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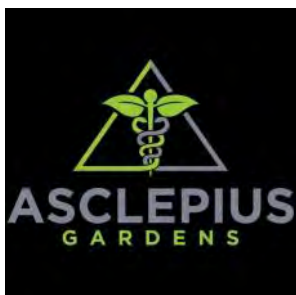
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HOSPITAL REBRANDS AS MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Welcome to Montrose Regional Health, the newly-announced name brand for the hospital formerly known as Montrose Memorial. On Friday, Oct. 22, Chief Executive Officer Jeff Mengenhauen stood with caregivers on the lawn at Nevada and South Third Street to say that the facility has rebranded as Montrose Regional Health. The new name and logo represent the hospital's status as a regional provider of "wraparound" health care, meaning health care intended to fulfill the full spectrum of patient needs.

"With services attracting people from across the region, our new name reflects our status as the health care provider of choice for Montrose and throughout the area," he said.



Montrose Regional Health CEO Jeff Mengenhauen stood with caregivers on Friday to announce the hospital's new name and brand.

BELL, BYNUM PUSH BACK AS MURA BOARD TRIES TO HIT BRAKES ON SPENDING

"I think we should pour as much money into this project as we can find,"
Montrose City Councilor/MURA Board Member Barbara Bynum



During the Oct. 20 MURA Board of Commissioners meeting, the commission was updated on the horizontal improvements associated with a proposed Marriott motel. City Engineer Scott Murphy (center) said, "There are two-months of work for the horizontal improvements. We haven't spent any money yet on the improvements." 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 Dragoo Developers are son David Dragoo and father Doug Dragoo.

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

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CLOSURE IN PLACE FOR TAYLOR PARK RESERVOIR BOAT INSPECTION STATION

Special to the Mirror

GUNNISON-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests issued a Forest Order prohibiting motorized watercraft which contains a bilge system and/or a ballast on Taylor Park Reservoir, with the exception of when official Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) watercraft inspectors are operating. Colorado Parks and Wildlife closed the ANS inspection station at the Taylor Park Marina Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021.

The purpose of the Forest Order is to prevent non-native invasive freshwater mussels (zebra and quagga mussel or other aquatic invasive species), from infesting Taylor Park Reservoir. Colorado Parks and Wildlife boat inspectors operate the ANS inspection station at the Taylor Park Marina from May–October.

For additional information on boat ANS inspection and decontamination, visit the Colorado Parks and Wildlife boat inspection website and the 2021 Colorado Statewide Watercraft Inspections and Decontamination Stations Information website.

For information contact the Gunnison Ranger District at (970) 641-0471. For more information on current fire restrictions, conditions and recreation opportunities, visit the forest website or www.westslopefireinformation.com. Connect with us or follow us on social media (Twitter and Facebook).

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PREP TREES IN FALL FOR THE WINTER AHEAD

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FORT COLLINS— Recent wintry weather across parts of Colorado is a reminder that colder months are ahead and freezing temperatures can occur quickly in the fall.

As temperatures drop, trees in urban and community settings across Colorado go dormant, and they require care before and during the winter to remain in top health. Residents can take measures now and through spring to help their trees through the oncoming harsh conditions, said Dana Coelho, Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager for the Colora-

do State Forest Service.

The CSFS offers the following tips to prepare Colorado's urban trees for winter: Wrap the trunk. In Colorado, thin-barked trees like honeylocust, maple and linden are susceptible to sunscald and frost cracks because of drastic winter temperature fluctuations. To prevent bark damage, wrap the trunks of younger trees up to the first branches using commercial tree wrap. Leave the wrap on until early April.

Mulch the base. Apply two to four inches of wood chips, bark or other organic

mulch near the base of the tree, but not against it, to reduce soil evaporation, improve water absorption and insulate against temperature extremes. Some community recycling programs provide wood chips free of charge.

Recycle leaves. Instead of disposing of autumn leaves, consider layering them around the base of each tree as mulch, or blend them into the yard with a mulching mower to retain nutrients.

Give them a good drink. Before storing the garden hose for winter, water trees in the area extending from the trunk to the extent of the longest branches, known as the drip line (the point on the ground where water will drip off the widest-reaching branch). Water slowly, with a sprinkler or soaker hose, at a rate of 10 gallons per inch of tree diameter. Ample moisture in the ground at the onset of winter sets trees up for success to start growing in spring. Watering conifers is especially important since they keep their leaves all year long and lose more moisture over the winter.

Focus on younger trees. With less extensive root systems, they require the most care.

Wait to prune until winter. Late winter is the best time for pruning most tree species, but it can be done whenever trees are dormant over the winter months. Common reasons for pruning are to remove dead branches and improve a tree's form. Always prune just outside the branch collar (the point where a branch joins a larger one) and don't remove any branches without good reason.

Coelho said planted trees often require additional, regular watering over the winter. During extended dry periods (e.g., more than two weeks without snow cover), provide supplemental water per the guidelines above. The best time for winter watering is on warmer days, when snow has melted on the ground and the temperature is above 40 degrees.

For more information about urban tree care, visit our Selecting, Planting & Caring for Trees page at csfs.colostate.edu/colorado-trees/selecting-planting-and-caring-for-trees/



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MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS ALERT: HELP LOCATE PUMPKIN VANDALS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Police Dept. would like the help of the community to locate or identify the vehicle and/or persons involved in a theft and vandalism at Walmart.

On Sept. 30, 2021, between 1:51 a.m. and 2 a.m., a silver in color two door sedan depicted in the photographs entered the

Walmart parking lot at 16750 South Townsend Avenue from the south side entrance from Woodgate Road. An occupant of the vehicle exited and stole a quantity of pumpkins from an outdoor display. In the process of doing this, the display was knocked over causing damage to the display. This in turn caused a number of the other pumpkins on display for sale to roll



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Anyone with information about this crime or the identity of the perpetrator(s) or any other crimes may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at (970)249-8500, use the app P3 Tips, or provide information via [P3Tips.com](https://www.p3tips.com). Crimes Stoppers wants your information, not your identity. If the Tip results in an arrest, the Tipster may receive a cash award of up to \$1000. For additional information, please view our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers. Crime Prevention and crime solution are everyone's responsibility.

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MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS ALERT: THEFT SKIP

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MONTROSE—On July 5, 2021, at 11:09 p.m., the Montrose Police Department responded to Walmart at 16750 South Townsend Avenue on a report of theft by skip scanning from their loss prevention. The reporting party advised that the man depicted in the photographs was observed to be scanning certain items but omitting others in his cart that evening, and had failed to pay for \$71.80 of merchandise from the store. He was confronted by loss prevention after he walked past the points of sale, then contacted by law enforcement in the loss prevention office. He claimed to have no identification, but orally provided the name 'Sergio Tserreon' and a date of birth that returned with no record. The male has not responded to two separate set court dates in municipal court. MPD is looking for any information on the identity of this person and his current whereabouts.

