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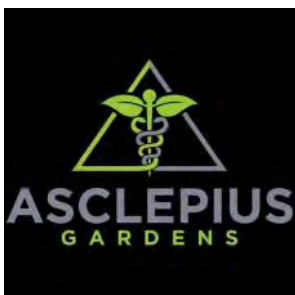
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WITH OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES TO DATE OF \$11,526,966, MURA BOARD APPROVES \$1.1M PROMISSORY NOTE WITH CITY



During the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) Board of Commissioners meeting on October 7, 2021, Colorado Mayfly Outdoors developer David Dragoo (top right) updated the commission on the Flex Building Project. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

The Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA)

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 Justice Center on the north and West Main on the South, is being developed by the Dragoo'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

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BOCC HONORS 4H PROGRAM, APPROVES SUBGRANTEE AGREEMENT WITH MADA

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Honoring a mentoring program that has produced young leaders across the nation since its inception, the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) declared Oct. 3-9 to be 4H Week in Montrose County during the regular BOCC meeting of Wednesday, Oct. 6. The County also approved a sub-grantee agreement with the non-profit Mexican American Development Association (MADA) to renovate the kitchen space at MADA and expand use of the event space for community gatherings.

BOCC Chair Sue Hansen and Commissioner Roger Rash were present for the meeting, along with County Manager Jon Waschbusch and relevant staff. BOCC Vice Chair Keith Caddy was absent.

Hansen welcomed all to the meeting; Pasto Karl Leuthauser of Grace Community Church delivered the invocation.

Leuthauser read a passage from *Romans V*, "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character, and character



CSU 4H Youth Development Extension Agent Jaime Goza and 4Her Dakota Dunn address the BOCC.

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CITY OFFICES TO CLOSE ON COLUMBUS DAY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — In observance of Columbus Day, Montrose City Hall, Municipal Court, Animal Shelter, Visitor Center, Public Works, Montrose Pavilion, and Police Department offices will close Monday, Oct. 11.

The Black Canyon Golf Course will remain open all day. Police Department offices will be closed, however, officers will be on duty and responding to calls.

Trash collection services that would normally occur on Monday, Oct. 11, will be on Tuesday Oct. 12 and Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Residences located south of San Juan Avenue that are normally on Monday's trash collection route will be served Tuesday, Oct. 12. Residences located north of San Juan Avenue that are normally on Monday's route will be served Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Recycling routes will also be adjusted by shifting collection services normally scheduled for Monday, Oct. 11 to occur Friday, Oct. 15.

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RE-1J BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE FORUM OCT. 18

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MONTROSE-The League of Women Voters of the Uncompahgre Valley and the Uncompahgre Valley Education Association (UVEA) are co-sponsoring a candidate forum for the Montrose County Board of Education. The forum will be held Monday, Oct. 18, 2021, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Ute Indian Museum, 17253 Chipeta Road, Montrose, CO. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Masks are recommended. Linda Gann (League member) will moderate the forum. Questions will be taken from the audience. Candidates include: District A – Jeff Bachman, District C – Andrew Neal and Alice Murphy, District E – Cortney Loyd and Sarah Fishering, District F – Dawn Schieldt and Eric Kelley, and District G – Stephen Bush.

For more information about the candidates see the Montrose County School District Board of Education Elections website: <https://www.mcscd.org/BoardElections.aspx>



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OPINION/EDITORIAL:LETTERS

ELECT ERIC KELLEY TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Editor:

Eric Kelley is running to continue serving on the Montrose County School Board and is an outstanding choice for our votes. Eric was appointed to his current position two years ago and has gained an understanding of what Board responsibilities are and what they are not. He serves on the facilities/master capital plan com-

mittee and has a thorough understanding of district policies and functions. He has learned that his job is not to micro manage school personnel but to insure that there are competent people in positions of authority and to support those officials as they work together for the good of our schools. His mantra is "doing what's best for all children". Eric is a Colorado native,

married to wife Audra for 23 years, father of a sophomore at Montrose High and a freshman at CMU, and has operated his barber business, Kelley's Kuts, in our town since 2007. If you have visited his shop at 4 Brown Road you will know that he is proud of his six years in the United States Army. His patriotism is on display in his collection of military memorabilia. His dad was a barber before him and instilled conservative values and a solid work ethic in Eric. He has no hidden agenda and only seeks to serve our schools to the best of his ability for the next four years. I sincerely hope that you will help me elect this fine man to our School Board.

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BLM SUPPORTS GUNNISON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT'S RESPONSE CAPABILITIES

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Bureau of Land Management Southwest Colorado Fire and Aviation Management Unit transferred a Type VI wildland fire engine to Gunnison County Fire Protection District to enhance their wildland firefighting capabilities. A type VI engine is one of the most common tools deployed in wildland fire response because of its versatility, off-road capabilities, and ability to transport 320 gallons of water and five firefighters. The engine was transferred under BLM's new Rural Fire Readiness program, which is designed to provide equipment to local wildland firefighting partners at no cost.

"The BLM has a productive relationship Gunnison County Fire Protection District, and we cooperate regularly to suppress fires that threaten communities, property and natural resources," said Brandon Lewis, BLM Fire Management Officer. "This fire engine will improve Gunnison County Fire Protection District's overall effectiveness in suppressing wildland fires on private, state and federal lands."

Cooperative partnerships between the BLM and local and rural fire departments are crucial to remote wildfire response on private, state, and federal lands affecting grazing, recreation, wildlife, and other values important to local economies. Every year, an average of 4,553 wildfires burn approximately 131,016 acres of land in Colorado. The BLM often works closely with cooperators to suppress wildfires in southwest Colorado.

To receive wildland firefighting vehicles, equipment and supplies through the Rural Fire Readiness program, local fire departments must meet the following requirements:

- Have an existing cooperative fire response agreement with the BLM
- Serve a rural community or area
- Have wildland fire protection responsibilities

Be near BLM-administered lands and respond to wildland fires in support of BLM when available

The BLM accepts applications from local fire departments for available vehicles, equipment, and supplies and typically

transfers excess items to local fire departments during fall and winter months, prior to the next fire season.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

VOTE FOR THOSE WHO MOST REPRESENT OUR GRASS ROOTS

Dear Concerned Citizens of Montrose, CO:

It's exciting to see members of our community get more involved in expressing desires for representation of our children, through our local school board! I'm encouraging citizens to vote for those who most represent our grass roots!

Political agendas do not belong in the classroom.

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Parents need their voices heard!

NO!! to democratic agendas that force and mandate. They have no place in our schools and are not Constitutional.

I also encourage you to ask the opposing Candidates (Alice Murphy and Sarah Fishering) who is supporting them, like the Democratic party?? Every candidate comes with an agenda, but what agenda do they bring?

My endorsement is to vote for our three Conservative Candidates who have volunteered to step up to the plate to represent our children. I am proud to give my votes to:

Cortney Loyd

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GMUG ANNOUNCES FOREST WIDE PILE BURNING PROJECTS

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DELTA-Fire Management Officials from the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests have announced plans to initiate the burning of slash piles over the next few months. The slash piles are the result of multiple fuels reductions and hazardous tree removal projects. Most of the pile burns will occur between mid-October through December, pending

favorable weather.

Slash piles have been created to remove debris and vegetation (fuels) to help reduce the risk of larger wildfires. The piles are burned in project areas where other means of disposal were not feasible. The public is reminded not to call 911 or emergency services if smoke is visible in specific burn areas. Slash piles areas and possible dates will be posted on the [GMUG Fire](#)



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"Cutting a Christmas tree on a National Forest has been a treasured tradition for

many Coloradans," said Chad Stewart, Forest Supervisor for the GMUG. "For families creating new traditions, a trip to their local National Forest to cut their own tree may be a thrilling experience as they discover the joy of adventuring out together into the forest."

The Forest Service will continue offering online permit sales through [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) for the 2021 season. In person transactions may be available depending upon the ranger district. For more infor-



Photo credit: GMUG NFs

mation on office hours and walk-in service options visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/gmug>.

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 log in to a [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) account to complete the transaction.

Cutting a Christmas Tree improves forest health. The permit system helps to thin densely populated strands of small-diameter trees. Local forest health experts identify areas that benefit from thinning trees that tend to be the perfect size for Christmas trees. Removing these trees in designated areas helps other trees grow larger and can open areas that provide forage for wildlife.

For more information on current fire restrictions, conditions and recreation opportunities, visit the [forest website](https://www.westslopefireinformation.com) or www.westslopefireinformation.com. Connect with us or follow us on social media ([Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)).



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

SUPPORT DAWN SCHIELDT FOR RE-1J DISTRICT F SEAT

Editor:

I am writing to voice my support for Dawn Schieldt as candidate for the District F seat on the RE-1J Board of Education. I have known Dawn personally for many years and know her to be a strong, courageous, and caring advocate and teacher for children. She has served in many capacities in leadership for children's activities in all kinds of settings, in our church and in the community as well. She is a great team member and will carefully consider differ-

ent aspects of the issues before her, and is not afraid to voice her approval or disapproval of considerations brought forward. She would be a hard-working, dependable, reasonable, and responsible member of the school board. I know that, without a doubt, she would be a great protector and provider for the good of the educational training of our children, while recognizing that education of children is basically a responsibility of their parents. Parents, not educators, should be leading school

districts in the direction we want our kids educated. Our nation is in desperate need of God, good basic education, and critical thinking, as well as a respect for history and our country. I am excited to see Dawn and other conservative candidates seeking a seat on the school board, as I think our present school board is leading our school district far away from traditional teaching to pushing agendas that are of great concern to parents in our area.

Janet Gray, Montrose



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CREDENTIALS AND CRITICAL THINKING ARE IMPORTANT FOR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES; PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK

Editor:

I keep seeing letters to the editor that argue the only meaningful qualification for the school board is to be a parent. Isn't that a bit like saying, "I have a sink, toilet, hot water heater and a furnace; therefore, I am a master plumber?"

Being a parent does not automatically make you an education and curriculum expert. I taught public school for 22 years. Lately, I have been thinking about the great parents I worked with on behalf of their children and the far too many parents who were the opposite of great parents and role models. I am remembering the mother who was yelling at the office staff in front of her child, saying she couldn't afford to make her child a lunch for a field trip. I was observing a pack of cigarettes in her shirt pocket and a top-of-the-line smart phone in her hand. I have far

too many personal stories about parents who neglected or abused their kids and in other ways were not good parents. Are they qualified to be on the school board by virtue of being parents?

I can tell you the type of person I wanted to be on the school board when I was teaching.

I wanted someone who would let me do my job, give me the materials I needed, and support me when the occasional unreasonable, unaware or irrational parent wanted me to be fired. I wanted someone who understood that critical thinking comes not from narrowing a child's exposure to information, but by expanding it. I wanted someone capable of seeing the big picture (not just bits and pieces where there was some personal agenda) and who consistently enforced the separation of church and state. I

wanted school board members who had a background where critical thinking was required along with a generous amount of common sense. They needed to be laser focused on the mission, with student needs always the first consideration. Experience really does matter.

Speaking of experience, Mr. Eric Kelly and Ms. Sarah Fishering are currently serving on the school board and have proven their worth. They should be reelected. Ms. Alice Murphy has stellar credentials and would be a wonderful addition to our school board.

Please take the time to look at the credentials of each candidate. It will become apparent who has the expertise to take on the challenging and important job of overseeing the education of our children. Respectfully submitted,
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DELTA COUNTY COVID-19 DATA DASHBOARD CHANGES

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County Health Department will no longer offer a daily update on COVID-19 via the COVID-19 dashboard; rather, it will provide a weekly update each Monday in a news release, and on social media, beginning on Monday, October 18, 2021.

The Delta County COVID-19 Dashboard has been a way for community members to track COVID-19 case numbers, hospitalizations, and the weekly positivity rate in Delta County. Despite misinformation circulating, and the potential threat of an ethics violation being filed, Delta County's COVID-19 Dashboard's total case count continues to match the State's total for Delta County, on their data dashboard. "The dashboard has become less necessary now that the state is tracking more local information", said Environmental Health Director Greg Rajnowski. "Any insinuation that Delta County Health Department is underreporting daily COVID-19 cases is baseless. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) can add or delete the State data at any time, and without explaining the specific reasoning behind it. At the end of the day, this is CDPHE's data; Delta County Health Department doesn't have the time or manpower to proof the data that comes from the State, there are no adjustments, and our methods have remained consistent throughout the pandemic."

"The bottom line is that there continues to be widespread community transmission in Delta County and Colorado as a whole", said Delta County Administrator Robbie LeValley. "Delta County Health Department has done an excellent job in providing information as to how to combat COVID-19 with the following measures: get vaccinated, stay home if you are sick, get tested if you are not feeling well or have been exposed to known COVID positive individual, and wear a mask in large groups – especially if you are not vaccinated. Going forward, Delta County will release the numbers of cases that we obtain from the state once a week."

Delta Health will continue to provide hospitalization information that will be included in the weekly update. "We have seen a

bit of an uptick in COVID-19 positive cases in the hospital recently," said Delta Health's Chief Clinical Officer Jody Roeber, "We aren't yet at the point of critical concern for hospital capacity, but we are keenly aware of how Mesa and Montrose Counties' hospitals' capacity impacts ours, and we are in constant communication with them, as well as all of our regional partners."

For information on where to get a COVID-19 test visit www.deltacounty.com.

If you have not been vaccinated yet, or are need of a booster vaccine, PLEASE schedule your vaccine appointment NOW, at

any one of the COVID-19 vaccine providers here:

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and character hope, and hope does not disappoint.”

He thanked commissioners for their endurance and prayed for their growth. “Father we thank you for our leaders, we thank you for their wisdom, we thank you for their endurance...I thank you for how they have served...so much really of what they do is who they are becoming...Lord let hope rise in their hearts, let hope continue...”

All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Colorado State University 4H Youth Development Extension Agent for Montrose and Ouray counties Jaime Goza and a 4H participant named Dakota Dunn stepped forward to thank the commissioners for their continued support. “We have 222 4H members in Montrose along with 67 leaders and volunteers—it’s a great program,” Goza said, noting that Dakota is involved in swine, rocketry, and dog shows.

Dunn said, “Thank you guys for all the support you guys give us in allowing us to have it in Montrose County.”

Said Hansen, “We love the Fair, we love 4H, and we’d love to see that grow, we’re happy to see that grow, we happy to have you on board, Jaime.”

Rash said, “I’ve seen your livestock...very impressive. Thank you and thank all the volunteers that helped make this happen. It’s a great program, and it gives kids a feeling of community and leadership, and all the things that are so important to our community, so thank you.”

