 Rd., Spring Creek Mesa, Montrose, Colorado. Monte grew up on the family farm in the Riverside community, and attended the Riverside School, where he graduated from the 8th grade in 1946. He graduated from Montrose High School in 1950. Monte Sanburg married Shirley Scheibler, October 14, 1952. They had three children, Randy, Darlynn, and Verlee.

Monte was a 33-year employee of City Market, where he started as a boxer,

later was Produce Manager, and on January 1, 1972, he was promoted to Store Manager. He retired from City Market in 1987.

After his retirement from City Market, Monte worked for Centuries Research, as a field technician, conducting historical and archaeological surveys.

Monte joined the local Chipeta Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society in 1952, and later served as president for more than 14 years. He also served as president of the Colorado Archaeological Society, at the state level.

Monte helped found the Montrose County Historical Society, October 8, 1968, where he was a member of the original board of trustees, and served as president for many years. He was an officer in the Colorado State Historical Society.

Monte was instrumental in starting the Depot Museum in 1974, known today as the Montrose County Historical Museum. Monte was very involved in the Montrose Community, where he was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, the Sheriff's Posse, and the Rotary Club. He enjoyed his family and friends, and spending time at his cabin. One of his favorite activities was cutting firewood, and he always managed to have his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids "gleefully volunteer" to help. Spending time with "Great" Monte was cherished.

Monte was preceded in death, by his parents Carroll "Pink" and Ruby Sanburg, his brothers Carroll "Scrub" Sanburg, Willis "Bill" Sanburg, his sister Dorene

"Nene" Gerle, and his brother-in-law Gayle Gerle.

Monte is survived by his wife of 68 years, Shirley; his three children, Randy Sanburg (Myrna), Darlynn Powers (Dave), Verlee Sanburg (Julie Lowther); his six grandchildren, Amie Sanburg Henderson (Kirby), Angie Sanburg Sjoden (Chris), Scott Sanburg (Tiffany), Spence Powers (Renee), Nikki Powers Corn (Ryan), Melanie Powers Fenske. Monte is survived by 20 great grandchildren, Kenzie Henderson Markley (Drew), Kammie Henderson, Kade Henderson, McKenna Sjoden, Braden Sjoden, Lake Sanburg, Easton Sanburg, Macey Sanburg, Natalie Powers, Maverick Powers, Jovie Powers, Boaz Powers, Gracie Powers, Truly Powers, Sadie Corn, Lizzy Corn, Bryson Corn, Jaden Fenske, Marlee Fenske, Calvin Fenske.

Monte is also survived by his sister Sandy Whitton, brother-in-law Dick Whitton, sisters-in-law Carol Jean Sanburg, and Thera Sanburg.

At the time of Monte's death, all of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren lived in either Montrose County or Delta County.

Monte was a 4th generation Sanburg in Montrose. His great grandchildren represent the 7th generation of Sanburg's in the Montrose area.

In lieu of a funeral, Monte requested a potluck picnic. It will be held at 12:00 noon, on Sunday, June 20, 2021, at the home of his son, Randy Sanburg, Montrose, Colorado.

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# ART & SOL

## CHECK OUT STATE PARKS PROGRAM EXPANDS OUTDOOR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPRING AND SUMMER



*The Check Out State Parks interactive backpacks encourage you to immerse yourself in nature, develop new skills and explore Colorado's great outdoors. Courtesy photo.*

### Special to Art & Sol

DENVER— Looking for ideas to help you plan your next outdoor adventure? Colorado Parks and Wildlife, in partnership with the Colorado State Library, offers the Check Out State Parks program to help Coloradans visit state parks at no cost and experience everything the great outdoors has to offer. More than 300 Colorado libraries are participating in the Check Out State Parks program, including all public libraries, three military base libraries and

publically funded academic libraries. The program was also expanded this year to include the Colorado Talking Book Library and all the Colorado Mountain College campuses. A new Colorado Birds Guide was also added to the backpack.

The program is available statewide, makes Colorado state parks easily accessible and provides a backpack filled with educational materials that recommend a range of outdoor activities to help you decide how you want to spend your time



in nature.

Local libraries offer at least one and usually two backpacks available for check out. Each backpack contains the following:

-Colorado State Park

Pass for free park entry (hang tag)

-Your Guide to Colorado's State Parks

-An activity ideas list

-Binoculars (optional)

-Leave No Trace - Outdoor Ethics Card

-Educational materials: Fishing Basics Instruction Sheet, Colorado Trees and Wildflower Guide, Colorado Wildlife Guide, Colorado Birds Guide, and Night Sky Guide. These interactive backpacks encourage you to immerse yourself in nature and develop new skills as you explore different landscapes.