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CDOT COMPLETES REGION-WIDE STRIPING PROJECT

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SOUTHWEST & SOUTH-CENTRAL COLORADO – The Colorado Department of Transportation has completed a regional striping project. Over the past five months, pavement marking technicians with Kolbe Striping Inc. have re-striped existing white and yellow pavement markings on both asphalt and concrete roadways throughout southwestern and south-central Colorado.

Yearly painting of highway pavement markings is necessary to maintain safety for the traveling public. Centerline and edgeline reflectivity helps guide drivers, especially at night and during inclement weather conditions. Additionally, many newer vehicles possess high-tech features like lane departure warnings, intended to keep vehicles on the road and in their lane. These advanced technologies depend upon well-maintained centerlines and edgelines.

With the recent completion of the project, the following highways now have new markings: US 160, US 491, CO 145, US 550, US 24, 50, US 285, and CO 291. These highways run through various counties including: Montezuma, La Plata, Archuleta, Mineral, Rio Grande, Alamosa, Dolores, San Miguel, Montrose, Chaffee, Park, Mesa, Delta, Gunnison, Saguache, Fremont, and Pueblo.

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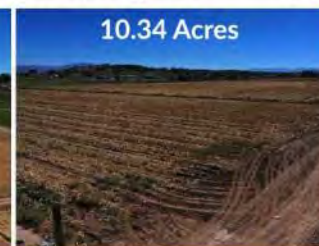
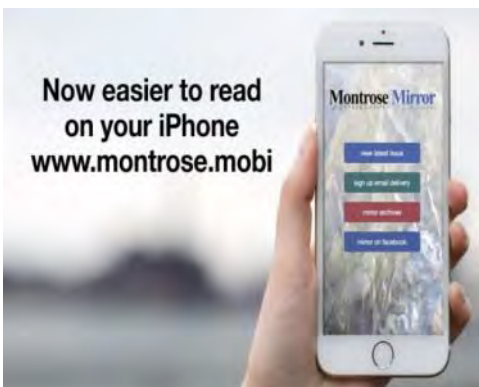
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CROSSTOWN PURSUIT ENDS IN DEATH OF HORNED COW

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-After Montrose police officers attempted unsuccessfully to contain a black horned cow that made its way west across Montrose late last Thursday, the pursuit ended when the animal charged an officer with its horns down. The officer fired his weapon, resulting in the death of the animal. According to Montrose Police Commander Matt Smith, the first reports of the cow at large began coming in from the vicinity of East Locust Road. Witnesses later saw the cow, with officers in vehicular pursuit, near Water Avenue and West South Third Street.

"There were multiple reporting parties," Smith said. "Officers tried to contain the animal but were unsuccessful."

The cow was eventually cornered behind a building in the 200 block of Apollo Road, where it lowered its horns and charged, he said. The officer was not harmed, and



After a crosstown pursuit, a horned cow at large was eventually cornered by Montrose Police behind a building in the 200 block of Apollo Road, above.

no other individuals were hurt, Smith said. A dark cow on a busy downtown street after dark when visibility is low is a safety hazard, Smith noted, and thanked all of

those who stepped forward to report seeing the animal. "If there is a traffic safety issue or public safety issue, please give us a call," Smith said.



From October 19 through November 18, 2021, 100% of the proceeds will help provide assurance to those in the most difficult of conditions that they are not alone, and that our community recognizes that we must all work to lift one another up to form that more perfect union. Requested items include:

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The Center for Mental Health is a nonprofit organization that provides an extensive range of behavior health care services in six different counties on the Western Slope - Montrose, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Ouray, Delta, and San Miguel. Their *Early Childhood Program* provides access and services to children regardless of their family's income level or ability to pay.

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CPW SEEKS PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON BIG GAME HUNTING LICENSE DISTRIBUTION TO EVALUATE POTENTIAL POLICY CHANGES

Special to the Mirror

DENVER – Colorado Parks and Wildlife is considering changes to policies and regulations that could potentially impact how big game hunting licenses are distributed in the state. CPW is currently seeking public input from resident and nonresident big game hunters and stakeholders through an online comment form, followed by a survey and public meetings next year. The

feedback will help the Parks and Wildlife Commission and the agency determine if the current policies need to be revised.

Public interested in big game hunting can provide feedback now via an online 10-question [Big Game Hunting License Distribution Public Comment Form](#). Your feedback will help identify the highest priority topics for review by CPW over the next year. Feedback must be submitted by Nov.



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The big game license distribution topics being considered are resident and nonresident elk and deer license allocation, preference points, weighted points and over-the-counter (OTC) elk licenses.

To inform the review of license distribution topics, CPW is offering multiple opportunities for the public to get involved. The timeline for this process is now through the fall of 2022. For more information, read the [CPW Big Game Hunting License Distribution FAQs](#) or [subscribe to our Hunting eNews](#) for the latest hunting information.

February and April 2022 – CPW is conducting a survey of hunters to assess their perspectives about the topics listed above and holding focus groups to help inform the development of alternative strategies. The Big Game Attitude Survey will be mailed to randomly selected resident and nonresident hunters who will also have the opportunity to participate online if they prefer. May and June 2022 – CPW is hosting stakeholder workshops and public meetings to provide opportunities to review and discuss possible alternative strategies. September and November 2022 – The Parks and Wildlife Commission will consider proposed policy and regulatory changes with opportunities for further public comment. For more information on hunting in Colorado, visit the [CPW Hunt Big Game website](#) or explore the [Learn to Hunt Webinar Series](#).

BELL, BYNUM PUSH BACK AS MURA BOARD TRIES TO HIT BRAKES ON SPENDING *From pg 1*

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

Attendance for the Oct. 20, 2021 MURA meeting, held at the City of Montrose Centennial Meeting Room, was in-person and virtually via Zoom. With the exception of Mark Plantz, 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 Oct. 7, 2021 meeting. There was no Public Comment.

Flex Building Project Discussion – Executive Director Bill Bell.

Bell began by giving a brief overview of the last meeting, which was held two weeks prior, with clarifying language on the source information. City Councilman David Reed, an attorney, went over the Development Agreement and the Tax Increment Financing Promissory Note with Bell to make the documents clearer to the public.

Dave Frank said, "This is standard boilerplate."

Bell said, "The agreement was worked on early on and each time we go back to the boilerplate and add clarifying language. We do not change the substance [of the agreement]."

Barbara Bynum said, "The documents are tied together, it's the language in both that tie them together."

Bell said, "We want the documents to speak for themselves."

Bynum said, "I like the level of transparency."

Frank said, "I would like to see a repayment schedule and the reasons they are not paying on this right now [i.e., lack of building products, delays in delivery of materials]."

Bell said, "Revenue projections anticipate what will come in over the time of each project. We estimate to start repayment in three-years."