Commissioners took time for a photo with Goza and Dunn.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Jon Waschbusch had one change to the meeting agenda. Item C-3 (Consideration and possible action on a sub-grantee agreement with the Mexican American Development Association (MADA)) was moved from the Consent Agenda to General Business & Administrative items.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners voted to approve Consent Agenda items as amended. Resolution No. 41-2021, 42-2021, and 43-2021 were as-



MADA volunteers Bethany Maher (right) and Kathy Cordova (left) spoke about the changes taking place at the Mexican American Development Association (MADA).

signed to Consent Agenda items 9, 10 and 11.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Goza read a Proclamation declaring Oct. 3 -9 as 4H Week in Montrose County. The proclamation notes that 4H is delivered by Cooperative Extension – a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing hands-on projects in areas including health, science, agriculture, and citizenship.

“We really value 4H in the community,” Hansen said. “We’d love to see it grow and expand to as many kids as we can possibly get...we’re a partner and we will help do anything we can do.”

Goza thanked the BOCC for their support. Commissioners voted to accept the proclamation.

Montrose Regional Airport Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold presented for consideration and possible action a Notice of Award to Williams Construction Contractors for the construction of long term and rental car parking lots in the amount of

\$3,344,995.20. The proposal received three responses; bids were opened Oct. 1 in a public bid opening at Montrose Regional Airport. Commissioners voted to approve the award.

The new parking lots will add 570 new public parking spaces. The project will be done in two phases, with road base added before the busy season begins around Dec. 14, and completion expected in the spring, Arnold said. “We do anticipate starting this in a couple weeks.”

“That will be a welcome addition, thank you,” Hansen said.

Said Rash, “...I am excited to get this done. We definitely need more parking out there.”

County Attorney Marti Whitmore discussed a resolution establishing the county’s participation in the national opioid settlement through the State of Colorado, and establishment of the Regional Council with other participating local governments. There are documents that need to be signed, she said. Montrose County is authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the regional council if requested. Hansen

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and County Human Services Director Jennifer Sherwood will be the voting members on the regional council for Montrose County.

The regional council will serve the counties of Region 10 including Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Ouray, Hinsdale, and San Miguel Counties.

"...It's a really great opportunity to address this growing addiction problem," Hansen said, "and it won't be limited to opioid because in Montrose County our particular addictions are not necessarily opioid, they are other substances—meth and Fentanyl now, we are seeing more of that...it's like herding cats getting all the counties together."

Rash thanked Hansen for her work on the issue. "...She's been very diligent in staying abreast of this very complicated process that we've gone through to get to this point. There's still a lot of unanswered questions. It will be an honor to have her on that board. Her and Jen will make good decisions for us and for our region...we really need to have a solution for these folks who are suffering from these addictions in our region, and we don't have that right now..."

. Commissioners voted to approve Resolution 44-2021.

MADA volunteers Bethany Maher and Kathy Cordova were present on behalf of the organization, which has recently re-

structured to better serve the community. Maher helped MADA apply for the Rural Economic Development Initiative program (REDI) grant, and Cordova is president of the MADA board.

Maher thanked the board for their assistance with the grant application.

"...Our plan is to renovate the kitchen space at MADA," she said, "and there's a large event space as well. Our hope is to utilize that kitchen to get people from their kitchens to the market, essentially, and also for community use—birthday parties, baby showers, things like that...we are actually already using it for meetings."

The space will be available for public and non-profit use, Maher said.

"We're proud of you. We're glad you got the grant. The transition of MADA's been remarkable," Hansen said. "You guys deserve a ton of credit for putting a lot of hours and time into it. I know it was agonizing for a while there."

"It's still agonizing," Cordova said. "We're still working on it...so anything we can get to help in renovation and make it better, a better community center, is always helpful to us."

"We just really appreciate your help."

"I think it's great. And anytime we can pull some of these grant funds into our community, it's a win-win," Rash said.

"Thank you guys for working so hard on

that, and good luck in having a very successful operation there."

Commissioners voted to approve the subgrantee agreement with MADA.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Commissioners approved five minor subdivisions:

- The Red Fox Minor Subdivision proposal to divide three lots from a 52.16 acre parcel at 17704 6300 Road;
- The Kearny Minor Subdivision proposal to divide two lots from an 80-acre parcel at 18425 6600 Road;
- The Willow Minor Subdivision proposal to divide a 6.26 acre lot into two lots at 10145 6400 Road;
- The Threeg Minor Subdivision proposal to divide one lot from a 44-acre parcel at 58630 HWY 50; and
- The Carlson Minor Subdivision proposal to divide a 10.28-acre lot into two lots at 18797 HWY 550.

Also approved were a dedication of right-of-way along LaSalle Road and Marine Road by River Meadows West LLC and a proposal by Prestige Valley Estates for an extension of time period to file a final plat.

The BOCC entered Executive Session with the County Attorney, County Manager, and Director of Aviation for legal advice pertaining to contracts at the Airport. No decisions were made.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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DESPITE PREVIOUSLY APPROVING A PLAN FOR BOTANIC GARDENS, CITY DEMANDS THAT MONTROSE BOTANICAL SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS CREATE NEW SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ENTIRE 12.3 ACRE PAVILION SITE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Only two councilors were present when the Montrose City Council met for a work session with key staff on Monday, Oct. 4. Present were Mayor Doug Glaspell and Councilor J. David Reed. Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank, Councilor Anthony Russo, and Councilor Barbara Bynum were absent.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

Council had interviews scheduled with Historic Preservation Commission Applicants Jon Horn, Amanda Lloyd, Danielle Godt, and Jeremy Omvig.

Horn is presently on the Historic Preservation Commission, which he has chaired since it was formed in 2018. He and his wife own a Downtown building, and he is a "mostly retired" archeologist. He discussed some of the commission's projects, which include designation of historic properties. "All of the projects owned by the City are now listed," Horn said, adding that some buildings owned by others, including the Potato Growers Building, the Missouri Building and the Buddeke & Diehl Building, are listed as well.

"We're hoping that we'll get More properties listed," he said.

Each year the Historic Preservation Commission is able to apply for a grant of \$25K. "It's Park Service money that comes to us by way of History Colorado," Horn said. "We were able to use that money initially to do a historic preservation plan. "So we have that (plan) available for the public to look at," Horn said. "It's kind of our guiding document for how we're moving forward."

The first priority was to evaluate the historical significance of the Tortilla Flats Neighborhood.

"We thought that was an important area to look at first," Horn said, "because of the development that's going nearby and the likelihood that the neighborhood is going to be changing. We have a contractor that is doing oral interviews and looking at properties there...hopefully they identify



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some way that we can have some kind of a historic designation for that neighborhood that will hopefully bring some money towards the neighborhood...I think the most important thing is to give recognition to the historical importance of that community to the Town of Montrose."

The Historic Preservation Plan is a 10 to 20-year plan, he said.

Glaspell asked about the age that allows a property to be designated as historic, and Councilor Reed thanked Horn for his service.

Amanda Lloyd is also a serving member of the Historic Preservation Commission and attended the Saving Places Conference in Denver in 2020 on behalf of the commission. She was appearing for her interview by video, but there as there were technical difficulties her interview was postponed for another time.

Retired Architect Danielle Godt is a current member of the Historic Preservation Commission as well. She has lived in Montrose for two years and has served on the commission for two years. "I think our history is important," Godt said. "I think saving our buildings is important. We live in such a disposable society that even our history has become disposable. But it's who we were—if we don't know who we were, how can we know where we're go-

ing?"

Omvig has been in Montrose for ten or 12 years and has worked as an archeologist for the past 30 years. He presently works for the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) though he previously worked for Horn's company. Historic preservation works best at a community level, Omvig said.

"...Where you have the opportunity to kind of dictate or direct your attentions and what things are important to the community rather than being more reactive...a lot of cultural resources are done in response to cultural resources law...with the commission you have the opportunity to really decide what is important to you and preserve things ahead of time and be proactive."

Following the interviews, Mayor Glaspell thanked the applicants.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council heard a presentation on the recently completed childcare needs assessment, with Consultant Mollie Fitzpatrick, Manager of Root Policy Research.

Background-A memo from Community Engagement Specialist Ross Valdez to Council states, "On Feb. 2, 2021, City Council decided to partner with the Uncompahgre Valley Alliance by contributing funding alongside Montrose County and

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and the Montrose County School District to conduct a Childcare Needs Assessment. The Montrose Childcare Needs Assessment describes current and future needs for childcare including parent preferences and needs. After collecting more than 700 survey responses, the Uncompahgre Valley Alliance is providing an executive summary of the results and findings from the survey to the City Council today."

In addition to discussing the results of the needs assessment (previously reported in the Mirror) Fitzpatrick provided a one-page summary of the information (see graphic).

Valdez also presented Council with an updated lease agreement with the Montrose Botanical Society for use of the Montrose Botanical Gardens, though the society is just midway through a 50-year lease.

Background-A memo from Valdez to Council states, "The City of Montrose ("City") leases the property located at 1800 Pavilion Drive ("Botanic Garden") to the Montrose Botanical Society ("MBS"). The City and MBS entered into the current fifty-year lease in 1996 and it expires in 2046. City Council is considering a new 25-year lease which will expire in 2046 with changes that reflect the current state of the Botanic Garden, its use, and the City's support. The MBS utilizes the property for the Botanic Gardens. The Botanic Gardens are an area for demonstration, education, and leisure.

Notable changes include the following:

- Clarification of guidelines surrounding approval of improvements on the property to align with other City-owned properties.
- Addition and recognition of a Conceptual Master Plan, including requirement of City Council approval before implementation of Conceptual Master Plan components, including an environmental education center and other improvements.
- Commitment from the City for treated water as well as irrigation water in support of the Botanic Garden.
- Description of fee-based use of the Botanic Gardens to include rentals as well as

photography sessions.

-The Botanic Garden is for the free enjoyment of the public.

-Definition of the View Corridor as well as the MBS's obligation to preserve it.

-In the event the Montrose Botanical Society is no longer able to lease the property, the City would maintain it."

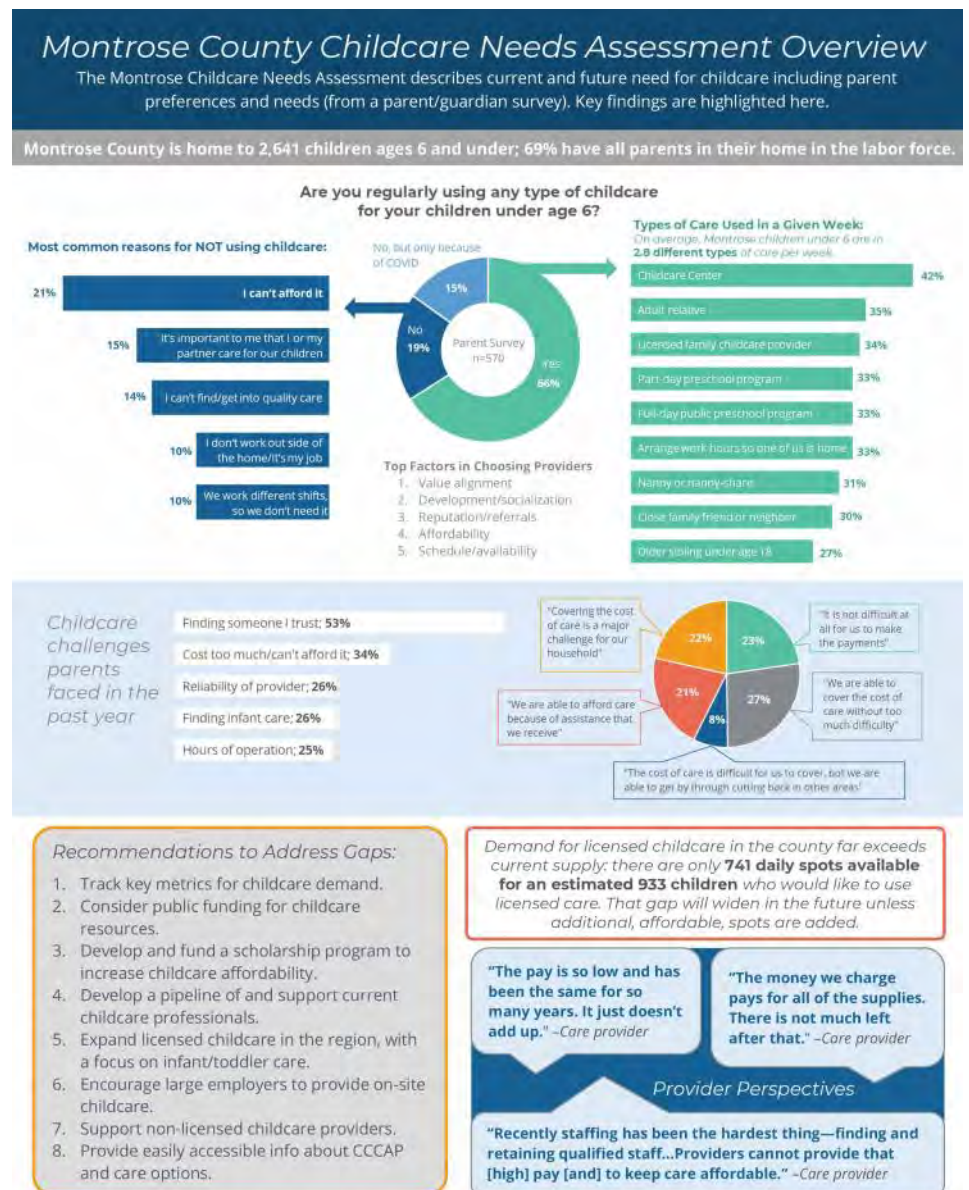
Valdez explained the reasons for the changes. "We want this lease to better reflect all of the growth that the Botanic Gardens has experienced over the last 25 years and their plans for future growth as

well as expansion of the services that they offer in the community."

A master plan is attached to the lease, he said, and thanked the Montrose Botanical Society for their work on the master plan.

Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler introduced members of the Montrose Botanical Society.

"They have a lot of big things planned and so we all as staff just wanted to make sure that council is aware of all those plans so you're not surprised by the exciting things that start happening at the gardens and



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and that they have the opportunity to share those with you and then formally get support of Council as they move forward through what will be years in the making of the grant plan," Morgenthaler said.

Montrose Botanical Society President Lorraine Shide thanked Valdez for his help with a situation she called "very frustrating." Joining Shide was fellow board member Rob Clapper.

"We came to City Council about two and a half years ago, and we presented our master plan then," Shide said. "But evidently new staff felt that it had to be approved by the Council.

"And actually, we involved city staff in designing the conceptual plan two years ago."

Former City staffer Virgil Turner worked with the society and the landscape architect to create the plan. "He actually directed where a lot of things went on the conceptual plan," Shide said.