To reduce the community spread of COVID-19, each educational item in the backpacks is laminated for easy, effective cleaning between uses. Library patrons can check out the backpack and park pass for up to seven days and use it to visit any Colorado state park. Colorado's 42 state parks are as diverse as the state itself, and they offer something for everyone.

For more information on CPW's educational programs, visit [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us). Learn more about the Care for Colorado-Leave No Trace principles and how to conserve Colorado for generations to come.





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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### STATE LABOR DEPT. UPDATE FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 17

#### Special to the Mirror

DENVER-The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) has reported that an estimated 6,718 regular initial unemployment claims were filed the week ending April 17. There were also 1,310 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims filed for the same week. Since mid-March 2020, an estimated total of 916,379 regular initial unemployment claims have been filed and a grand total of 1,183,542 claims, when the PUA program is included.\*

For the week ending April 10, the number of continued weeks requested totaled 209,232. That includes the following totals by UI program: regular UI (63,260), PUA (61,752), and Pandemic Emergency Unem-

ployment Compensation (PEUC) (84,220). As mentioned in last week's press release, the recent implementation of the ID.me identity verification requirement explains the relative decline in continued weeks, compared to the weeks and months prior. CDLE estimates those continued claims were filed by approximately 170,728 individuals (57,492 for regular UI; 45,189 for PUA, and 68,047 for PEUC).\*\* Weekly initial and continued claims figures can be viewed in the attached PDF at the end of this press release.

#### Additional data

Benefits paid March 29, 2020 - April 17, 2021:

Weekly amounts for non regular UI programs can be viewed in the attached PDF

at the end of this press release. The recent implementation of the ID.me identity verification requirement explains the decline in benefit payment amounts for regular UI, PUA, and FPUC, starting the week ending April 10th.

Regular UI: \$2.89 Billion

Week ending April 17: \$9.4 Million

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (gig workers/self-employed): \$1.32 Billion  
Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (\$600/weekly UI benefits to eligible claimants, CARES Act);

\$300/weekly UI benefits to eligible claimants, CAA): \$3.45 Billion

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (extends unemployment benefits by up to 13 weeks, CARES Act;

extends additional 11 weeks, CAA): \$800.5 Million

State Extended Benefits (extends unemployment benefits an additional 13 weeks): \$32.1 Million

Lost Wages Assistance (\$300/weekly UI benefits to eligible claimants, fall 2020): \$389.2 Million

Total: \$8.87 Billion

Helping Coloradans with Reemployment Support

CDLE and its partners hold regular, no-cost training that can help unemployed Coloradans get rehired. A complete list of events, workshops and training opportunities is available on the CDLE website.

As of April 21, 2021, there are 75,596 job postings listed on ConnectingColorado.com, the state's jobs database. According to EMSI, 9,577 open positions within the restaurant industry were listed in Colorado just last week, and more than 12,000 positions were open in all of March, 2021. As of April 21, 2021, 3,575 restaurant jobs were listed on ConnectingColorado.com.





## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### REPAVING I-70 FROM SILVERTHORNE TO FRISCO BEGINS IN MAY

*Special to the Mirror*

**FRISCO** —The Colorado Department of Transportation and prime contractor, United Companies, will soon begin a repaving project on westbound Interstate 70 between Silverthorne and Frisco. Crews will start work during the first week of May. Westbound lanes will be repaved within the project zone, spanning approximately five miles from Mile Point 203 to MP 207. Completion is expected in late fall. Eastbound traffic will not be affected. Improvements include the removal and replacement of deteriorating portions of three concrete bridge decks, including the westbound I-70 on-ramp at Silverthorne (Exit 205). Potholes form where on-ramp lanes join I-70 because of current traffic patterns. Upgrading the bridge deck will improve safety and minimize pot holes from developing.

“Addressing the delamination on the bridge decks is an important part of improving the motorist experience and maintaining this popular section of I-70,” said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew. “We’re looking forward to conducting repairs with a new class of concrete that provides better bonding strength will lessen overall maintenance and further road damage.”