Background: All the funding for the MURA projects has come through Promissory

Notes from the city. The city financed those Promissory Notes through various resources such as borrowing from the water fund and the general fund. In one instance the city made a \$4.8 M bank loan to finance street projects and half of that funding was then allocated to build the main streets in the Colorado Outdoors Project. The MURA itself has not taken out any bank loans.

Bell said, "The city would have built that street anyway."

Anthony Russo said, "Yes, we need to make that clear."

Brad Hughes, who is the Montrose County Assessor, said, "The Flex Building will be more complicated. Do we look at the building being 100-percent complete by January first if it's only a shell?"

Developer David Dragoo said, "The shell should be complete in November."

Hughes said, "What I'm getting at is, it's a different schedule. We won't see full revenues until January of 2024."

Bynum said, "We'll have the motel next summer, taxed in January 2023, but no revenue until January 2024?"

Hughes said, "Correct."

Bynum said, "Sales tax is much more immediate. A more immediate fusion of revenues."

Gayle Johnson said, "When will we start to see repayment from property taxes?"

Reed said, "It is not an instant repayment."

David Dragoo said, "It is more immediate on restaurant and retail [sales tax revenue]."

Frank said, "Specify 'as revenues become available.' The public needs to be aware it's as revenues become available."

Bell said, "A lot of us are talking to constituents and proactively trying to assist."

Action:

The agreement with Colorado Outdoors for development of the Flex Building project at Colorado Outdoors was approved unanimously.

Action:

The Tax Increment Financing Anticipatory Loan in the amount of \$1,100,000 for construction of horizontal site improvements

associated with the Flex Building project at Colorado Outdoors, which had no specific discussion on the motion, was approved unanimously.

New Business:

Hughes said, "The fact that the [Marriott] hotel has pulled a building permit, I've seen no site work. I'm having concerns about the hotel coming. I think we should have the board stop the horizontal improvements until funding sources are developed."

Frank said, "I agree with you, it is a very valid point. Until shovels are breaking dirt, I worry about that."

City Engineer Scott Murphy said, "It's January-ish."

Reed said, "Ask him [motel developer] to provide a written report."

Hughes said, "The permit is five months-old. Have them pull [relinquish] the permit and then come back."

Murphy said, "There are two-months of work for the horizontal improvements. We haven't spent any money yet on the improvements."

Referring to the MURA Commission as an economic development board, Co-Developer Doug Dragoo said, "I appreciate what you're saying. There are some pretty exciting things that I think you guys will appreciate. I would encourage you not to draw a line in the sand. These things take months and years. Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Hughes said, "You need to not be [told] that things are coming and coming and then in a few years they are not done."

Developer David Dragoo said, "The loans [for Marriott] are in place."

Hughes said, "I haven't heard that [before], all I've heard is that the building permit is pulled. We should really have things in line before you request more money from the MURA. There has to be that main component of funding for the project."

Russo wanted to know about delivery issues. He said "It would be great to know why the delay."

David Dragoo said, "No doubt there are delays. You can't control that."

BELL, BYNUM PUSH BACK AS MURA BOARD TRIES TO HIT BRAKES ON SPENDING From previous pg

Bell, who negotiates with the developers, said, "I understand that we have people in the community who lack vision. They have no patience or vision. The people in this room have vision. I can't ask the developer every month where we are on the project. They [hotel developer] haven't violated anything yet. There has to be give and take. I understand the ramifications."

The original hotel agreement, signed in January 2020, needs to be completed by August 30, 2023.

Hughes said, "The hotel agreement was signed coming on three-years ago. That's the wrong order of events for me."

Bynum said, "Sometimes the cart comes before the horse. They [developers] need our incentives to leverage."

Russo said, "We need to inquire [from motel developers] so that we can manage expectations."

Bell said, "We have five-10 people calling in and hounding us on it saying the Dragoo's are going to take our money. I don't know how to tell people more; it is successful."

Rowan said, "It's not five-10 people. These are my concerns. We are not an economic development [commission]. We sit here to be stewards of the Tax Increment Financing. That's my opinion."

Mayor Doug Glaspell said, "People go by [the site] and don't see anything."

Reed said, "I understand the angst of some people in the community and on the board, but we have a performance agreement. If they are not in default, they have until August 30, 2023, we don't have a leg to stand on. It would help if there were signs of progress."

Rowan said, "My concern is before we

authorize any more expenditures. It's been delayed, for what?"

Hughes said, "In the last five years three or four developers have come to me asking about developing hotels and motels. Not one of them has come through. I need tangible things in place. This helps to know that the loans are in place and the modulars are being built [off site]."

Bynum said, "My concern is that we are being too cautious. I think we should pour as much money into this project as we can find. Opposite of taking it slow, I somewhat want to push the accelerator to go faster."

Gayle Johnson said, "Could we take a photo of what the project is going to be?"

David Dragoo indicated the modular motel could be built so quickly that there would be no time for a groundbreaking, but rather the developer would go right to a Grand Opening.

Doug Dragoo said, "We do all the marketing. It takes a long time to get things done. Things we can't go public with. What we have done around here is pretty special. Other places would give them the middle finger."

Bell said, "We are the model [for URAs] to teach others [municipalities] all over the State. We have Best Practices. We have naysayers, but you don't represent the five naysayers. We are not trying to hide information. It just gets frustrating. We are transparent, everything is out there."

"It's when we get attacked on the integrity side that I get frustrated. We know some people in this room are hearing from constituents. We are only four-years into the project."



Gayle Johnson, the Montrose County School District RE-1J representative on the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) Board of Commissioners, just completed her three-year term. Her replacement from the School District has yet to be named. Photo by Gail Marvel.

Hughes said, "We are \$11.4 M in debt, we have a job to do to get that paid off. That's all we care about. In 20 years, will it be successful? [In the future] maybe we should commit a little more time on a building permit."

Hughes was concerned about taxes being diverted from other entities. He said, "I want to see revenue that is dependable. I want to see a payback schedule."

Bell said, "As projects [for the MURA] come before us, it is case by case."

Hughes said, "That's the big driver, the motel."

Scheduled meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 17, 2021.

Announcement following Adjournment:

Following adjournment, and after some committee members had already left, Bell announced he had just received an email from the motel developer saying the motel would be built early Spring of 2022.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

EVEN LOCAL MONTROSE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES NOW TARGETS OF POLITICAL BRANDING

Editor:

Republican Chairwoman Kristi Brown recently published to Republican faithful a directive to vote in the forthcoming election which included a directive to vote for three candidates for the Montrose School Board. She certainly has no familiarity with Montrose so the choices undoubtedly came from the local GOP leadership. The three recommended choices appear to lack knowledge, experience and have not even provided any information that would support them being a good choice, yet the state GOP is telling us how to select local School Board members, an election previously outside of the inflammatory political arena. Ms. Brown's email further urges affirmative votes on Amendments 28 and Proposition 120, again very poor choices.