Still, "We also understand change and how we need to work together to move forward," Shide said. "We are very thankful that we are going to be able to continue our 25 more years of lease, even though it's a little different. We feel there's some really good changes and guarantees for the gardens in there as well as for the city."

The Montrose Botanical Society is now waiting for the building permits. "We submitted them months ago," Shide said. "We understand we had to go through actually not only the lease agreement but also a new site development plan for the whole 12.3 acres that includes the Pavilion. So we were a little flabbergasted."

Shide thanked planning department staff and Valdez for their help. "We're really close...hopefully we can get our buildings that we had to go up in June and July before the snow flies...we're thrilled to be able to continue our volunteer efforts with the City...Thank you...we're all volunteers. It's hard work."

Utilities Manager David Bries presented information on 2021 Sanitary Sewer Cured

in Place Pipe (CIPP) Bid Award Recommendation.

Background- A memo from Bries to Council states, "As a part of the City of Montrose routine sewer line inspections, the City utility crews identify critical sewers that are candidates for CIPP to restore their structural integrity. The lines for this year's project are mostly Vitrified Clay Pipes (VCP) that have deteriorated and have higher maintenance costs due to the condition of the line segments. This year's list is focused on Townsend Avenue from Poplar Street to Main street. CDOT is planning on resurfacing Townsend Avenue over the next couple years. CIPP is a process of installing a new pipe within a pipe using the existing pipe as the form, thus restoring the structural integrity of the pipe. This project was advertised as a renewable contract and formal bids were received on Sept. 9, 2020. One bid was received from Insituform Technologies, LLC of Chesterfield, Missouri in the amount of \$191,933."

The project is scheduled to be completed by Dec. 31.

Glaspell and Reed took a five-minute break before proceeding with discussions of the Birch Street Bridge Replacement Project Contract Award and the Landscaping Services Contract Award. Recommendation. City Engineer Scott Murphy presented information on award of a construction contract to Oldcastle SW Group in the amount of \$447,976.38 for the Birch Street Bridge.

Background- A memo from Murphy to Council states, "Birch Street is a City right-of-way that crosses over the Loutsenhizer Canal...over the years, the bridge's abutments and supporting foundations have become undermined and supporting soils are eroding away. This undermining has advanced enough that replacement of the bridge is now warranted. The City is looking to replace the existing bridge with an aluminum box culvert similar to those present on City rights of way over the Loutsenhizer Canal at Otter, Niagara, Sunnyside, and Miami roads. The project

will also replace an undersized and aged waterline and failed sewerline beneath the bridge. Similar to the design for Otter Road, the Birch Street replacement project was designed in house by the City's engineering department."

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid presented information on a Landscape Services Contract award recommendation to the present contractor, S&E Ward's Landscaping Management Inc., at an annual cost of \$65,007.

Background- A memo from Scheid to Council states, "The City's Facility Division contracts the landscaping services for the following City Facilities; Pavilion, Animal Services, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the Civic Campus. The City's Landscaping Services contract expired earlier this year and was issued as an RFP to renew our contract and to allow for competition in the award process. The City of Montrose received three bids to provide landscaping services at a total of nine city facilities through the formal invitation to bid process. Proposals were evaluated based on reference checks, thoroughness of information provided, and price. As per city municipal code, local preferences were applied at five percent for Greenway Pro Chem Lawn and Jamaican Me Crazy Yard Service and three percent for S&E Ward's Landscaping Mgmt. Inc."

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo presented a request for a special Events Alcohol Permit for the Envision Block 93 Block Party on Oct. 21.

Background- A memo from DelPiccolo to Council notes "The City of Montrose Development and Revitalization Team (DART) has applied for a Special Events Permit to sell and serve alcohol during the Envision Block 93 - A Montrose Block Party event on Thursday, Oct. 21. As part of this event, the Block 93 alley will be closed from Townsend to Cascade Avenue."

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Glaspell said that they had had a great City employee golf tournament. "I don't think that I won, again...it was a

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a great turnout, we had a great time.”

Morgenthaler said, “We’re excited about the first event at the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater coming up this weekend.” The event is not free to the public, but ticketed, she said.

Police Chief Blaine Hall said that the department continues to seek the individual or group of individuals in a gray, newer

model Jeep Wrangler who shot a local juvenile with a pellet gun. “We’re really looking for any information that the public may have.” The number for Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers is 970-249-8500. Hall said that concrete will be poured for stairwells and the second deck for the new public safety facility. There will be a steel-topping party Oct. 20, he said, add-

ing that the party is not open to the public.

IT Manager Greg Story said that the City is placing a new camera on top of the water tower on Sunset Mesa; the camera is expected to be operational by the first quarter of 2022.

With no further business Glaspell closed the work session.

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nated Election. Ballots must be mailed between October 8 and October 15 but voters can request to have a ballot mailed to them as late as October 25.

“Once again, it is time for Coloradans to make our voices heard,” said Secretary of State Jena Griswold. “This election is another opportunity for us to demonstrate our excellent election process which prioritizes both access and security.”

Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPCs) will be open on Monday, October 25, for early voting. This year, 405 drop boxes and 147 VSPCs will be available statewide for Colorado voters. To find the nearest drop box or VSPC, voters can use a [search tool](#) located on the Colorado Secretary of State’s website. Once again, voters across the state can also track their ballots from when they’re sent to when they are processed by signing up for BallotTrax or BallotTrace at [GoVoteColorado.gov](#). Last year, over 1.6 million voters used BallotTrax to follow their ballots.

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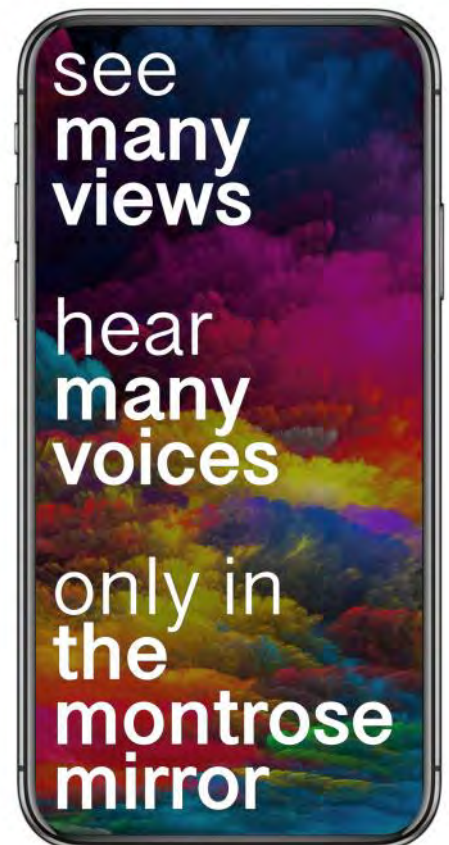


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Montrose Elks Lodge is collecting Winter items for Veterans in need until Veterans Day; distribution day.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

EXTREMISTS ON THE LEFT GAINING CONTROL OF OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM

Editor:

I have to admit that school board elections have never before been of much interest to me. A number of changes have made me realize how important these choices now are. We have seen how over the past few decades the extreme Marxist left has completely taken control of our colleges and universities.

Our youth are no longer educated or taught to think for themselves, but are instead propagandized and taught what to think. As a result, a high percentage of our youth now believe socialism is actually workable, in spite of its proven history of death and destruction. They believe that democratic capitalism is evil, in spite of being the most just and workable system in all of history. Our history is being rewritten and replaced with the lie that this nation was founded on racist principles and continues to be inherently racist, in spite its being the most free and fair nation in the world. And our students are accepting the lie that if you are white you are an oppressor, and if you are black or brown you are a victim. They are also being taught that it is OK for males identifying as females to use our daughters' restrooms and locker rooms, and to compete with them on the athletic field.

Extremists on the left, who now pretty

much control the Democratic party, are now in the process of gaining control of the rest of our education system (K thru 12). With that, it becomes important who sits on the school boards in cities and towns across this country, including Montrose County. Let's use Critical Race Theory as one example. Some professional educators like to define CRT very narrowly to be an advanced academic concept only taught in advanced college classes, and then 'splain to us yokels that it is not being taught anywhere in US high schools. Clever right? Parents are justifiably concerned when their kids are taught to hate their country and to judge each other by the color of their skins, regardless of how an academic might define CRT. Anyone saying those concepts are not being taught in different school systems across this nation is both disingenuous and a liar.

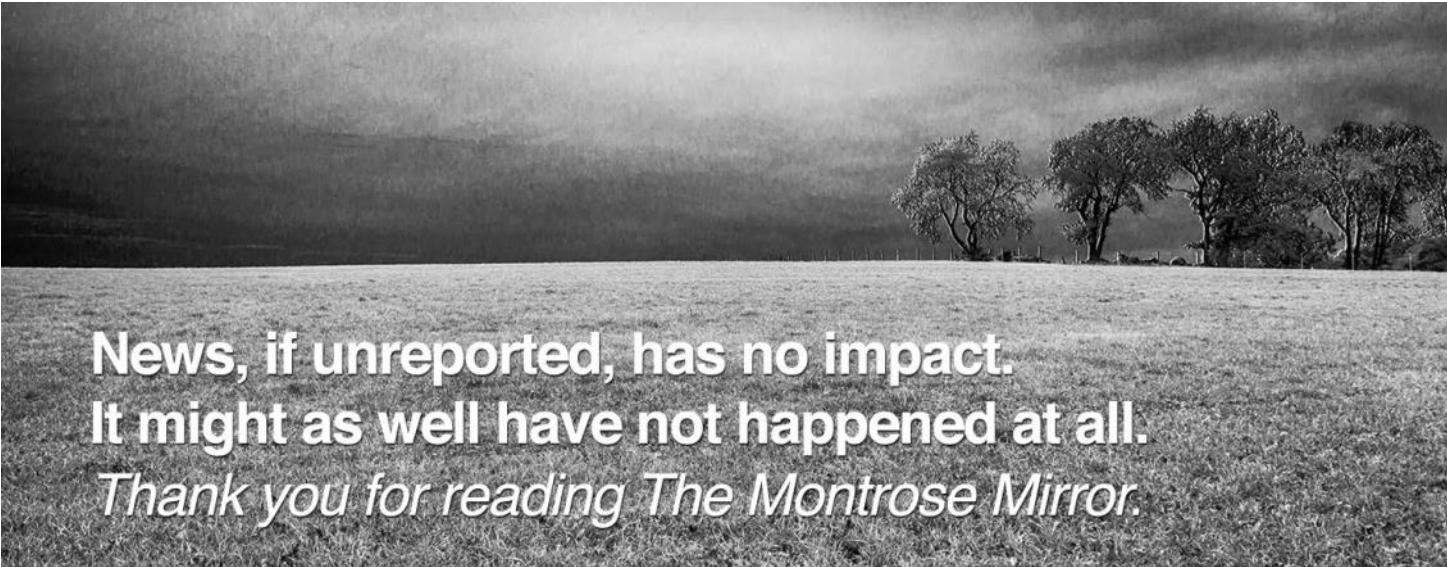
Another area of concern to me sex education. Again, some professional educators like to denigrate parents who want involvement in this area and like to picture us as ignorant Puritans bent on keeping our kids uninformed. We simply want, and will demand, that we know what is being taught in this area, who is providing the curriculum, and that it is both appropriate and age appropriate. At least one of the current candidates considers her views on

abortion to be not relevant to the position, but I consider it important. Those views will impact a school district's policies on such things as parental consent and what advice is provided to students in this area.

Those are two examples of why I am now concerned about who sits on our school board. Cortney Loyd, Andrew Neal, and Dawn Schieldt have all clearly stated their positions on issues that are important to me, and all three will have my support and vote.

Unfortunately, many educators share Virginia governor candidate McAuliffe's opinion that "I don't think parents should be telling schools what they should teach". Some writers have suggested that these three cannot be independent, critical thinkers and, as such would be unwelcome in a collaborative school board setting because they are evidently supported by the Republican party. On the contrary, the fact that these three have clearly stated their positions on a number of issues important to me and many other parents in Montrose County, which may well not be in agreement with other board candidates, seems to verify their independence. Whether the local Republican party supports them or not is irrelevant.

Ed Henrie, Montrose



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

OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

WHEN IT COMES TO VACCINES, HAS OUR GOVERNMENT EARNED OUR TRUST?

By Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher

MONTROSE-A lot of the difference of opinion on current topics such as the COVID Vaccines seems less about party lines and more about those who trust what the government says, and its intentions, vs those who do not fully have that faith and trust in government.

The 'war on COVID' has been raging for well over a year and a half, and let's be honest, the narrative keeps changing, numbers change, things conflict, and we are not always getting the full story or untainted data.

I think those who support mandates to get the vaccine, and who are supporting this division of the people by segregating society into an 'us' and the 'undesirables,' are wrong on many counts. Let's start with the practice of calling those who do not want the vaccine ANTI-VAXXERS, which is just emotionally loaded language. Yes, there are those who believe every vaccine is bad, but in general that is not what those that are refusing the covid vaccine are saying. They have specific reasons, and it's not about all vaccines--it's about this one.

When the government must try to entice people to do something, offering what amounts to bribery, I see red flags. When they seek to deny you the ability to live a normal life because you are not compliant, I see red flags. We don't even need to go into the continuously moving goal posts, or that realistically this is the first widespread human trial of this technology, or that this is the first time our government is denying natural immunity, or that it seems government and media (including social media) are hard at work controlling any information and shutting down anything that contradicts whatever the current narrative is.

Why would any of this cause anyone to not trust the government? Let's take a quick look at the history of things our government has done.

Over seven days in September 1950, the

U.S. Navy conducted a biological warfare experiment by releasing two types of bacteria off the shore of San Francisco, and it was determined enough was released to dose all the city's 800,000 citizens. The Navy did not notify health officials, so spikes in some illnesses were never attributed to the experiment.

Our government has done this in other locations, even dropping radioactive iodine across some smaller towns in Washington State, to learn about spread in the case of such an attack against us.

There was "Project Sunshine" in the 1950's, where the government collected human tissue, mostly from cadavers, without permission from the next of kin. The purpose was to monitor the effects of radioactive fallout from nuclear weapons tests.

During the 1960's there was the Ship-board Hazard and Defense (SHAD) program. The U.S. Army sprayed several ships with various biological and chemical warfare agents, while personnel were aboard the ships. These 'tests' included nerve gases VX and Sarin, toxic chemicals such as zinc cadmium sulfide and sulfur dioxide as well as other biological agents. These tests were to show the vulnerability of ships to such attacks, and plan for them, while not notifying the crews of what was going on or providing protective gear. It was not until the year 2000 that the Department of Defense began the process of declassifying records related to the project.