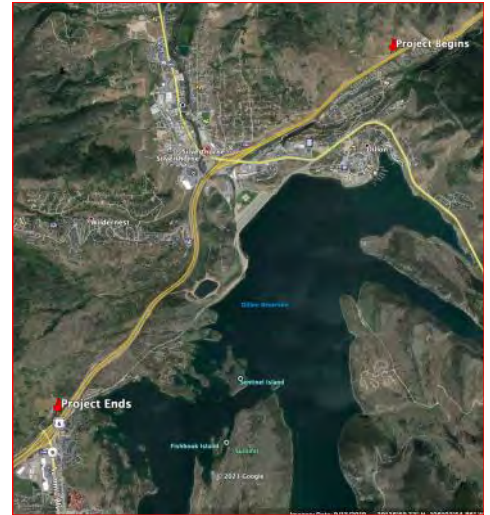
Repairs will improve the bridges’ integrity and longevity. The full extent of work will be known once the asphalt is removed and the existing concrete is tested for soundness.

Guardrails will also see upgrades on this project, with new features that help prevent future slope erosion. Approximately 15,402 linear feet will be removed and replaced throughout the project.

#### Travel Impacts

Minimizing impacts to visitors and residents has been considered in the planning stage, therefore, work will take place from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., starting on Monday nights and ending Friday mornings. Weekend work is not anticipated although schedules are subject to change. While work is underway, only one westbound lane will remain open for motorists. Delays may be possible during heavier traffic hours. Bridge deck work could require additional closures.

**Stay Informed on I-70 Repaving Project** The public is encouraged to sign-up for email updates through <http://subscription.cotrip.org> or more information can be accessed through the following resources:



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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM TO OPEN MONDAY, MAY 3

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Montrose County Historical Society Museum will open Monday, May 3 to visitors and local citizens. While the pandemic seems to be easing with vaccinations, caution will be observed as people visit the museum. Social distancing, hand sanitizer, and masks will continue to be encouraged and available. The entire museum displays will be open. Volunteers working in the office area may observe the relaxed protocols as health and personal comfort allows.

The museum will be offering a varied schedule this year with the advent of monthly members only Thursday afternoons, Montrose day at the museum and the return of the popular ghost walks and a cemetery in the fall. Montrose youth appreciation day will return again this season. The door opens daily at 10 am and close at 5 pm. Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm. Admission is \$8 adult, \$4 students, and military. Several items have QR code signs attached linking a You-Tube video of the artifact or machine in operation. Cell

phone QR code readers will access the video. A limited number of tablets will be available upon request.

Society monthly meetings will return as well, as Covid protocols allow larger groups to meet with social distancing and mask regulations dictate. Meetings will return to Friendship Hall, the Pioneer Room the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. The date and program for the first meeting will be announced in the local media and to by e-mail to members having that capability.



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# SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

## ONGOING-

**NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP** will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the PIC Place 5:30-7pm. Please call Kathy at 520-282-9060 for more information.

**MONTROSE FARMERS' MARKET** is a gathering of vendors selling local fruit, vegetables, meat, crafts, and more. **Date and time:** Alternate Saturdays from 10 am-1 pm—every other weekend starting Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 2021

**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

**April 29**-Greater Montrose Chamber of Commerce Grand Opening @ Montrose County Events Center, 5 to 7 p.m. Ribbon cutting, vendor displays, giveaways, cocktails, food!

**May 3**-The Giving Club will meet at the Bridges at 5:30 p.m. After four years and one quarter, The Giving Club has given to local nonprofits a total of \$217,000. To donate on May 3 please bring \$100 per person.

**May 3**-The Montrose County Historical Society Museum will open Monday, May 3 to visitors and local citizens. While the pandemic seems to be easing with vaccinations, caution will be observed as people visit the museum. Social distancing, hand sanitizer, and masks will continue to be encouraged and available. The entire museum displays will be open. The door opens daily at 10 am and close at 5 pm. Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm. Admission is \$8 adult, \$4 students, and military. Society monthly meetings will return as well, as Covid protocols allow larger groups to meet with social distancing and mask regulations dictate. Meetings will return to Friendship Hall, the Pioneer Room the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.

**May 4**-The San Juan Nonprofit Council announces a workshop, "Deconstructing Equity," taking place via zoom on Tuesday, May 4, from 9-11 a.m. Presenting will be Dr. Nita Mosby-Tyler, founder of The Equity Project in Denver. Registration is \$25 and attendance will be limited, so we encourage early registration. If you wish to register, email [mar-yo@cfigv.org](mailto:mar-yo@cfigv.org) and she will send you the registration link.