The sad fact is that while Montrose currently enjoys the finest city and county governments that both have had in my 26 years in the area, the local GOP leadership is out of touch with what is best for the residents. They actively opposed the ballot issue to build a desperately needed police facility even though all evidence and statistics clearly demonstrated the extreme need and which conclusion a bipartisan independent committee had recommended. Many locals, including myself, disagree on the GOP's five choices, based on knowledge, experience and the recommended candidate's qualifications or lack thereof. Continuing poor choices locally and nationally are the reason so many are abandoning both major political parties.

Please vote for the most qualified School Board candidates and make your own informed decisions on the state issues. Do not vote solely on either political party's recommendations.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

PLEASE VOTE FOR ALICE MURPHY, SARAH FISHERING AND ERIC KELLY

Editor:

I attended the League of Women Voter's and Uncompaghre Valley Education Association's School Board Forum at the Ute Museum on Monday night. I was interested to attend a non-partisan forum (unlike the one held by the Montrose County Republicans at the Cowboy Church). It was well attended and would have been a great way to get to know those running for our School Board.

Only, there were 4 of those running who chose to not attend. Kudos to Alice Murphy, Sara Fishering and Eric --Kelly for showing up. Shame on you to the others who could not find time in their busy schedules to show up.

As noted by Dennis Anderson's Editorial in the Sunday Montrose Press, there are 3 candidates running as a "slate". Although each had their own opening remarks read by Kay Alexander, they did their closing remarks as a group. The school board is not a club. It is not a popularity contest. It is an independent board that determines the policies of our schools for our children. Why would we want to vote in 3 individuals who are incapable of doing one on one interviews with the Daily Press, insisting they must be interviewed as a group? Why would we want to vote in a group that will always vote the same way, and are not independent critical thinkers? One of the questions asked by a person in the audience was regarding attendance. Both Sarah Fishering and Eric Kelly stated they had only missed one and two meetings respectively. The "slate" of can-

didates have missed at least that many School Board Forums. It appears that they are not taking the election to a public office as high importance. Why would the voters think they will show up at the School Board meetings? (If one is absent, will all 3 be required to be absent?)

After listening to Alice Murphy, Sarah Fishering and Eric Kelly, I would strongly urge the residents of Montrose County to

vote for these individuals. The School Board is an intricate part of our county and need to have individuals who are concerned about the safety and well being of our students. What the school board does not need is three candidates who are too scared to show up and face the public unless all members of their club can all be in attendance.

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MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS ALERT: BURGLARY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. and the Montrose County Sheriff's Office are seeking the help of citizens to locate the suspect(s) and recover the stolen items from a burglary of a locked shop near 6300 Road and Jade Road. The incident occurred between 10/18 and 10/20/21. Approximately \$100,000 of Snap-On brand hand tools including full socket sets, wrenches, etc., were stolen.

Anyone with information about this crime or the identity of the perpetrator(s) or any other crimes may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500, use the mobile app P3 Tips, or provide information via [P3tips.com](https://p3tips.com). Crime Stoppers wants your information, not your identity. If the Tip results in an arrest, the Tipster may receive a cash award of up to \$1000. For additional information, please view our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers. Crime prevention and crime solution are everyone's responsibility.

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2. As one of our first official acts, we will propose and pass a Board Resolution to prohibit the teaching of critical race theory and any of its elements in Montrose schools.
3. All Board resolutions will be presented and discussed in open meeting prior to board voting.
4. All proposed district COVID policies will be discussed and approved or rejected by the Board.
5. The Board will review and discuss and ensure all district curriculum is appropriate for Montrose schools.
6. The Board will review and approve STEM curriculum to ensure the curriculum includes course work that will be needed to enter a desired college program.
7. The Board will conduct a thorough analysis of the school district budget in open meeting(s) and vote on approval in open meeting(s) – not pass a budget on a consent agenda.
8. Work sessions will be used to discuss district issues and not solely to make field trips to district schools. Minutes or recordings of work session discussions will be available to the public.
9. The Board will require a facilities maintenance plan be adopted to ensure our facilities are properly maintained.
10. The Board will review the district sex ed policy to ensure the curriculum meets parental approval and focuses on appropriate sexual health issues and if appropriate, offer an opt in provision for parents rather than an opt out requirement.
11. All grant applications will be approved or rejected by the Board prior to application being made.
12. The current district performance on the Colorado Measure for Academic Success (CMAS) does not reflect the potential of students in the district. We will require the administration to prepare a realistic plan to raise the CMAS scores. The plan must include measurable improvement and a realistic time line for each school in the district. Our community, especially student's parents, deserve to know what the expectations are for the students in each of our schools.

Vote for better governance of our schools.
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MONTROSE COUNTY GREENLIGHTS AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS



Scott Riba asked Montrose County to provide year-round maintenance on county roads.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners gathered for a regular meeting at 9am on Wednesday, Oct. 20. BOCC Chair Sue Hansen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone; Vice Chair Keith Caddy delivered the invocation. All three commissioners were present for the meeting.

Said Caddy, "Heavenly Father...We humbly come before thee this beautiful day in Western Colorado, to do the business of the County of Montrose. We ask for thy guiding hand in all that we do and that we do it in a way that would please thee...we ask for guidance and direction again...Amen."

Commissioner Roger Rash led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Citizen Scott Riba addressed the BOCC. He noted that the county will end 2021 with a \$54M surplus, and the surplus will be more than \$60M going into 2022.

"Specifically, questions come up regarding road and bridge funding."

The sales tax collected on behalf of the road and bridge fund is anticipated to be in excess of \$8M, he said. "Next year it's anticipated to be in excess of \$10M."

Said Riba, "Considering the surplus that Montrose County has moving forward in 2022 and ending 2021...why is the policy for certain county roads to not be maintained to the same extent as other county roads? Using 5790 Road as an example, if we need or want Mag Chloride applied for

dust control, we have had to pay the county every year for the last ten years or so."

Acknowledging that maintenance is presently based on traffic counts, Riba asked for change.

"...Considering that we have already paid through our sales tax, the money for road maintenance plus there is a surplus in the county budget this year and next year and has been for a number of years," he said, "and considering...that there was an \$828K transfer out of road and bridge this year into another fund, so the...requirement for residents on a county road to pay for county road maintenance such as Mag Chloride, that policy should be revisited."

"Anyone who lives on a county road year-round should have county road maintenance at the same level as any other county road."

Riba said that the road is rarely plowed except by a private contractor, and almost never graded unless residents pay for it.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Jon Waschbusch had no changes to the meeting agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously, with Resolution No. 45-2021 assigned to Item Six.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Montrose Regional Airport Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold presented for consideration and possible approval the Ninth Amendment Modification #1 to the On-Call Engineering Services Agreement dated Nov. 21, 2018 with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., of \$774,822 for Construction Management and Administration. An independent Fee Estimate (IFE) was conducted for Construction Management and Project Closeout and was reviewed and accepted by the FAA. Arnold said that he negotiated the fee after obtaining the independent fee estimate, resulting in a savings of around \$250K.