Fire up Google and read about all things related to MKULTRA. The CIA's human experiments into mind control. Yes, this is your government doing these things. The Inspector General's report in 1957 said "Precautions must be taken not only to protect operations from exposure to enemy forces but also to conceal these activities from the American public in general. The knowledge that the agency is engaging in unethical and illicit activities would have serious repercussions in political and

diplomatic circles." That project continued until 1973 when it was ordered shut down and all files destroyed, thankfully government is incompetent and did not destroy all the files.

Did you know that the Gulf of Tonkin Incident, which drew us into the Vietnam war, or was used as an excuse to enter that war, never happened in the way originally presented? Yep, in 2005 the National Security Agency declassified documents that admitted it never happened.

Perhaps the best known of all the horrible things our government has done was the "Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male" started in 1932. The experiment was designed to determine through autopsies what damage untreated syphilis does to the human body. Of about 600 black men who took part in the study, 200 or so were allowed to suffer the disease and its side effects without treatment, though the researchers told them they were being treated. By 1943, penicillin was the treatment of choice for syphilis but was not used on any of the participants.

It was not until 1972 when an Associated Press reporter broke the news of this study, that most anyone knew about it. The public was outraged, and the experiment ended three months later. So, for 40 years, the government let black men suffer with a horrible disease in the name of 'research.'

To some younger folks, these may seem like things that happened a long time ago. They are not. In the scheme of our existence as a country, a lot of the older folks you see were alive while all this was going on. And all these items are a VERY small selection of the horrid things our government has done to its own people, most of which we only recently found out about.

You can do the research and see how those in prisons and mental institutions were brutally experimented on, all approved by someone

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in our government.

I am not saying there is any such thing going on currently, I generally hate conspiracy stuff, but I know enough about the history of humans, and government, and the atrocities they commit, that hiding information about the virus, and the vac-

cine, is enough to give me pause and not fully trust them. And I am guessing I do not stand alone on that. So perhaps it's time to come down off that that high horse and realize that maybe others have valid concerns and reasons for being hesitant to get the vaccine. It is not that they

are 'anti-vax' or 'anti-science', it is not that they are 'Trump supporters,' it is not that they 'are selfish and only care about themselves', and it certainly is not because they are 'idiots'. The name calling says far more about yourselves than those you seem to hate.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

BIDEN/HARRIS VOTERS SHOULD ADOPT A FAMILY OF REFUGEES

Editor;

When and how will all this Democrat madness end? The latest report now is that there is another caravan of between 60,000 and 400,000 illegals heading to our southern border all the while the great press secretary, Psaki, lies to the Press and the public when she says, "the border is not open"! In the past nine months 1.4 million illegals invaded our border and now reside in our country at a cost of \$65 million per month of your tax dollars. That's on top of the one million who entered last year, plus another 300,000 anchor babies and their mothers who drain your tax dollars.

Biden just emptied the 14,000 illegal migrant camp at Del Rio to prepare for the next massive invasion and secretly spread them all over the United States in darkness of night without requirements for Covid vaccinations, identity, skills, or terrorist ties. He is obviously getting ready for the next huge invasion with their endless lines of children, illiteracy and poverty. Don't let their new, clean clothes and new huge back packs fool you. These are mysteriously supplied for presentation effect. Each year third world countries add 83 million net-gain babies to the world. They starve, suffer and die from illnesses and

they are coming here for your food, free medical care, free housing, and a monthly check along with everything else they want for free paid for by you. They are also coming here with unmeasurable amounts and kinds of diseases. There goes your medical care. They will be first in line. That's why the Democrats are in such a stressful tizzy to steal your money with their \$6 to 8 trillion tax bill which they say will cost you "zero" money!!

Democrats have no shame with their lies. A huge amount of that money is hidden in this bill to support these invaders. Future voters you know! They figure if Americans won't vote for them, they will import and buy those who will with your money!

To make things even worse, America's expert in illegal invasions, Mr. Mayorkas, has just relaxed the rules for arresting invaders.

Now, they are going to use, "prosecutorial discretion" to decide who to "target"! This he says is in pursuit of public safety. (huh?) This effectively cancels public safety and removes most illegal invaders from danger of removal. So being here illegally is not a reason for removal. And in the meantime, Democrats in Congress are working feverishly to make them citizens. Like President Trump used to say,

"Those (Democrats) are sick people"!

Next year alone the Democrats' resettlement plans call for putting 95,000 Afghans in American communities and spend \$6.4 billion of your money to do it. That's about \$68,000 for each one!

Already there are 40,800 afghans living at eight military bases in Texas, Virginia, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Indiana, and New Jersey. Now the national security concern is giving them IDs and driver's licenses and allowing them to skirt vital national security requirements. These refugees are already committing crimes and with fewer police on the streets. And they are exempt from getting the Covid jab!!

There is no sanity with this Democrat administration. So now America waits for more Afghan refugees who have no right to be here and another mammoth invasion at the southern border along with the continual daily stream.

It would show good intentions and sincerity for all Biden/Harris voters to adopt a family of refugees or invaders into their homes and give them everything they want for free, i.e. food, clothing, medical care(except Covid shots, [they're exempt!]), car(including free Biden-inflated gas), and a generous monthly allowance.

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose

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CITY COUNCILOR J. DAVID REED QUESTIONS APPROVAL OF REZONE REQUEST 'CLEARLY INCONSISTENT WITH OUR STANDARDS'



City Councilor J. David Reed questioned Ordinance 2564, noting the lack of sidewalk connectivity to existing sidewalks and trails.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Three councilors were present for the [regular meeting](#) of the Montrose City Council on Tuesday, Oct. 5. Mayor Doug Glaspell, Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank, and Councilor J. David Reed were present. Councilors Barbara Bynum and Anthony Russo were absent.

There were no changes to the meeting agenda.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve the minutes of the Sept. 20, 2021 special City Council Meeting, the Sept. 20, 2021 regular City Council meeting, and the Sept. 21, 2021 special City Council meeting as presented.

RESOLUTION 2021-21

Senior Planner Amy Sharp presented for consideration [Resolution 2021-21](#), setting Nov. 16, 2021 as the hearing date for the [annexation of the Grace Community Church Addition II](#). Council voted to approve Resolution 2021-21.

Background- A memo from Sharp to Council states, "The Grace Community Church Addition II is a proposed annexation approximately 3.48 acres in size. The parcel is located east of S. Townsend Avenue, west of Woodgate Road, north of Otter Road, and south of Ogden Road. It is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, the City of Montrose Water Service Area, and the City of Montrose Sewer Service Area. Annexation of this property will allow for future

development and expansion of church services offered to the community. An Annexation Agreement will be required."

ORDINANCE 2561-FIRST READING

Sharp also presented for consideration [Ordinance 2561](#), as previously discussed in work session. Passage of the ordinance was delayed so as to coincide with an amendment to the building code. Council voted to approve Ordinance 2561.

Background-A memo from Sharp to Council states, "City staff have undertaken a review of the Municipal Code Title 4, Chapter 4, Sections 1-18 in order to add a definition for family childcare homes, update the definition for childcare facilities, and define where these uses are allowed. This Code amendment is in response to House Bill 21-1222 which was signed June 7, 2021. This House Bill expands opportunities to access childcare in family childcare homes. According to this House Bill, family childcare homes shall be treated as residential property use."

ORDINANCE 2562-FIRST READING

Council also voted to approve [Ordinance 2562](#) on First Reading, as presented by Sharp.

Background-A memo from Sharp to Council states, "City staff have undertaken a review of the Municipal Code Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 3 (C) in order to update building code requirements for various daycare, childcare, adult day care, and residential group facilities. This Code amendment is in response to House Bill 21-1222 which was signed June 7, 2021. This House Bill expands opportunities to access child care in family childcare homes. According to this House Bill, family childcare homes shall be treated as residential property use. This Code Amendment changes the requirement from five children to twelve children...to reflect the State law."

ORDINANCE 2564 - FIRST READING

Sharp presented [Ordinance 2564](#), amending the zoning designation of Lot One and Outlot A of the Yocum Subdivision and

adjacent rights-of-way from R-1A Large Estate District to B-4 Neighborhood Shopping District. The Applicant is David Coker of Montrose Development Company, LLC. *Background-A memo from Sharp to Council states, "The proposal is to rezone Lot 1 and Outlot A of the Yocum Subdivision and the adjacent rights-of-way from R-1A Large Estate District to B-4 Neighborhood Shopping District for future development which could include a neighborhood center and/or housing. The property consists of approximately 6.4 acres, including both the parcels and adjacent rights-of-way."*

Sharp reviewed slides of the 6.4-acre property, which is located south of Ogden Road and south of Bridges Drive. "When we rezone a property, we typically like to rezone the adjacent right-of-ways as well so they all match up," Sharp said.

"Without the adjacent right-of-way Lot One is 5.6 acres in size." The Applicant's primary reason for wanting to rezone is to put a sales office near the residential housing development, she said.

Sharp reviewed the criteria for rezoning as well. The B-4 Neighborhood Shopping District designation is intended to provide for retail shopping and services on a parcel or parcels of land collectively no greater than approximately five acres in size. "It's a little bit larger than that because we're wanting to include the right-of-ways as well," Sharp said.

Staff finds that the rezone criteria has been met and recommends approval, she said. The rezone is in compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan and compatible with existing uses in the surrounding area. The Planning Commission has also recommended approval of the rezone.

Council spent time discussing the proposed Ordinance prior to approval.

"...I do have an issue with the finding that this amendment is not adverse to the public, health, safety, and welfare," Reed said. He noted the lack of sidewalk connectivity to existing sidewalks and trails. "It's a long distance...there are performance standards for this particular zoning, and one is that all uses shall be easily accessible by

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pedestrians from surrounding areas and shall provide appropriate sidewalk connections to the surrounding sidewalk system.

"I think to approve ...this request tonight is inconsistent with what we know actually exists on the ground, and I think we would be approving something that is inconsistent with our performance standards," Reed said.

Sharp said that when the property is developed standards will be enforced.

"When somebody comes before us next with their proposal to move forward with a project at that property, that will be the time at which we go through and make sure that their development on that property adheres to all of our subdivision or site development standards depending upon which he does," she said. "If they do a subdivision there, they will have to meet all our requirements...if he goes through and just puts in one building on that one lot for a business, he would have to go through our site development review, and all of those things would need to be added to that property in order to meet our site development standards."

Reed said, "And I understand that, but...if it were to be rezoned tonight and on second reading...once that is approved I have a use by right of all of the things that are listed in the B4 zoning area....while I might have to meet all of the site development standards, if I did this a month from now there is still no sidewalk connectivity...we would not impose on the developer to build a half mile of sidewalk in order to get approval for their project...we're perhaps putting the cart before the horse...I think under the current circumstances and conditions it's premature to approve that zoning."

"...I do think we're not at that juncture yet where we can approve something that's clearly inconsistent with our standards," Reed said.

Murphy said that any development would have to go through the full subdivision process. "...In this case... you have this little five-acre piece kind of half a mile to three quarters of a mile from facilities, it's

pretty unlikely that the city in that case...would put that on the back of that development...so if they're going to go in and put in, say, three houses on that lot...technically we could enforce them to acquire all of the necessary rights of way, which in this case are six or seven different properties between them and the roundabout, and construct that sidewalk.

"What more commonly happens is that the City recognizes the issue," Murphy said "As development hits kind of a threshold along these arterials, (the City) works to concurrently try and hit those and get those done before you kind of cross a tipping point."

"We're never going to build an arterial for one customer," Murphy said. "But when you hit a certain point to where the volumes are high enough, you have a high enough pedestrian demand, that that becomes a big bang for our buck type project to bring that online...until they hit that critical mass that it warrants the investment to get to that point to where we're comfortable with all of it, it is a conundrum, it's just where is that threshold of when it hits a tipping point to facilitate the development."

Reed said he has concerns about the prematureness of the rezone at this particular point in time.

"If we were to rezone it and it were to be B4...it would be out of the council's hands at that point once it becomes a use by right, and they could just come with their site development plan and ask for staff approval," Reed said. "...some approving staff member could decide that 100-unit apartment was appropriate without any further infrastructure development."

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank said that developers are asked to provide connectivity with the neighboring areas, but not necessarily with a neighboring area three quarters of a mile away. Rather, a developer would have to provide connectivity with nearby neighborhoods that have sidewalks in them, Frank said.

"They would have to provide connectivity with the Bridges...but the Bridges at the same time...they are responsible for de-

veloping that sidewalk along the entire frontage of Ogden. Are we going to push that hard for them to develop that at this time?

"At what point will it be mature?" Frank said.

Reed asked Police Chief Blaine Hall if a B4 development went in without further infrastructure, would it be a health, welfare, and safety issue.

Hall said that he could get data on traffic if needed.

Crosswalk development is driven by pedestrian demand, Murphy said.

Following further discussion of possibilities, City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said that consistency is extremely important.

"...It makes me nervous that we are talking about some pretty major changes on a specific project when we don't even have a full council, we don't even have the City Manager...I'd be more comfortable tabling it than having some major changes in our development process," Alcorn said.

Reed said it is not his intention to change process and procedure but to get as much information as possible.

"I think it's been a good discussion," Reed said, noting that he would approve on first reading and look at making changes on second reading with a full council.

Council voted to pass Ordinance 2564 on First Reading.

HAWK PARKWAY SIDEWALK EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Council voted to approve a contract award to Agave Construction in the amount of \$75,900 for construction of the Hawk Parkway Sidewalk Extension Project. The award was previously discussed in work session.

Background-A memo from Murphy to Council states, "The 2021 budget included \$50k for construction of this project, placing the proposed contract amount \$26k over this budget. The budget overage is suspected to be a result of low concrete contractor availability. Savings on other sidewalk construction line items and capital projects will be utilized to fund this overage."

At this point concrete contractors are like

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unicorns, Murphy said. "If you see one, please trap it."

STAFF REPORTS/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid gave an update on the Amphitheater in Cerise Park.

Staffer William Woody will make a video. Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said those interested in renting the facility can reach out to City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo.

Police Chief Blaine Hall said the department is still seeking information on the individuals in a Jeep wrangler who shot a local teen with a pellet gun.

The number for Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers is 970-249-8500.

Hall also said that while Patrol Officers Jamie Kent and Cameron Pensyl were transporting a suspect recently, the suspect became unresponsive in the back of

the patrol car.

The officers pulled over, called for medical assistance, un-handcuffed the suspect, and performed CPR. "In watching the body cam, it's amazing to see how calm they remained," Hall said. "The individual did not have a pulse...they were able to get that individual back.

"...they're great guys, we have an awesome department," Hall said.