**May 6**-Virtual QPR Suicide Prevention, Thursday, May 6, 2021, Noon to 1:30 pm. This class covers the three steps (question, persuade, refer) that anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. It is based on the QPR Institute's industry-leading approach to suicide prevention. Trainees receive a QPR booklet and wallet card as a review and resource tool that includes local referral resources within one hour before training via email.

Limited to 20 people. Register at: <https://www.centermh.org/classes/>

**May 14**-FAB Conference & Awards. For, about, and by women. 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Holiday Inn Montrose. Call 970-765-0913 for more information. [Hello@ourtownmatters.net](mailto:Hello@ourtownmatters.net)

**May 20-Bike to Work Day**- Bike into San Juan Brews on Thursday, May 20, between 7a and 9a to receive a free drip coffee (sponsored by San Juan Brews) and a free breakfast burrito (sponsored by Alpine Bank).

<https://www.facebook.com/events/477885790067864>

**May 21**-The Montrose High School Baccalaureate will be Friday, May 21 at 4:30 p.m., at Grace Community Church in Montrose (16731 Woodgate Road).

**May 26-Full Moon Cruiser Ride**- Join MABA at Rotary Park (by Columbine Middle School) for an evening cruiser ride beginning at 6:30p. We will embark on a ride around town and then return to the park where individuals over the age of 21 are able to enjoy non-glass container beverages of choice. The theme is Mustache Ride.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/486435319068648>

**June 3**- Virtual QPR Suicide Prevention Noon to 1: 30 p.m. This class covers the three steps (question, persuade, refer) that anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. It is based on the QPR Institute's industry-leading approach to suicide prevention. Trainees receive a QPR booklet and wallet card as a review and resource tool that includes local referral resources within one hour before training via email. Limited to 20 people. Register at: <https://www.centermh.org/classes/>

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## WINDS WHIP DITCH FIRE INTO BLAZE APRIL 19

*Photo by Carole A. McKelvey*  
MONTROSE-A fire set to remove debris from some ditches between Hwy 50 (east) and the end of Hillcrest got out of control on Monday, April 19, briefly threatening nearby homes in the sparsely populated area. At points winds whipped the blaze into a 6' wall of flames. Montrose firefighters responded to the call and controlled the fire. Nearby residents said this was the 3rd time this year firefighters had knocked down blazes in the area just east of the City of Montrose. Smoke from the fire was visible from near Olathe into Montrose on Hwy 50/Townsend. A firetruck is visible on the left of the blaze in the photo.



## THE STARS HAVE ALIGNED...FOR BUSINESS SELLERS, BUYERS & LENDERS!

### Federal Relief Expected to Re-Ignite Urgency and Demand

The CARES Act Debt Relief Program, which allows business buyers to take advantage of an SBA loan, has been extended under the Consolidated Appropriations Act. Keep reading to learn why this extension is great news for entrepreneurs looking to buy or sell a business.

#### Prospective buyers have even more leverage with an SBA loan:

- ★ **6 months of SBA loan payment forgiveness** for loans closed after February 1, 2021. This includes principal and interest up to a maximum of \$9,000 per month.
- ★ **The SBA is waiving the guaranty fee charged to lenders** and passed on to borrowers. This fee is typically around 3% and is now zero for loans closed after February 1, 2021.
- ★ **The SBA is increasing the loan guarantee to lenders** from 75% to 90%, which decreases risk to lenders. Along with new wording allowing lenders to adjust for temporary COVID-19 downturns, lenders should be able to take on additional risk. It is important to note the minimum buyer down payment of 10% remains unchanged.

#### Business owners considering selling their business benefit from the current market conditions:

- ★ **There are many more buyers than sellers.** Buyer activity is at record levels, according to BizBuySell's Insight Report, while supply is limited. With this dynamic, businesses are selling at record prices, exceeding pre-pandemic levels.
- ★ **SBA-financed buyers are able to take advantage** of significant benefits and are likely to outbid cash buyers seeking discounted prices.
- ★ **Further guidance** for PPP loan forgiveness and tax reporting has been released so the seller does not need to worry about a PPP loan liability. The loan forgiveness process for first draw and second draw PPP loans less than \$150,000 is greatly simplified and provides full tax deductibility of business expenses on forgiven PPP loans.

**In addition to the benefits for business buyers and sellers, the stars have also aligned for SBA lenders!**

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