Commissioner Roger Rash said that Jacobs Engineering Group is a good compa-

ny and will do a good job. "They will have a lot of oversight and a lot of documentation to provide to the Federal Government to make sure that we get the product that we're paying for in the final outcome."

"Good job Lloyd, thank you for working that fee down and saving us quite a bit of money there."

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Ninth Amendment Modification #1 to the On-Call Engineering Services Agreement dated Nov. 21, 2018 with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., \$774,822 for Construction Management and Administration.

Commissioners approved the Tenth (10th) Amendment Modification #1 to the On-Call Engineering Services Agreement dated Nov. 21, 2018 with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., for design and bidding services of \$216,464.80 on the design and bidding services for signalized intersection (stoplight) in front of the Airport terminal. "It is a much-needed project," Arnold said. "We know that most vehicles are turning south out of the terminal and that is a divided highway...not only for safety, but to control the ingress and egress of traffic out of the airport is much needed." The City of Montrose is participating with \$1.5M; the entire project is estimated at \$2.3M.

"...A much-needed light," Caddy said. "...I would like to thank the city for getting involved with this project with us. It will be a benefit to all of us."

Also approved was the construction and paving of 570 additional Long-Term and Rental Car Parking Lots by Williams Construction Contractors, in the amount of \$3,344,995.20 effective Oct. 20, 2021. This was a public request for proposal with three responses, bids were opened Friday, Oct. 1, 2021, in a public bid opening at Montrose Regional Airport. Arnold amended the final sentence on pg. Sec. 1.16 to include \$2,500 in liquidated damages per day.

"I just heard the crowd cheering--the traveling crowd--yay! Parking spaces," Hansen said.

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MONTROSE COUNTY GREENLIGHTS AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

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Rash said, "...It's a huge addition to our transportation capabilities here." Also, Williams Construction is a local contractor, he said.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Commissioners voted to approve Resolution No. 46-2021, regarding a proposal to amend Resolution No. 12-2019 regarding subdivision School Fee-in Lieu Calculations based on the current Montrose County Assessor's Land Values. The Amendment will change the Fee-in-Lieu Calculation land value from \$17,200 per acre with a fee of \$430 per lot, to \$20,350 per acre with a fee of \$508 per lot.

MONTROSE COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

The BOCC left regular session to reconvene as the Liquor Licensing Authority. City of Montrose Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo, who assists the Montrose County Local Liquor Licensing Authority, presented a special event permit for approval. Commissioners voted to approve a Special Event Permit for Montrose West Recreation, Inc. to be held at Uravan Ballpark Campground, Hwy 141 - Mile Marker 74.1 on Oct. 23, 2021.

With no further business, the BOCC reconvened and voted to adjourn



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DURANGO Colorado Parks and Wildlife has kokanee salmon giveaway days planned for November at Lake Nighthorse in Durango.

CPW will conduct three giveaways at the boat ramp at Lake Nighthorse at 3 p.m. Nov. 5, 12 and 19. Parking will begin no earlier than 2 p.m. each day.

The giveaways will start promptly at 3 p.m.

To be eligible for the giveaway, a 2021 Colorado fishing license must be presented. Up to four youth may receive kokanee if accompanied by a license-holding adult.

Fish quantities for the giveaway will be determined by the number of kokanee collected by CPW staff during spawning as well as the number of people in line.

There will not be a giveaway at Vallecito Reservoir this year.

A giveaway in Dolores is unlikely but will be determined after CPW has finished spawning work for the season.

Giveaways have already started at the Roaring Judy Fish Hatchery north of Gunnison.

Additional giveaways at that location are scheduled for Oct. 29 and Nov. 5. Those attending the giveaways at Roaring Judy must be in line by 9 a.m. to receive fish.

Those interested in receiving kokanee should bring their own small cooler or



Following spawning operations, Colorado Parks and Wildlife will conduct giveaway days for kokanee salmon at Lake Nighthorse in Durango and at the Roaring Judy Fish Hatchery north of Gunnison. Courtesy photo.

other container. Most of the kokanee are 10 to 13 inches in size.

Kokanee are a freshwater, land-locked Pacific sockeye salmon. Though not a native fish to Colorado, they are well suited to Colorado's large reservoirs.

Anglers are reminded that snagging kokanee at Lake Nighthorse is prohibited.

Those fishing at the reservoir must stay at

least 100 yards from the salmon-spawning platform.

For more information and for details on legal snagging of kokanee across Colorado, go to: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bP_9WRDKgX_am9UT7pidol8OKdbYvo4EDtKgP8OgJx8/edit.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County Health Department is seeing a significant increase in the number of COVID-19 positive cases, in Delta County. Since Monday, Oct. 11, 2021 Delta

County has seen 254 new cases for a total of 3,820. Delta County's positivity rate sits at 16.1 %. Sadly, Delta County Health Department is reporting one additional death, bringing our total to 79; a female aged 65-

74.

Delta Health currently has 4 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19; their ICU bed utilization is at 83%. Unfortunately, hospital capacity regionally is of big concern as many of our neighboring hospitals aren't in a position to accept transfers due to their low numbers of bed availability, as well as tight staffing issues.

Additionally, Delta County is seeing an increase in COVID-19 testing. Delta County Health Department can't stress enough how important it is to be tested should you or a family member not feel well, and please stay home if you are sick. There are several options for COVID-19 testing in Delta County:

Delta County Health Department, 255 W. 5th St., Delta

Every Tuesday by appointment - 970-874-2165

North Fork EMS, 110 E. Hotchkiss Ave., Hotchkiss

Every Wednesday – drive up only
10a – 1p

Tru Vu Drive-In Theatre, 1001 Hwy 92, Delta

Every Wednesday and Friday
9a – 2p

Vaccination data for Delta County shows that, since the vaccine rollout began, 93% of COVID-19 positive cases are from unvaccinated people, and 96% of the individuals who have been hospitalized with COVID-19 are unvaccinated. 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 below:

Delta County Health Department – call 970-874-2165

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Delta Health West Elk Clinic – 970-872-1400

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Winter Collection for Veterans

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

EXPECT MORE FROM SCHOOL BOARD AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Editor:

When will the voters of Montrose finally say enough is enough? The upcoming school board election is an ideal opportunity to say we expect better, we demand better and the status quo is no longer acceptable. Several years ago when the state CSAP tests were in use (an excellent indicator of how our students were learning in relation to what they were actually achieving) Montrose RE-1J was satisfied that 60% to 62% of third graders in the district were reading at grade level. I thought it was terrible to accept the fact that close to 40% of our third graders were not reading at grade level – reading is the basis for all future learning. Little did I know that years later, specifically 2018 & 2019 the situation would be even worse. According to data on the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) web site the average scores in English Language for all schools, grades 3 through 8, in the district were – 2018 - 41.8% Met or Exceeded Expectations and 2019 – 41.8% Met or Exceeded Expectations. Math scores show an even more concerning level – 2018 – 27.1% Met or Exceeded Expectations and 2019 – 26.8% Met or Exceeded Expectations. And most concerning is that the current board members appear to not be concerned about these scores and are not actively demanding a plan from the school administration to improve student performance. The reality is that 80% to 85% of students have the ability to reach these expectation levels.