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WITH OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES TO DATE OF \$11,526,966, MURA BOARD APPROVES \$1.1M PROMISSORY NOTE WITH CITY From pg 1

(Montrose Fire Protection District), Gayle Johnson (Montrose School District) and Mark Plantz (Special Districts Representative). The six-member city constituency hold the controlling interest and actions of the MURA Board. It was noted that Johnson's term expires following the next meeting and the school district will appoint her replacement.

Attendance for the Oct. 7, 2021 MURA meeting, held at the City of Montrose Centennial Meeting Room, was in-person and virtual via Zoom. With the exception of Councilman Anthony Russo and Board member Brad Hughes, all committee members were present.

Committee Chair Tad Rowan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call and Consideration of the minutes from the Aug. 18, 2021 meeting. There was no Public Comment.

MURA SUMMARY OF TIF EXPENDITURES TO DATE - City Engineer Scott Murphy and Executive Director William Bell.

A hard copy spread sheet, as well as a PowerPoint display, summarized the TIF expenditures to date. Murphy said, "We have gone into the next chapter of the phases. Everything we have done to date is [funded by] promissory notes to the city. Everything shaded in grey is 100-percent complete."

Out-of-pocket expenses to date are \$11,526,966. The Uncompahgre River Improvement Design will also be complete once the updated floodplain map is in place.

Bynum said, "I appreciate the chart. It really helps. Pretty much all of the MURA expenses are on this list?"

Bell said, "The [city] 2022 budget will include \$25,000 [for MURA] for small incidental issues."

Johnson said, "The river is just beautiful. You have done that."

Frank asked if the city floodplain map

could be updated at the same time as the MURA floodplain map. The answer was "no".

Bell estimated the revenue collected from Colorado Outdoors to date as \$230,000.

The board requested that an updated spread sheet be presented at all future meetings.

FLEX BUILDING PROJECT DISCUSSION - David Dragoo of Colorado Outdoors.

Dragoo offered an updated PowerPoint presentation similar to the one presented during the August meeting.

Dragoo said, "The north end of the Flex Building Project is 90 percent done; the south end is 70 percent done. We will apply for CO [Certificate of Occupancy] unit by unit." Dragoo was asked if he knew the name of proposed restaurant tenant. He said, "I do, but we're not ready to announce it yet." The minimum seven-year lease agreement is for the Flex Buildings.

During the August MURA meeting Dragoo reported, "The total cost for the Flex Project is \$13,197,056. Public investment is \$1,100,000 (8 percent); the private investment is \$12,097,056 (92 percent)." At this October meeting Dragoo updated the total cost for the project to \$14,546,986.71.

Referring to future meetings, Bynum said, "Could you share with us...we want to see the in and the out. Where is income coming in?"

A public restroom is being built along the trail near the Flex Projects. Murphy said, "In 2022 we're working on putting in [another] public restroom near Colorado Yurt."

Dragoo said, "We have 11 signed leases. They are very diverse tenants. Montrose Anglers has announced they are moving [to Colorado Outdoors]. We have unique tenants with unique needs."

Referencing the Marriott, Dragoo said,

"They are three-and-a-half weeks into building the Legos [off site building construction that can then be assembled quickly]. They built one hotel [on site] in seven days. It's not cheaper, but it's faster."

Consideration of Resolution 2021-01 - Community Program Manager Kendall Cramer

Cramer, the city grant writer, explained the Colorado Community Revitalization Grant. He said, "There is \$65M available to finance projects like this. This is a perfect match for this project, it's a shovel ready project. It is a one-to-one match. There is a pretty quick turnaround. We will apply on Tuesday and by December we should know."

If the grant is awarded it will fill the \$2.3M gap created by construction cost increases for the Flex Project and Multi-Family Apartments Housing Project, which have increased 149 percent since 2020. Resolution 2021-01 was approved unanimously.

Development Agreement and Promissory Note Discussion - Executive Director William Bell.

Various financing options were discussed and it was determined that another Promissory Note from the city to the MURA offered the most flexibility.

Bell said, "The city is in a pretty good position right now. We have over six months reserve balance. We are looking at double-digit revenues. This is the most efficient way to do it right now."

The board unanimously approved a \$1.1 M Promissory Note between the MURA and the City of Montrose related to the construction and installation of horizontal site improvements to support the Flex Building Project.

Scheduled Meetings:

The next meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 20, 2021.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TIMBER SALE OPERATIONS CONTINUE ON PAONIA RANGER DISTRICT

Special to the Mirror

PAONIA- The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests announce continued logging operations on the Paonia Ranger District, along various segments of the National Forest System Road (NFSR) #701-Stevens Gulch and NFSR #705-Overland, during summer and winter seasons over the next two years.

These forestry projects have various objectives including promoting forest health and providing wood products for commercial uses. Commercial timber harvest is conducted to increase tree age class and species diversity, improve wildlife habitat diversity, increase forest resiliency to insects and diseases and contribute to economics of local area communities.

During winter operations NFSR #701-Stevens Gulch will be plowed and open for public use up to the winter trailhead. The road beyond the trailhead will be maintained for permitted winter motor vehicle traffic only and will be closed to all motorized uses other than by permit holders. Over snow vehicles will be required to use the new alternate route. No closures of trails or roads are anticipated during the

summer season.

Through partnership with Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) and National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) along with funds generated by these timber sales, the Paonia Ranger District was able to create alternative winter recreation routes, provide an expanded winter trailhead and installation of a pit toilet at the new winter trailhead in the area locally known as, Windy Point.

The public should continue to expect to encounter logging operations and traffic Monday-Friday, summer and winter seasons over the next two years. Visitors should pay attention to and obey all road traffic signs when traveling in or near this area. Please exercise extreme caution when traveling on roads used by logging trucks.

"I sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to finding solutions in juggling a variety of multiple uses at our most popular entrance to the forest. The list is long, but in addition to CSFS and NWTF, many of you may have noticed the increased summer grading by Montrose Forest Products and Brandt Logging, as well as addi-

tional plowing by Delta County Road and Bridge," said Levi Broyles, Paonia District Ranger.

"What you may not be aware of are the conversations and contributions of the North Fork Snowmobile Club, Delta SnoCruisers and Electric Mountain Lodge in assisting with the locating and constructing the alternative route, as well as ongoing grooming. We have also heard from skiers and snowshoers who have generally expressed enjoying the winter trailhead's new location. Additionally, the projects have benefited from design suggestions from Overland Ditch and Reservoir Company, Terror Ditch and Reservoir Company, and Western Area Power Administration," he added.

For additional information, please contact Cari Johnson at (970) 527- 4131 extension 4257 or cari.johnson@usda.gov.

For information and updates on current fire restrictions, conditions, and recreation opportunities on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests visit the forest website. Connect with us on social media (Twitter and Facebook).



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

VOTE FOR DAWN SCHIEDT, CORTNEY LOYD AND ANDREW NEAL FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Editor:

The incumbent school board candidates and their surrogates continually assert that their three opponents have an "agenda". At least we know they are all working from the same talking points. I have read the campaign brochure for the "Power Back to the Parents" team and I would offer this – if a commitment to represent parents, children and taxpayers as well as welcome public input at board meetings is an agenda, then they may have an agenda.

If they commit to passing a resolution to

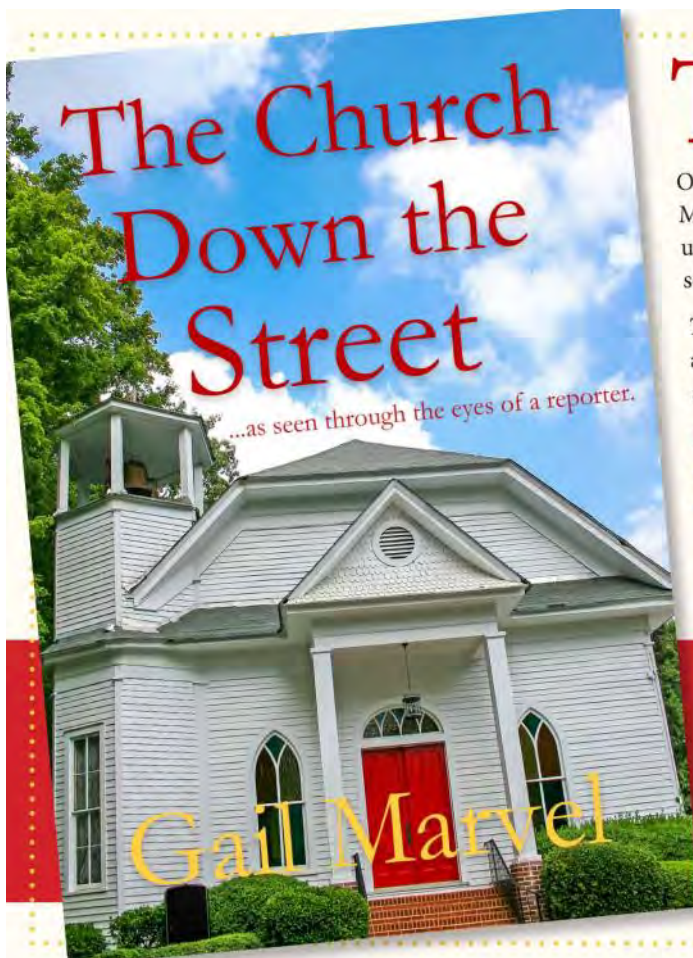
prohibit the teaching of CRT or any elements of CRT, then they may have an agenda. If they pledge to ensure that all district curriculum is appropriate for the students in Montrose schools, then they may have an agenda. If they promise to provide a thorough discussion and analysis of the district budget in open meeting and not pass the budget on a consent agenda without discussion (as the minutes indicate the current board does), then they may have an agenda. And finally, if they require the administration to provide a measurable plan to improve student

CMAS scores so that all students in the district can meet their academic potential, then they may have an agenda.

I encourage all Montrose voters to vote for positive change and not for the status quo.

I support this agenda that will benefit not just our county, but the nation as a whole as they help to make decisions that will train a generation that loves this country and fights for all it stands for! Vote for Dawn Schiedt, Cortney Loyd and Andrew Neal for School Board.

Tammy Jolley, Olathe



The *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](https://www.amazon.com) and [wingedpublications.com](https://www.wingedpublications.com).

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TRI-STATE RESPONDS IN CONTRACT TERMINATION PAYMENT DOCKETS PENDING BEFORE FERC

Special to the Mirror

WESTMINSTER-The majority of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association's members support contract flexibility without increasing costs to their consumer members. Today, Tri-State made filings in support of the majority of its rural member electric utilities in the Contract Termination Payment (CTP) dockets pending before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Tri-State's filings are in response to efforts primarily led by United Power to undermine typical FERC procedures and deny Tri-State and its members their rights under the Federal Power Act, and to question the continued importance of a generation and transmission's (G&T) wholesale, long-term full requirements contracts with its members.

"United Power's actions questioning the continued importance of long-term, full requirements power contracts undermine their value, and threaten the nation's generation and transmission cooperative model. At its inception, the cooperative model was crucial to the electrification of rural America and while we are evolving, we are still the key to reliable and affordable electric service. Our model serves tens of millions of mostly rural customers across vast regions of the United States with reliable and affordable power, and efforts to diminish our collective success should be challenged," said Duane Highley, Tri-State's Chief Executive Officer.

As a G&T cooperative, representatives of Tri-State's member electric distribution cooperative and public power districts worked together to develop the CTP methodology, which ensures a clear and

transparent path for any Tri-State utility member to terminate its long-term full requirements contract early, before the end of the contract's 2050 term.

"Our filings represent our members' collaborative work to ensure that if one member desires to terminate its contract early, it has the flexibility to do so while the other members remain unharmed," said Tim Rabon, chairman of Tri-State's Board of Directors and Trustee at Otero County Electric Cooperative in Cloudcroft, N.M. "Increased contract flexibility, along with lower wholesale rates, cleaner energy and reduced emissions, are central to delivering value to our members and their rural consumers through our Responsible Energy Plan. But flexibility can't mean that the rest of the members, and ultimately their customers, are left holding the bag."

In September 2021, Tri-State filed modifications to its CTP tariff that comport with the cooperative's bylaws, FERC regulations and precedent, and that fully and fairly address the concerns raised by FERC and certain Tri-State members in filed protests and comments.

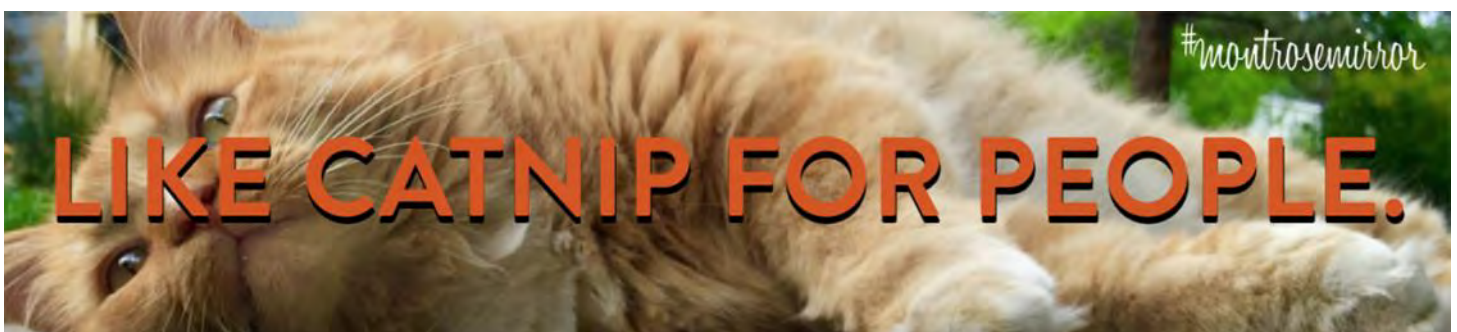
In its filings, Tri-State argues that FERC should reject efforts by certain parties, particularly United Power, to hijack customary FERC filing and ratemaking procedures, and short-circuit Tri-State's rights under the Federal Power Act, in order to advance United Power's own interests of exiting its long-term full-requirements contracts for the lowest possible price, consequently harming Tri-State's other members.

"Contrary to United Power's arguments, there is no reasonable basis for FERC to abandon the 'make whole/hold harmless'

standard for determining contract termination payments," said Highley. "That standard is the core principle underlying Tri-State's initial and modified CTP rate filing, is supported by an overwhelming majority of Tri-State's membership, and has been accepted by FERC and federal courts."

On behalf of the majority of its members, Tri-State's filings argue that FERC should reject alternative CTP proposals, including a flawed "balance sheet" approach proposed by United Power, which has already been rejected by the other cooperative members of Tri-State. This approach ignores and would abrogate the long-term, full-requirements contracts, and would saddle remaining cooperative members and their consumers with potentially billions of dollars of costs.