Current board members are telling us that the district is experiencing capacity issues, but according to student pupil counts on the CDE web site for RE-1J, for the years of 2015 – 2020 enrollment has decreased by 326 students to 5836 from 6087. A 5.29% decrease. The October count for 2021 has not been posted on the CDE web site, but I would expect similar numbers.

The teaching of Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Human Sexuality (HB19-1032) has

raised the concern of numerous individuals in the community. The Board and the Administration assured concerned parents that teaching the elements of Human Sexuality as described in HB19-1032 were not being taught in the district only to learn later that it was being taught in one school in the district supposedly through a contract with Hilltop Community Resources. It is disturbing that the administration and/or the board were not aware that this controversial material was being taught in three of our schools. We have also been told that CRT is not being taught, but is that really the case or are elements of CRT being taught and just not being called CRT?

Regarding Human Sexuality, the proponents will argue that there is an “opt out” option for students. That is fine, but how many parents are not aware of the material or are too busy to research the detail of the material. A better option would be for parents to be able to “opt in” to these controversial courses. One incumbent running for re-election has stated that she learned these issues in school and she thought it was fine. If parents believe that this material is appropriate, they should be willing to “opt in” for their children.

If you read the minutes of the monthly Board meetings you will find that the Board members do not conduct any discussion on the issues they vote on. They pass everything on a consent agenda. That means that all items on the consent agenda are voted on and passed with no discussion and almost always with a unanimous vote. It would appear that the current Board is always of one mind, without even having to discuss the issues among themselves. When asked about discussions between Board members at the League of Women Voters (LWV) forum on Monday 10/18/21 one incumbent responded that they do not conduct discussions outside of regular Board meetings, they each conduct research on the issues

and apparently all come to the same conclusion without any discussion. They even pass the district budget on a consent agenda with no public discussion. The other incumbent at the forum declined to answer the question on public discussion. Please review the approved Board minutes available on the district web site. School mascots. It might not have been possible for the district to reach an agreement with the tribes regarding keeping the mascots at Montrose High School and Centennial Middle School, but the district apparently did not start discussions with the tribes until just prior to the June 30th deadline. If an earlier start of the negotiation was conducted, maybe the district could have avoided having to change mascots and spending in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 to make the change.

Public input. At the LWV forum the incumbents stated that they valued parental input at their Board meetings, but their policy limits statements to 3 minutes and does not allow for any questions from the Board, so there is no opportunity for a discussion of parental concerns. Following a recent Board meeting one member (currently running unopposed for re-election) made the statement that it was the longest meeting they had had in a long time because of the public input (I think 3 or 4 individuals spoke) and stated that the meeting is the Board’s meeting, not the parents.

A vote for the incumbents is a vote for the status quo. In my opinion, the status quo is not serving the students, parents or tax payers of Montrose well. It is time to expect more from our school board and our school administration. To see the commitment that Dawn Schieldt, Cortney Loyd and Andrew Neal are making to the Montrose community please see the ad in this issue of the Mirror. Vote for Dawn Schieldt, Cortney Loyd and Andrew Neal as a slate for school board.

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CITY HEARS FROM DMEA-ELEVATE ON MOU, LOOKS AT COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT PROCESS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All City councilors were present for the regular Montrose City Council [work session of Oct. 18](#). Mayor Doug Glaspell welcomed everyone to the session and then welcomed four new employees to the City team.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Joining the City are:

Black Canyon Golf Course Server, Bartender, and Line Cook Adri Cole; Assistant City Attorney Chris Dowsey; Streets Division Worker Mitchell Webster; Facilities Service and Project Foreman Michael Leadem.

Cole said she is a native of Gunnison and has three boys. She has previously worked as a pre-school assistant, and as a surgical assistant. She became a server after the pandemic hit. "I am not shy and I'm very social."

Dowsey is originally from Long Island and comes to Montrose after working in Phoenix. He earned his JD from ASU, and has been an attorney for a little over three years. "...I am very excited to be in Montrose and Colorado and experience all that it has here...I think this going to be a perfect fit for me."

Webster said he was born and raised in Steamboat Springs and worked as an underground coal miner after high school. After retiring from that and working in transportation on the Front Range, he moved to Montrose. "My girlfriend lives here," Webster said, "...I really like Montrose...it's the perfect size for me."

Leadem said, "I consider it an absolute privilege and blessing to be here meeting you. This is definitely the best job I've ever been hired on." Born and raised in the Denver area, Leadem came to Montrose with his family in 2015, "...We wanted to buy a house, couldn't do that in Denver, came out to Montrose, was able to do that within a month. God really worked things out."

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)-Elevate Fiber

Council heard a brief presentation by Del-

ta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)-Elevate Chief Technology Officer Kent Blackwell and DMEA Member Relations Manager Becky Mashburn. Blackwell discussed Elevate's history, starting with the company's launch in 2015 after a group of citizens attended a DMEA meeting and demanded change. "...Consumers were just displeased with the lack of broadband, the lack of service, the high pricing of services, and for that reason our members kind of pushed us to leverage those assets for greater use," he said. Buildout of the network began in 2016. DMEA entered into a four-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Montrose in 2017, with help from former City staffer Virgil Turner. "...The collective interests of both organizations aligned very well at that time to power and move forward as kind of a group effort to get fiber built throughout the City," Blackwell said. With the MOU, DMEA committed to building out the network in four years, and the City agreed not to compete by establishing its own ISP, he said.

Since that time, Elevate has built out 1,100 miles of fiber optics. "We just in the last month eclipsed 10,000 subscribers, so it's been a pretty aggressive five years in achieving this goal," Blackwell said. Today 34.1 percent of addresses in Montrose take service from Elevate. "We're 98 percent built within City limits."

DMEA identified ten community members instrumental in driving the effort to gain attention for the service. "We gave away ten 1,000 checks to those that we felt were most instrumental in helping us with that grass roots effort."

The very first customer in 2016 was the *Montrose Daily Press*.

Grant funding has been critical in keeping financial performance under control. To date, \$27M worth of grant funding has been received.

Blackwell discussed digital equity. "What does digital equity mean? ...providing all our residents and member owners the same privileges and accesses to digital



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services as anyone on the Front Range, or honestly anywhere throughout the nation..."