Tri-State notes in its filings that, contrary to other parties' arguments, prior settlement agreements with withdrawing members Kit Carson Electric Cooperative and Delta Montrose Electric Association are not controlling or relevant to the CTP methodology Tri-State and its members seek to apply universally to future member contract terminations. In its filings, Tri-State noted that these withdrawals were negotiated at arms' length under specific facts and circumstances before Tri-State became FERC jurisdictional, and involved contracts that were ten years shorter in length to the existing member contracts. "United Power continues to misrepresent two previous member withdrawal settlements, each of which were based on different circumstances and came prior to Tri-State's regulation under FERC," said Highley.



OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WOLVES AND OTHER ANIMALS IN THE BACKCOUNTRY

Editor:

I recognize that there is very little back country left in Colorado but a great number of Coloradoans live, ride, bike, hike, camp, sleep and picnic in our mountains. This just makes feeding large predators simpler and not just on the part of deer, elk, antelope and the like but lunching on the cyclists, children, dogs, cats, sheep, cattle and goats as well.

My wife and I moved to Montrose some 22 years ago from Idaho. Our occupation there was boarding and breeding horses. My avocation was as a sworn officer of the Outfitter's and Guide's Licensing Board. While I generally did investigative work from my vehicle, I sometimes did horseback packing with another officer in the vast wilderness areas of Idaho. That means riding horses and leading pack horses into the Wilderness Areas where one might be visited by bears, deer, elk, cougars and, during my tenure there, wolves. Wolves were introduced into Idaho's Wilderness Areas from Canada at the insistence and persistence of the environmentalists. Most of these proponents had not and likely never would set foot in the wilderness in daylight no less at night. So they had all the answers. The result was that these wolves ranged far and beyond the wilderness boundary---I guess they could not read the map---looking for the easy kill. They became very fond of lamb and slow-elk as both were easy to catch and some of these wolves grew to enormous size on the easy living. Within four or five years the packs of these beasts became a real problem for ranchers, shepherds, hikers, bikers, campers, snowmobilers and outdoorsmen in general.

Now it was never my desire to shoot any of these animals while on patrol---our mission was to keep illegal outfitters and hunters from doing just that. Before going out into their haunts one had best study the beasts he might run into that could take the life of his transportation or his



Cougar, above. Wolf, at right.

very own. Ignorance has no place in such a business. I read voraciously about bears, grizzlies, wolves and cougars and their predatory habits; I interviewed several elderly hunters and guides to find out what I might be up against.

I carried a rifle and a pistol (with which I was well qualified) just in case I met an angry one anxious to take part of me or my horse for his family dinner. You know some folks might think carrying all that 'iron' is fun. Well it is not and it is just two more items to care for. Fortunately I had a horse to carry my gear, my rifle and me. I did not have to carry a pack but one must remember that if your horse spooks and takes off without you, whatever you have on your person is all you have for survival. My pistol was always on my belt.

Back to the wolf business. They were reintroduced in the early '90s and you dared not shoot one---federal offense---jail time. Not good. At first they were rather innocuous but within four years the wolf-packs were large, they had no predators and they grew numerous and sometimes HUGE. See the picture. If one of these comes for you, your chance of survival is slim to none! So much for grilling a steak at a campground behind Boulder. And these beasts, unlike cougars, kill for the fun of it. They kill a lot of deer and elk just for the thrill of the kill.

Some folks might think that that is a good trait. After all, if you kill off a significant portion of the game animals, mostly grazers and make it difficult for ranchers to raise cattle, the grass in the forests will grow thick and be like it was in 1800. There will be no 'evil' hunters engaging in



the blood sport of hunting game and the woods will be all for the camper, fisherman, hiker, bikers and picnicker. But alas, the woods will be full of wolves and cougars who are hungry. There will be a lack of funds for forest and game management as present day hunting pays for most of that. In short the well-meant environmental efforts to return these lands to 'nature' will have failed. The grass filled forests will burn like California.

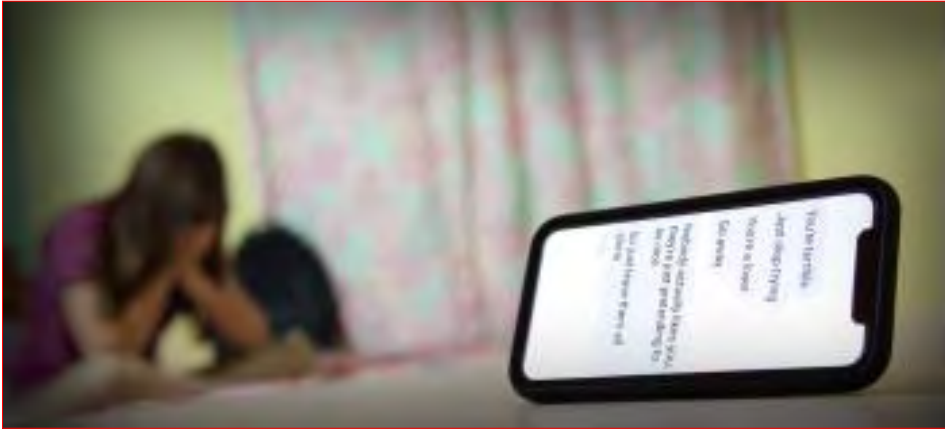
So we need to study this problem thoroughly from all angles, not just for the sake of the lovely furry dog-like animals. Neither the wolf nor the cougar are pets, they are predators. We already have the cougar in our midst. They already kill the domesticated animals we have talked about and they will continue to do so. Do we want to introduce another predator and their attendant problems into our increasingly urbanized countryside?

Look at the photos attached. The cougar was taken by a professional hunter in COLORADO. The animal is huge and cougars stalk and attack from behind. The wolf photo was taken in Idaho. Look at the size of this beast. He is no 'Rover', no nice German Shephard. The photo shows how big they can get. Wolves are designed as wanton killers. Do you really want one in your back yard, or camp or trail waiting to play with you, your pets and your kids? The world must change, we have a lot more people than we did in 1800. Think about it.

Bill Bennett, Montrose

COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

BEAT A CYBER BULLY: HERE'S HOW PARENTS CAN HELP



Houston parents Thiago and Auboni Cordolino have found that talking less and listening more works best. "We try to focus on being approachable and listening actively without reaction," said Thiago.

Beyond talking, listening and observing their kids, parents shouldn't be afraid to make and enforce rules for online activities, experts say.

The Cordolinos' girls are allowed to play online games, but they're expected to turn off the live chat feature to limit interactions with strangers. "We reassure the girls that we trust them and respect their privacy, but they have to stay within the boundaries we've set," said Auboni.

The Bourques have taken a similar approach. "We aren't constantly over the boys' shoulders, watching their every move, but we use a family app that lets us know how much time they're spending on their tablets," said Zury.

Both families cited the tips and reminders they've considered together with their kids from free resources available on jw.org, the official website of Jehovah's Witnesses.

One of the Bourques' sons especially recommended one of the site's short, animated videos, "Beat a Bully Without Using Your Fists."

"I learned that if you're being bullied, you should call someone you can trust, like parents, principals or counselors," he said. "They can get in between the situation and make it stop."

For more information on the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses, visit their website jw.org, with content available in over 1,000 languages.

October is Bullying Prevention Month. Courtesy image.

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-While remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic lowered reported instances of bullying, parents fear that, for some students, going back to school will mean going back to being bullied.

"Bullying is something we worry about, especially with the beginning of each new school year," said Zury Bourque of her family of four in Cypress, Texas.

Now 15 years after the inception of National Bullying Prevention Month in October, technology's ever-greater presence in children's lives has given bullying a new outlet.

With just a click, cyberbullies can taunt, harass and threaten relentlessly, even reaching into the home via cellphone or computer. As a result, victims report feeling hopeless, isolated and even suicidal.

What can parents do to protect their kids?

Taking an interest in their children's online world can make a difference, says the National Parent Teacher Association.

This interest does not necessarily require parents to become tech experts. Instead, the federal stopbullying.gov site advises parents to watch for subtle clues that something is wrong, such as their child becoming withdrawn, hiding their screen when others are nearby or reacting emotionally to what's happening on their device.

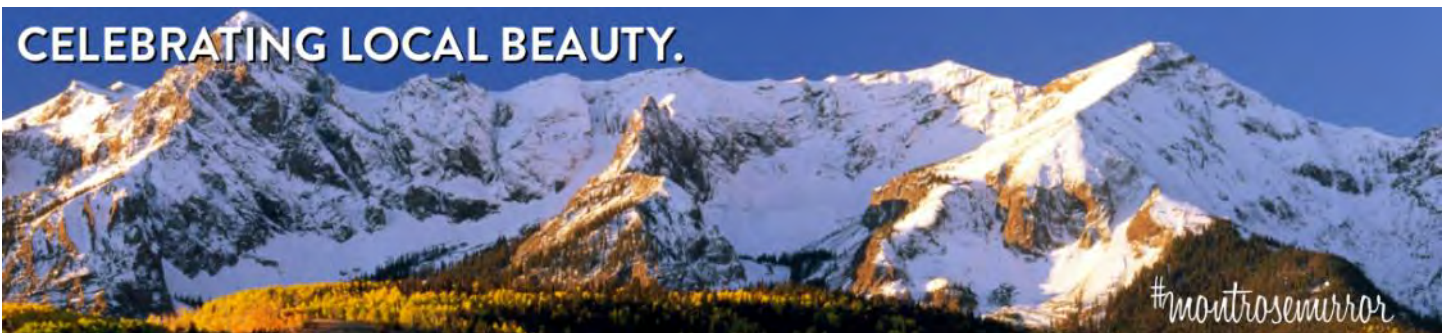
For Zury Bourque and her husband Chris, that has meant being keenly aware of what "normal" looks like for their two boys, ages 12 and 10.

"Knowing my children's moods is very important because I can then detect shifts or changes in their personalities that might signal something is going on," said Chris.

Talking with kids openly — and often — helps too. "The more you talk to your children about bullying, the more comfortable they will be telling you if they see or experience it," UNICEF says in its online tips for parents.

As their two daughters enter their teens,

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

STEWARDSHIP AND THE POLITICAL PARTIES

Editor:

Oh, I see that some folks in Montrose think that the school board election is supposed to be non-partisan. Well what dreamer thought that one up? I bet they believe in the tooth fairy, too. Only someone who believes that being a member of a political party dictates a person's thoughts would be so inclined to think non-partisan is good. The party should be governed by its members intellect, not visa-versa. But then again, perhaps it is I that believes in the tooth fairy!

I claim to be a Republican (of the party type). But I am thoroughly a republican. Notice the small 'r'. That is because I believe in the capitalistic way of operating an economy. Do I believe in all of the GOP platform. I do believe in minimalist government, the less the better which is generally the opposite of the small 'd' democrat. Unfortunately too many of both parties worship the platforms and they believe the same of others.

John Quincy Adams, a former president of our nation was a Federalist (democrat) but because he often crossed the isle to vote with the Republicans, his party DISOWNED HIM. John Quincy Adams was his own man and he voted what he felt was right, not what some party hacks felt was his obligation. I believe our two party system supports candidates of that party's beliefs BUT I also believe that after the election, EVERY ELECTED OFFICIAL must push party aside and do what he deems best for the country, the state, the town or the council to which he was elected or appointed.

This is the way the system was supposed to work. It was bastardized into what it is

during the second president's, John Adams, administration and has only gotten worse. Today it is only fools that believe that there can be non-political elections. This is not only foolish of thought it is manifestly impossible. WE MUST VOTE FOR THE PERSON WHO WILL EXERCISE SOUND, HONEST STEWARDSHIP over the precious treasures, the public moneys of our electorate.

Most of us do not have a clear understanding of the 'word' stewardship. They hear stewardship and grab their wallet or purse, either to open it or to get a firmer grip. If you dig a little deeper to try to understand what stewardship is really all about, you find that the word came about as a process where a wealthy person, who wanted to relax and enjoy his riches, would hire a steward to manage his property and other assets. The steward was to act as if the property were his or her own, managing it well and cultivating its success, always with his wealthy benefactor's best interest at heart. The key relationship between the wealthy person and the steward was trust---trust given and trust earned. From there the concept has been applied in many other contexts; environment, economics, health, information, theology and more.

As so defined, when one of us becomes an officeholder it becomes our duty to do the best for our 'wealthy' benefactor. Our wealthy benefactor in the case of political service in the USA, be it national or local level, are the citizens we represent---the people of the community as a whole---not the party leaders or individuals who want favors--- and in fact, once elected an office

holder should divorce himself or herself from the party's line and vote what he believes is best.

About ten years ago seven county commissioner's appointees stopped the sale of our Montrose Memorial Hospital in its tracks. These seven were all appointed by the Republican BOCC. But after they were installed as trustees turned on their sponsors desire to sell the hospital and voted to bring forth a Community Based Not-For-Profit Hospital so that the hospital could not be sold. That was and is a great example of 'stewardship.' That body, that board of trustees, did what was right in spite of the political pressure from the people who appointed them to do otherwise. Were these trustees Republicans or Democrats? To this day I do not know. I do not care. They did the right thing. They shed the political coats which got them appointed, and DID WHAT WAS RIGHT! This is the way good Stewardship works.

And so it should be with the school board election. No one who will parrot the party line should even be considered for nomination. We don't need and should not elect puppets of any party, of the school administration or of the teacher's union. We need GOOD STEWARDS. Stewards who think. Stewards with backbones. Stewards who study the questions before them. Stewards who will do what is right, proper and correct. Stewards that are republicans or democrats (with the small 'r' and 'd') who will stand and be counted as STEWARDS OF THE PUBLIC TRUST. Now let us make this happen.

Bill Bennett, Montrose

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BACK TO THE CLASSROOM: A GAME PLAN FOR REDUCING ANXIETY



Sixteen-year-old Marek of Grand Junction, Colo., watches videos on jw.org before heading back to school. Courtesy image.



Fourteen-year-old Ava of Grand Junction, Colo., prepares school supplies including masks and sanitizer, due to the pandemic. Courtesy image.

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-Back-to-school supplies were a bit different this year for 14-year-old Ava.

Along with the standard graphing calculator and stack of binders, Ava added face masks, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.

"In the beginning I was worried because I wasn't used to [in person school] and was scared I wouldn't find my classes, said Ava before starting ninth grade in Clifton, Colorado. "I was also worried about Covid-19, but I try to keep my distance and always wear my mask, to keep [myself] and others safe."

Ava, like many across the country, spent the last school year in a virtual classroom interacting with other students and teachers only via a computer screen. Going back to in-person learning with potential restrictions only added to her anxiety.

"As students prepare to return, they will be facing a host of intensified challenges," said Anthious Boone, an elementary

school principal in Pennsylvania. He cited mask-wearing and learning how to socialize again with peers as some of these challenges.

But parents can help their children with what may be a tough transition.

"As parents endeavor to help their children cope with potential back-to-school anxiety," Boone said, it is absolutely imperative that they stay well connected with both the school and their children." Ava's parents, Tim and Jessica, made a priority of setting and keeping a schedule in order to prepare their children to return to school. Tim also spends the ten-minute drive to their school discussing anything that is concerning them, such as peers, teachers, or anything else that is weighing on their minds. As Jehovah's Witnesses, they look for practical Bible-based advice to help with any issues or concerns.

"Discussing openly their fears and anxieties helped me to understand their feel-

ings, and therefore address them," said Tim.

While coronavirus variants have stoked pandemic anxieties, Tim and Jessica have endeavored not to overlook other challenges their children may face.

One of their favorite resources is jw.org, the official website of Jehovah's Witnesses, which is free to all. Topics like "What's a Real Friend?" and "Beat a Bully Without Using Your Fists" are addressed there in a video series for young people, which both their children recommend to everyone.

"I love the website," said Tim and Jessica's 16-year-old son Marek, who entered the eleventh grade. "[School] can be very stressful. I appreciate the school section under teenagers because it has a lot of useful information that I use every day... [Scheduling] your time and homework can also be a struggle, and I have found articles that have helped me greatly in my school life."

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

THOMAS HENRY HUERKAMP

April 27, 1940 -Oct. 5, 2021

THOMAS HENRY HUERKAMP, long time business and civic leader in Delta County, passed away at his home in Orchard, City Colo. on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021. Tom was 81 years old.

Private graveside services were held at the Cory Cemetery, Cory, Colorado. A celebration of life will be held in the spring of 2022.

Thomas Henry Huerkamp was born on April 27, 1940 in Iona, Minnesota to Clement Clarence and Margaret Katherine (Theis) Huerkamp.

Tom served his country in the United States Army and was drafted into the Army during the Bay of Pigs.

On August 31, 1967 he married Mary Lou Hawker in Delta, CO. After his marriage he and Mary Lou set out on their journey of founding and operating many successful businesses in Delta County. In November of 1968 he started The Sentry newspaper in Cedaredge and won many Colo-

rado Press Assoc. Awards. In 1970 they launched a companion business of office supplies, machines and furniture.

The newspaper was sold in 1972 to concentrate on their new business venture, Office Furniture and Design Centers.

Over the years they were involved in starting up two successful equipment leasing companies, a mini storage company and were partners in H/S Properties, a real estate investment firm with commercial and agricultural holdings in Delta and Montrose County.

Tom's hobbies included hunting and fishing in his youth. His later years his passion was in community service. He served on many community and non profit boards including HopeWest, Delta Hospital Foundation, Delta Ambulance District, Delta County Economic Development, Colorado River Round Tables, Western Colorado Area Health Education Center, Orchard City Irrigation District.

He served the Town of Orchard City as Mayor from 2004 to 2008. Among survivors are his brother, David and wife Peggy Huerkamp of Delta, CO, and a sister, Karen Onken of Slayton Minnesota and five nieces.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife Mary Lou and his parents.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Taylor Funeral Service and Crematory.

View the internet obituary and sign the online guest registry at taylorfuneralservice.com



TRACY J. POWELL

July 23, 1960-Sept. 13, 2021



TRACY J. POWELL, 61, passed away on Sept. 13, 2021. Tracy was born July 23, 1960, to Juel F. Powell and Dorothy Jones Powell in Ogden, Utah.

He grew up in Utah, Red-

ding California; Palisade, Idaho; Alcova, Wyoming, and Montrose, Colorado. Tracy moved to Arizona, met and married

Kristina Franks. To this union came children Kalen and Rachel. Kris and Tracy later divorced and Kris has since passed.

Tracy is survived by his children Kalen and Rachel Powell; grandchildren Bailey and Kaiden; sisters Kathy Marlow (Chip), Juele Glisan (Lou) and many wonderful nieces and nephews. Tracy was preceded in death by his parents Juel and Dorothy; brothers Russel J. and Cody J. Powell.

As a child Tracy read the entire Encyclopedia Britannica volume by volume and continued his lifelong thirst for knowledge. Fishing, hunting, camping, skiing, motorcycles, guitars, and comedy were some of his many interests. Tracy worked in the construction industry for more than 40 years. He poured his heart

and soul into every project he did. He worked in multiple states and a lot of his work can be seen around the Western Slope. If you ask his friends and family, he was one of the best framers and craftsmen in the world! He was humble, hardworking, loyal, and genuine, he would do anything for anyone. Tracy sure knew how to have fun and always kept people laughing! He loved a good challenge and figuring things out. Above all he loved hanging out with his kids and grandkids; they were the light of his life.

Tracy was our rock and the solid foundation that many people called upon, he made such a positive impact and will be deeply missed by his family and loyal friends.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

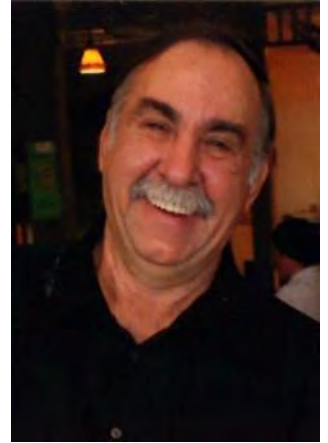
MATTHEW (MATT) GEORGE MIKETA

Aug 15, 1956 - Oct. 2, 2021

MATTHEW (MATT) GEORGE MIKETA, beloved husband, father, brother, grandpa, nephew, uncle cousin and friend passed away peacefully Oct. 2, 2021 after a brief illness.

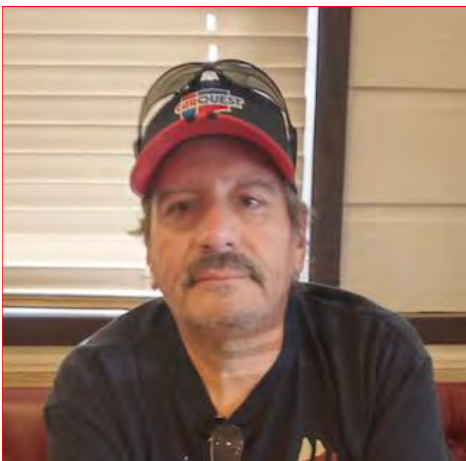
Matt was born Aug 15, 1956 in Pueblo, Colorado. He was preceded in death by his father George Joseph Miketa Jr., his mother Donna J. Passalaqua Burney, and a daughter Kaylyn Lecil Miketa. He is survived by his wife, Dawn A. Miketa, son, Justin (Michelle) Miketa, Daughter, Adrienna Rachae (Shane) Richmond, Sister, Lisa (Rick) Williams, brothers, Michael (Monica) Miketa, George Miketa, grandchildren, Elizick and Damian Miketa, Caroline, Maddox, and Ashlynn Richmond.

He is further survived by aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and his favorite little dog Zoie. Memorial services are planned for 11:00 AM on Saturday Oct. 16, 2021 at Crippin Funeral Home.



RANDY BOB "KRANDALL" LUCERO

January 18, 1963-October 3, 2021



RANDY BOB "KRANDALL" LUCERO, age 58, of Olathe, Colorado, passed away on Sunday, October 3rd, 2021.

Randy was a musician and a resident of

Olathe, Colorado since 2014. He was born on January 18th, 1963, to Robert John Lucero and Lucille Eleanor Berg Trujillo.

Randy grew up in Olathe Colorado and attended Olathe High School. On July 6th, 2011, He married Margaret Regnier. Randy had resided in Dacono, Colorado, then Frederick, Colorado before moving back to his hometown of Olathe in 2014. Randy was a very talented musician and had his own Christian rock band for most of his life.

He loved to play and sing while his son Bobby was playing the keyboard. Sharing music with other people was his favorite thing to do in life, and he unconditionally gave his time to anyone who needed it. His hobbies included disc golf,

RC airplanes, gardening, car shows, fishing, going to garage sales, collecting anything Mickey Mouse and working on his Camaro.

Randy is survived by his wife Margaret Regnier of Longmont, Colorado, Mother Lucille Trujillo of Denver, Colorado, daughter Veronica (Charles) Wageman of Lone Tree, Colorado, Sons Robert Elliott - Lucero of Greenville, North Carolina, and Blaine Elliott - Lucero of Dacono, Colorado, Sisters Susie Berg of Denver, Colorado, Regina (Tracy) Simmons of Thornton, Colorado, and Sonya (Ben) Brown of Johnstown, Colorado, and grandsons Gaius and Domonic Wageman. Randy was preceded in death by his brother, Rodney Lucero, his father Robert Lucero and his grandparents.

CELEBRATING LOCAL BEAUTY.



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ART & SOL

BURN INJURY SURVIVOR SHARES HER INSPIRING STORY IN NEW MEMOIR: *Life Beyond the Scars: Finding Hope in Tragedy*

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE—After living with scars from a horrific car accident for more than 25 years, Charity Freeland has released her memoir, *Life Beyond the Scars: Finding Hope in Tragedy*, to help others overcome tragedy in their lives.

"Honestly, there are plenty of good books out there that share the ins and outs of burn treatment, just as there are books about overcoming incredible trauma," says Freeland. "The focus of *Life Beyond the Scars* is my ongoing journey toward wholeness."

She defines wholeness as "freedom, living in truth, living loved, and living to love." At age 17, Freeland was driving with a sister and friend on a rainy day in Houma, Louisiana, when her steering wheel jerked to the left. As she slammed on the brakes and the vehicle hydroplaned, the collision of other vehicles caused the gas tank to explode, leaving Freeland with a disfiguring burn injury over 75% of her body. Despite her 99% chance of dying the first night after the accident, with help from medical professionals, Freeland miraculously survived and went on to serve in various ministries focused on helping youth, crisis survivors, and wounded vet-

erans, sharing her inspiring story at training conferences, commencement ceremonies, and churches worldwide.

Others have encouraged her to write a book for years, and Freeland has responded by writing *Life Beyond the Scars*. Dave Roeber, president and CEO of Operation Warrior RECONnect, calls it "the real deal."

"*Life Beyond the Scars* provides you with a pathway to deal with disappointment and pain," says Roeber. "It's the real deal that puts you in the driver's seat of choice to turn your tragedy into triumph."

Life Beyond the Scars is now available for order as an ebook and paperback on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).

About Charity Freeland:

Charity Freeland has a passion to help hurting people. As one who has experienced life-changing tragedy and found freedom and wholeness, she recognizes that God has gifted her with hope, insights, and perspectives to share with others.

Charity has spent her career serving various ministries, including Solid Rock Foundation Ministries, a youth and family ministry that focuses on discipleship training and missions, Dave Roeber's ministry to



Charity Freeland has a passion to help hurting people. Courtesy photo.

wounded warriors, and most recently REAP International, an online Bible School serving students in many nations. She lives in Western Colorado where she enjoys spending time with friends and traveling to see family. Connect with Charity Freeland at charityfreeland.com

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

TELLURIDE FIRE FESTIVAL IS INTRODUCING A NEW VENUE FOR OUTDOOR FIRE ART

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE—The annual gathering of flame-inspired art is being reimagined by Rocky Mountain Arts for this December 3-5 with fire art installations and fire performances outside at the historic Pandora Mill at the end of the box canyon. Newmont Corporation, the parent company, has given permission for the first-ever outdoor event in this awe-inspiring location framed by the majestic mountains.

The fiery event will offer art and culture to all, safely. Masks will be provided for those that don't have them at the one indoor theatrical event.

"We want to continue to support artists and we can and will do it safely," said Board President Chris Myers.

Expect over-the-top fiery art shooting flames high into the night sky at the 7th annual Festival. There will be many activities including the family friendly event at the Michael D. Palm Theater, which will enchant all with dance, acrobatics, lyra, and cyr performances.

The Talent

Local and regional artists participate in the Festival from Denver, Durango, Carbon-dale, Phoenix, and Telluride.

Free Teen Art Installation Workshop

This year we are teaming up with the non-profit [True North Youth Program](#) for a free weekend workshop in November to create an art installation for the Festival. This workshop was created and designed specifically for teens from the rural San Juan region who have limited access to resources and opportunities. Alpine Bank is sponsoring this teen workshop.

Event Activities

Friday—Dance and acrobatic performances at The Palm Theater in collaboration with Telluride Dance Collective and Homestead Circus Productions.

Saturday—This outdoor fire dancing and sculpture burn will showcase spectacular wood sculptures on display during the day, which will then ceremoniously burn to the ground. Guests will have the opportunity to see fire dancers and watch flaming fire art, listen to music and enjoy cocktails from the cash bar.

Saturday and Sunday—Free flow arts workshops at the Wilkinson Public Library. Five free workshops are being offered, which include juggling, stilt walking and Clowning.

About the historic Pandora Mill for the

Festival's Signature Event

The Festival's signature event this year will be at the end of the box canyon. Newmont Corp. has generously gifted this space to the Festival for one night. Outside, adjacent to the historic Pandora Mill, guests will watch larger-than-life wood sculptures burn, flaming propane art installations, and fire spinners—all alongside a stunning backdrop of steep forested mountains and cliffs.

The Pandora Mill at the end of Telluride's box canyon was constructed in 1921 to process the gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc ore mined in the high country above Telluride, and remains one of the last standing and most significant structures from the mining era.

Newmont is working with the county on a plan to preserve this historic structure. Currently they are working on a way to fund the restoration and continued maintenance of the 75,000-square-foot iconic building.

"Newmont Corporation's, Devon Horntvedt was thrilled to support the non-profit and give us the green light to hold a safe outdoor event next to this icon," said Erin, Executive Director.



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DR. MARTHA VIOLETT OF GUNNISON NOMINATED BY SCHMITT MUSIC DENVER FOR STEINWAY TEACHER HALL OF FAME

Special to Art & Sol

ASTORIA, NEW YORK—Dr. Martha Violet, a local piano teacher from Gunnison, CO,

has been inducted into the Steinway & Sons Teacher Hall of Fame, a prestigious designation recognizing the work of North

America's most committed and passionate piano educators. 2021 marks the second class of honorees, following the Hall of Fame's inaugural class in 2019.

Dr. Martha Violet is Emeritus Professor of Music at Western Colorado University where she currently teaches piano and class piano and remains active as soloist and chamber musician with Western faculty and guest artists. Since beginning her teaching career at Western in 1972 she has also taught music history, theory, and general education music courses and was Chair of the Music Department 1993-2010. Schmitt Music is the Denver area's only official Steinway piano store – for over half a century.