Elevate's focus on digital equity was ahead of its time, Blackwell noted.

Mashburn discussed the celebration of local communities as gig cities. "...It's a pretty elite rank that all of our communities within DMEA's footprint have reached, and we really think it's worth celebrating."

Montrose Police Department Co-Responder Program

Police Chief Blaine Hall introduced Laura Bayard, Director of Clinical Services of the Center for Mental Health, for a discussion of the police department's partnership with the Center in support of the co-responder program. "I'm really proud to say that for an agency our size, we have a fantastic co-responder program, that not only reaches within the city limits of Montrose, but recently we have also partnered with the Montrose County Sheriff's Office," Hall said. "...We have licensed clinicianists who ride with our police officers...when we have an individual that is experiencing a mental health crisis, that clinicianist responds with the police officer to provide them services, talk them down, really provide that extra level of support...our police officers are also trained to handle those situations."

"It's really nice for us to be able to respond in support of law enforcement," Bayard said, and offered some background

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on how the program has evolved. The program is overseen by Whitney Silva, with clinicians Brittany Bair, Justin Morgan and Drew Sanders. Funding comes from the Office of Behavioral Health, she said. In addition, Chief Hall said that the police department has obtained with grant funding a shared civilian transport vehicle that is used to take individuals in crisis to the hospital, where they are met by the co-responder.

"...Personally I would like to see a day that would come when, as long as there's not an issue of violence, that we would never have someone that would be in crisis in the back of a patrol vehicle," Hall said, "but we're not there yet."

Municipal Code Update - Repeal of 6-1-26 Regarding Loitering

Assistant City Attorney Matt Magliaro presented information, and reviewed a redlined version and updated version of the language, as part of the City's efforts to repeal the loitering ordinance. The ordinance has not been updated since 2010 and has been used in only 18 instances since 2008, Magliaro said. The City has other specified code violations to address any crimes that occur and there are concerns over the constitutionality of the loitering ordinance.

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said that the existing ordinance is intellectually deficient and overbroad.

Councilor J. David Reed asked whether the proposed change was consistent with actions taken by other Colorado cities; Magliaro said that he knew of no other municipalities moving to repeal their loitering ordinances.

Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between the City and County of Montrose Pertaining to the Development of Land Surrounding the City

Senior Planner Amy Sharp presented information on the IGA.

Background-A memo from Sharp to Council states, "After completion of the Envision 2040 Comprehensive Plan, City staff reviewed the 2010 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City and County of Montrose pertaining to the de-

velopment of land surrounding the City. City staff made updates to the IGA and also reviewed with Montrose County staff for proposed changes. Attached are a redline and a clean version of the new IGA which incorporates the new maps from the Envision 2040 Comprehensive Plan."

Proposed Fee Schedule Revisions for 2022
City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo updated Council on proposed fee schedule revisions, with a redlined version of the updates, to include a number of fee hikes. Council spent time talking about fee increases, and also questioned the cost of the new Project 7 water treatment facility. The cost of the new facility is estimated at \$60M, Utilities Manager David Bries said, to be apportioned among six entities based on usage. Still, the City uses roughly 50 percent of the capacity, Bries said. City Manager Bill Bell said the City had to pay \$300K this year though he would have preferred to negotiate and to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Project 7.

Discussion of City Council District Boundary Adjustment Process

DelPiccolo also opened a discussion of the council district boundary adjustment process, seeking, as noted in a memo, "direction from City Council regarding whether Council seeks to adjust City Council district boundaries, as outlined in the Charter of the City of Montrose, prior to or after the April, 2022 City Council election."

"We have a charter requirement to adjust our city council district boundaries following each decennial Census," DelPiccolo said.

Councilor Barbara Bynum said, "I think the process needs to involve a lot of stakeholder engagement, needs to be very transparent, it needs to look like a little miniature version of what the State recently did...I don't see as we have time to do that in the next two, three months before candidates need to determine where they live and if they're running...I would suggest we engage in a comprehensive process that goes next spring through summer to establish that."

Councilor J. David Reed asked how the

City has accomplished district boundary changes in the past.

Councilor Anthony Russo said that if the City chooses to wait until after the election to address redistricting, "We are almost halfway to the new census before we even redraw the lines."

DelPiccolo said that the City's GIS Department has created three scenarios for review.

Bynum said some of the scenarios presented did not meet the requirements.

After some discussion, Mayor Glaspell said he preferred to finish the redistrict prior to the election but had no problem with waiting.

"There's more involved than just counting people and shuffling the lines a little," Bynum said. "...The process needs to be really transparent and perhaps in the past that wasn't important...as important to our community...I don't think there's time."

Councilor Dave Frank said that Montrose City Council is a non-partisan position. "It isn't as critical that we have a balance of the different political parties in our district...I think that reduces the need for that community engagement somewhat."

Bynum suggested the City involve the legal department as well as GIS.

Russo said that all councilors represent the entire city no matter what district they live in..

City Manager Bill Bell weighed in, "I know Ann's been working on it...it would be nice to have GIS come...and talk about the mapping in particular."

Council agreed to further review the issues in work session before making a decision.

"If this is an ordinance it would take two readings," Bell said. "...we disseminate information to all the candidates in December. We need to be able to give accurate information up front for people thinking of running."

Background-DelPiccolo's memo to Council states, "The 2020 Census results were released in August, 2021. Pursuant to the Charter, the City Council must adjust the district boundaries within one year of the

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publication of the 2020 Census results, which would be August, 2022. Council may adjust the boundaries prior to the April, 2022 City Council election but is not required to. Pursuant to the Charter, if City Council desires for adjustments to districts to be effective for the April, 2022 Council elections, the adjustments must be adopted prior to Tuesday, January 4, which is the first day petition nominations may be circulated for that election. Unless otherwise directed, the next step in the boundary adjustment process would be a presentation by staff to City Council of proposed district boundary options, created to be compliant with law and consistent with best practices. Legal considerations include ensuring that districts are population balanced, contiguous, created in compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act, and preserve communities of

mutual interest.”

GENERAL COUNCIL/STAFF DISCUSSION

Frank said that people had a really great time at the 2021 Oktoberfest event, and thanked staff for their efforts.

Bynum said she attended a Colorado Municipal League committee meeting and shared information on the session.

Russo asked staff for an update on the spin and win businesses that were recently a focus of law enforcement. Chief Hall said that the Police Department will present an update and some proposals on the subject in December.

Bell said that Oktoberfest 2021 was amazing. The city will debrief on what was learned from the event, and the venue will be closed for the winter. Ashley Pietak has left the City of Montrose for another tourism position, he said.

Scheid said that the city will have a steel

topping out party for the new public safety facility, as the focus shifts to interior work. Community Programs Manager Kendall Cramer reminded Council of the DART Envision Block 93 block party Oct. 21.

With no further business, Glaspell closed the work session.