This fall, 44 teachers from the United States and Canada were inducted into the Steinway Teacher Hall of Fame with special events hosted at the historic Steinway factory in New York City. Each teacher inducted into the Hall of Fame was nominated by a Steinway & Sons showroom in the teacher's home region. The teachers' names are now displayed on a commemorative display wall inside the iconic factory.

"Music education has been a cornerstone of our historic company since the late 1800s, and today is no different," said Gavin English, President of Steinway & Sons Americas. "We are very proud to work with the talented music educators inducted this fall into the Steinway & Sons Teacher Hall of Fame. These teachers foster passion, creativity, and discipline in the next generation of piano artists. Their work deserves the highest praise."

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MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Denomination: Church of the Nazarene
Address: 705 South 12th Street
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am- Noon and by Appointment
Contact Information: Office Phone 970 249-9213, mncfirst@gmail.com, www.montrosenazarenechurch.org

Pastor: Buddy Cook
Services Sunday: Worship 10 AM, Adult Bible Study 11:30 AM Worship includes age-appropriate children's ministry during adult worship.
 Wednesday: Prayer Boot Camp - 7 PM
Mission Statement: *Montrose First Church of the Nazarene exists to make Christlike*

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

Demographics: Our church consists of older and younger people. We have younger families with children and young teens and older adults as well. We also support the work of Calvary Ranch Colorado and its addiction recovery ministry.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

Affiliation: Presbyterian
Address: 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO. 81401
Office Hours: M-Thu 9AM - 12PM
Contact Information: 970-249-4732,

inform@fpcmontrose.com,
www.fpcmontrose.com
In Transition-Currently:
 Howard Davidson
 Paul Parsons
 Merle Bierma
Worship Service times: 9:30AM,

Student Worship at 6PM
We strive to encourage, challenge and support one another through spiritual growth, worship, and service in our community, country, and world.
We also encourage children and youth to grow their relationship with Christ through our children and student ministries

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Denomination Affiliation: United Methodist
Address: 19 S. Park Avenue Montrose CO. 81401
Office Hours: M-Thu, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact Information: 970-249-3716,

office@montroseumc.org, montroseumc.org
Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Lisa Petty
Worship service times: 9:30 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship & 11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
 10:30 - Social/Devotional Time
Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully

inclusive, loving and just servants of Christ. Our church family welcomes people from various cultural and faith backgrounds: single, married, remarried, with and without children, from diapers to dentures. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come and discover hope, joy, peace and purpose.

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

Affiliation: Southern Baptist
Address: 1598 E. Niagara Road, Montrose, CO 81401
Office Hours: Tues-Thurs, 9am-4pm
Contact information:
 Phone: 970.249.4887
 website: www.RosemontBaptist.org
 email: office@rosemontbaptist.org
Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson
Worship Service Times: Our engaging and relevant Sunday Worship Service is at

10:45 AM. We also have Bible Study for All Ages Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. We provide a professionally-staffed nursery throughout both.
Rosemont Baptist's desire is to passionately bring people face-to-face with the life-changing power of Jesus Christ. We are a multigenerational church from different walks of life who love Jesus, love each other, and love our community. Everyone comes dressed in whatever is comfortable. We love meeting new people no

matter what stage of life they are in.
Children's services: *We have a fun Sunday School for children from four years old through youth. We provide Children's Church during the Sunday Worship Services where children four years old through 9 years can learn to be worshipers of Jesus.*
We provide a nursery for children under four years old with paid staff providing excellent care during Sunday Morning Bible Study and Worship Service.

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

Denomination affiliation: Independent Interfaith
Address: Meeting at Lions Park Community Building, 602 N. Nevada, Montrose
 Office hours: Tues-Fri, 9 am to 4 pm,
Home Office – 970-252-0908
Contact information: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, 970-252-0908,

arlyn@spiritaware.org,
www.spiritaware.org
Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, Senior Minister; Rev. Catharine Gates, Associate Minister. Spiritual counseling available.
Worship service times: Unity Service at 11 a.m., Adult Discussion at 9:30 a.m., Quiet Meditation at 10:30 a.m.

The Spiritual Awareness Center is an interfaith spiritual community welcoming spiritual seekers and people of all faiths, providing a safe place to explore and nurture the individual's unique connection to the Divine through Unity services, classes, family and community projects, including the Great Community Giveaway and Wellness Fair.

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation:

Southern Baptist

Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

Office hours: Varies

Contact information:

phone number: 970-275-7026

email ad-

dress: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com

website:

www.summitchurchmontrose.org

Name of current Senior Pastor: John DeSario

Worship service times: 9 AM for Sunday Worship, Monday Night Bible Study 6:30-8pm

Summit Church Montrose preaches the Word of God, reaches the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equips Christians to serve the Lord.

Summit Church is a group of diverse peo-

ple, (widows, retired couples, families with adult children, families with young and school aged children, and recent high school and college graduates).

Our services are in English, but many in our congregation also speak Spanish, as we partner with Verdad Y Vida (a Spanish congregation meeting in the same building). We have a children's area we call "Base Camp" for children ages birth to Kindergarten during the Sunday Service.

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

Denomination Affiliation: Independent Baptist

Address: 2890 N Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-12pm

Contact Information: Phone (970) 249-

6874; email at info@vbcmontrose.org;

website: vbcmontrose.org

Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

Worship Service Times: Sunday School at 9:30am, Sunday AM Service at 10:30am, Sunday PM Service at 6pm, Wednesday Night Service at 6:30pm (all services include childcare)

Victory Baptist Church exists to exalt God, edify saints, and evangelize the lost.

Demographics: Victory Baptist serves everyone with age-appropriate classes, groups, and activities. Families with children make up the majority of VBC with young adults, singles, middle-aged couples, and seniors comprising the rest.

Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

MONTROSE-As a way of serving the faith community in Montrose, the Montrose Mirror is in the process of establishing a Church Directory.

If your congregation or fellowship would like to be included in the directory, please supply the following information to the

Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address

Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

Please give a one sentence description of your church and its mission in the Montrose community.

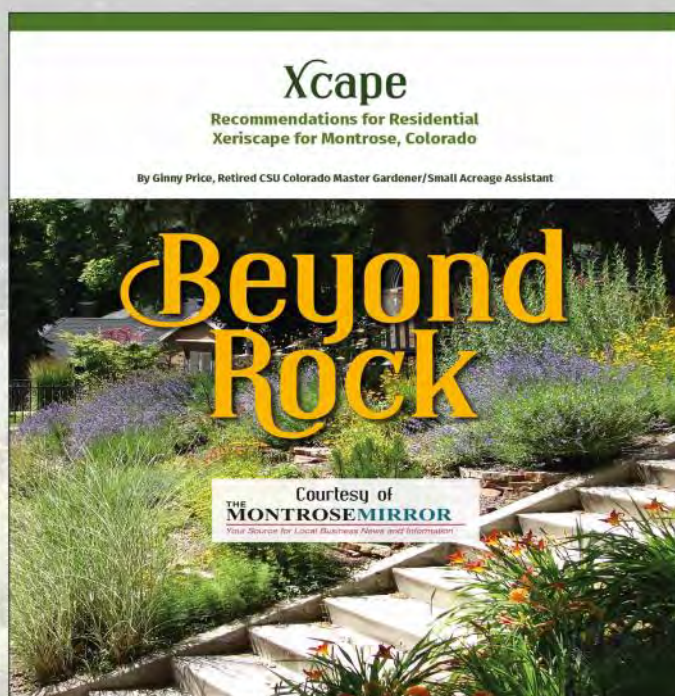
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

POET MADISON GILL OF MONTROSE WINS 2021 CANTOR PRIZE



Poet Madison Gill. Courtesy photo

Special to the Art & Sol

TELLURIDE ... The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds poetry program is especially happy to announce that our Western Slope neighbor Madison Gill of Montrose has won the 24th annual Cantor Prize with her poem, "Urraca."

Gill has performed at literary events and university-level conferences around Colorado and has published in print and online with *Sledgehammer Literary Journal*, *Anti-Hero Chic*, *Tiny Spoon*, *Tempered Steel* and others.

"Fantastic," Colorado State University Pueblo poet and professor Juan Morales

called the selection of his former student.

"Madison has always shown herself to be a strong poet, who works hard. Her poem are full of strong lines, tenderness, and compelling themes, and I appreciate her use of natural imagery and wonderful landscapes."

Gill will receive \$500 and a slot in the virtual Bardic Trails poetry Series run by the Wilkinson Public Library in collaboration with the Talking Gourds program, most likely in July of

2022.

Previous winners of the Cantor Prize include Prof. Jane Hilberry of Colorado College in Colorado Springs (2018), selected by Santa Fe Poet Laureate Emerita Joan Logghe of Española; Renee Podunovich of Dolores, selected by Berkeley (CA) Poet Laureate Rafael Jesús González (2019); and Mark Oreskovich of Pueblo, selected by performance poet Claire Blotter of Marin County in California (2020).

Award-winning poet Donald Levering of Santa Fe was this year's Cantor Prize judge.

For the last four years, to compete for the

Cantor Prize, a Colorado poet had to enter the national Fischer Prize Contest. There is talk of separating the two prizes and interested poets ought to keep an eye on the Talking Gourds website for more information as we undergo a program reorganization at the Telluride Institute.

The Fischer Prize winner this year was Ja'net Danielo of Long Beach (CA) with her poem "We Thank the Veteran for His Service." She receives \$1000 prize money. Finalists include Partridge Boswell of Vermont – a finalist last year as well – with this year's poem "Pop a Wheelie;" Stephanie Bailey of California for "The Patron Saint of Letting Go;" Bianca Darby-Matteoda of California for "bird cry;" Mitchell Untch of California for "Eden;" and Janet Ruth of New Mexico for "Sacred Datura."

All the poems are available for viewing [here](#).

The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds poetry program continues its decades-long tradition of offering a national Fischer Prize contest in honor of the late attorney/poet Mark Fischer, who died in the '80s, and more recently a Colorado Prize honoring his wife — politician/painter Elaine Cantor Fischer, who passed away five years ago.

ROCK ART OF THE PARADOX VALLEY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On Oct. 12, Colorado Mesa University presents a special presentation by Archeologist Glade Hadden on the Rock Art of the Paradox Valley, 6 to 7:30pm Cascade Hall.



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ONGOING-

FREETHINKERS meet 1st Sunday of the month at 1pm. more info at 970-708-8333.

NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS welcomes adults who are new to Montrose or have been here awhile, who would enjoy learning more about the area and participate in social activities. [2021-22 meeting info](#). We will hold our first monthly meeting on Wednesday September 8 in our [new location](#). All other meetings will be on the 1st Wednesday of each month (October, November, and January – May). 10am-11:30am in the downstairs meeting hall of Cedar Creek Church, 222 S. Townsend and S. 3rd. enter through the side door on S. 3rd St. Hope to meet you there! Contact Patti 951-544-6289 if you have questions.

THE MONTROSE GENEALOGY CENTER at 700 E. Main St. is now open Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 1-4 p.m. or call for an appointment: 970-240-1755. Free help and resources for your family history research.”

(The center is sponsored by the non-profit organization, Fore-Kin Trails Genealogical Society.)

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 -Saturdays from 9 am-1 pm.. **Location:** Montrose Centennial Plaza . 81401 **Cost:** Free to attend.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY-Registration now open for Sept 2021 - Apr 2022 COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY, an international non-denominational Bible study. Studying Revelation Sep 2021-Jan 2022 and Christian Living (1,2,3 John, Jude & Philemon) Feb-Apr 2022. In person for women and children of all ages on Wednesday mornings 9-11. Virtual/Zoom for women Thursday evenings 6-7:15. Contact 720-635-0091 to register or for more information. Or come to our first meeting Wed., Sep. 8, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1840 E. Niagara St., Montrose, at 9AM.

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

All Month. Montrose Center for the Arts. Montrose Visual Arts Guild, main gallery. Dave Kaufmann, wood-turning, Columbine room. [Details here.](#)

Oct 11-6:30 Citizens' Climate Lobby meets in person at Montrose Library meeting rm, Nonpartisan, national nonprofit-info at 970-765-9095.

Oct. 12-Colorado Mesa University presents a special presentation by Archeologist Glade Hadden on the Rock Art of Paradox Valley, 6 to 7:30pm Cascade Hall.

Oct. 13. History Wednesday: noon- 2 pm. Brown Bag lunch. With Gail Saunders, *Old Tyme Recreation in Western Colorado*. Montrose Center for the Arts. **FREE**

Oct. 15-Montrose Area Wood Turners Art Exhibition and Sale at Cobble Creek Clubhouse, 699 Cobble Drive, 4-7pm.

Oct. 15-Justine Willis Toms, host of New Dimensions Radio, will be the featured speaker and presenter at Ridgway Spirit Fest, which will take place at the 4H Center in Ridgway, Colorado on Oct. 15-17, 2021. Visit www.RidgwaySpiritFest.com for tickets and more information. In-person tickets are limited.

Oct. 16- Beasies Are Back. Rene Fisher. Kids class at Montrose Center for the Arts. [Register here.](#)

Oct. 17 at 4pm, the Zikr Dance Ensemble comes to Ouray's Wright Opera House. For information and Tickets: OCPAG.ORG

Oct. 18-The League of Women Voters of the Uncompahgre Valley and the Uncompahgre Valley Education Association (UVEA) are co-sponsoring a candidate forum for the Montrose County Board of Education. The forum will be held Monday, Oct. 18, 2021, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Ute Indian Museum, 17253 Chipeta Road, Montrose, CO. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Masks are recommended.

Oct. 19- Let it Flow, Alcohol Ink Painting. Jana Adams. Montrose Center for the Arts. [Register here.](#)

Oct. 21-“Pizza & politics” Special community event-Forest & water management effect on our drinking water supply. Thursday, Oct. 21, 202 Circle 3 Cowboy Fellowship Church 62885 Lasalle road, Montrose.

Oct. 26-27 Abstraction 102: Design and Composition. Pat Jeffers. Montrose Center for the Arts. [Register here.](#)

Oct.23-CONCERT: The Ouray County Performing Arts Guild presents Jarabe Mexicano on Saturday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright Opera House in Ouray. The group features Mexican Folk, Rock & Roll, Tex-Mex, Latin Rock, and Reggae-Cumbia. Stringed folk instruments accompanied by lively percussion, Jarabe's dramatic, harmonized vocals are in Spanish and English. ocpag.org for tickets and information.

Contact the Montrose Mirror:
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AUTUMN LEAVES

At right, B. Switzer took this photo of brilliant foliage in Cerise Park Oct. 9.



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