SPECIAL MEETING

Following the regular work session, Council convened an executive session “for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a); and the following additional details are provided for identification purposes: proprietary business-related discussion with Geyser Systems representatives; property acquisition.”

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DISAPPOINTED IN CANDIDATES WHO DID NOT SHOW UP TO LEAGUE FORUM

Editor:

I attended the school board forum hosted by the League of Women Voters on Monday the 18th at the Ute Indian Museum. I chose to attend with the anticipation of seeing the "slate" of 3 candidates; Andrew Neal, Cortney Loyd and Dawn Schieldt, and hearing what they had to say concerning the issues facing our schools and our students. I was very disappointed as all three candidates for whatever reason failed to show up.

I find that to be rude and unprofessional and I wonder just how serious these three candidates can be about serving on the school board. Will they honor their commitment if elected and show up to the board meetings on a regular basis or will they have their convenient excuses at the ready?

I found that the comments of the two incumbents, Eric Kelley and Sarah Fishering, and Alice Murphy to be informative, practical and I was reassured that these candidates are committed and will serve on the school board with passion, enthusiasm and a sincere desire to do the best for our school district and our students.

Respectfully Submitted

Phyllis Wiesner, Montrose

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CITIZEN ASKS CITY TO CONSIDER REVISING OPEN SPACE PROVISIONS



The City of Montrose will host the second Spanish language Citizens Police Academy with the help of translators at the Mexican American Development Association (MADA), above.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All councilors were present including Youth City Councilor Grace Hotsenpiller, as the Montrose City Council gathered for a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 19. Mayor Doug Glaspell called the meeting to order. All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no changes to the meeting agenda.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Citizen Matt Goldasich spoke to Council. He asked the City to consider revising the open space provisions in City code zoning regulations. "Currently the 20-percent open space requirement applies to planned developments only...what constitutes open space isn't really defined in the codes.

"...I personally witnessed developers claiming their development was 20-percent open space, which they subsequently upped in the same meeting to 42 percent. I and others believe they had a legitimate 15 percent," Goldasich said. "That's where I figured we need some improvement in this area."

He shared some recommended definitions for open space with council. Open space should be a part of all Montrose developments, not just planned developments, Goldasich said. "...I think it's a safe bet that developments having open space are generally more desirable and have

higher property values than those without open space."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council approved the minutes of the Oct. 5, 2021 regular City Council meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS ALCOHOL PERMIT

As discussed previously in work session, Council voted to approve a [Special Events Permit](#) to sell and serve alcohol in conjunction with the closure of the Block 93 alley for the Envision Block 93 - A Montrose Block Party event on Thursday, Oct. 21.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Council created a seat for an alternate on the commission, followed by a vote. Applicants Jon Horn, Amanda Lloyd, and Danielle Godt were reappointed to serve, with new Applicant Jeremy Omvig appointed as alternate.

ORDINANCE 2561-SECOND READING

As discussed in work session and on First Reading, Council voted to adopt [Ordinance 2561](#) on Second reading, repealing and replacing Title 4 Chapter 4 Sections 1-18 (4-4-1-18) of the Official Code of the City of Montrose concerning childcare facilities.

ORDINANCE 2562-SECOND READING

As discussed in work session and on First Reading, Council voted to adopt [Ordinance 2562](#) on Second Reading, repealing and replacing Title 4 Chapter 1 Section 3 (4-1-3) of the Official Code of the City of Montrose concerning childcare facilities.

ORDINANCE 2564-SECOND READING

Also approved was [Ordinance 2564](#) on Second Reading, following a brief presentation by Police Chief Blaine Hall on the number of recent traffic accidents in the area to be rezoned. Ordinance 2564 amends the zoning designation of Lot 1 and Outlot A of Yocum Subdivision and adjacent rights-of-way from R-1A Large Estate District to B-4 Neighborhood Shopping District.

MCCRACKEN ADDITION ANNEXATION

Senior Planner Amy Sharp presented information on the McCracken Addition. *Background-A* memo from Sharp to Coun-

cil states "The McCracken Addition is a proposed annexation approximately 2.295 acres in size. The parcel is located east of the Uncompahgre River, west of Hwy 50, south of Industrial Drive, and north of N. Grand Avenue. 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 of the property and connection to City utilities. An Annexation Agreement will be required."

Council voted to approve [Resolution 2021-22](#), Findings of Fact for the McCracken Addition; and [Ordinance 2565](#) on first reading, for the annexation of the McCracken Addition.

ORDINANCE 2566-FIRST READING

Council voted to approve [Ordinance 2566](#) on First reading, zoning the McCracken Addition as a B-3 General Commercial District.

SUNRISE CREEK II FILING NO. 5 FINAL PLAT

Council approved the [Sunrise Creek II Filing No. 5 Final Plat](#), expressly conditioned upon City staff ensuring that all policies, regulations, ordinances, and Municipal Code provisions are met and that the applicant adequately addresses all of staff's concerns prior to the execution of the Final Plat.

SUNRISE CREEK III FILING NO. 2 FINAL PLAT

Council voted to approve the [Sunrise Creek III Filing No. 2 Final Plat](#) to create 14 new residential lots.

MONTROSE BOTANICAL SOCIETY UPDATED LEASE AGREEMENT

As discussed in work session, the City approved a new lease agreement with the Montrose Botanical Society, which already has an existing 50-year lease (1996-2046) for use of the garden space. Lorraine Shide of the Montrose Botanical Society spoke to Council "...We just wanted to thank the city for working with us through this process that was five months in the making," she said. Shide thanked Ross Valdez and other city staff for their help.

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"...We look forward to the next 25 years."

BIRCH STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD

Council approved a contract award to Oldcastle SW Group in the amount of \$447,976.38 for construction of the Birch Street Bridge Replacement.

2021 SANITARY SEWER CURED IN PLACE PIPE BID AWARD

Council voted to approve a contract renewal to Insituform Technologies, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 for cured in place lining of sanitary sewers.

LANDSCAPING SERVICES CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION

Council voted to approve award of a contract to S&E Wards Landscaping Management, Inc. for landscaping services at City facilities in the amount not to exceed \$65,007 for the Pavilion, Animal Services, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the

Civic Campus.

STAFF REPORTS

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

Police Chief Blaine Hall and Community Engagement Specialist Ross Valdez announced that the city will host the second Spanish language Citizens Academy with the help of translators at the Mexican American Development Association (MADA). Youth City Councilor Grace Hotsenpiller asked why the academy would not be presented directly in Spanish rather than in English with Spanish language translation.

Chief Hall said that the classes are taught by police and the district attorney's office, "...And so they oftentimes don't speak Spanish. And so that's why we have to have that component.

"That's a good segue into recruiting, and that our agency should have definitely a segment of our officers that speak Spanish; that's something we strive for. That's the reason those classes aren't taught directly in Spanish...I'd love it if they were."

Community Program Manager Kendall Cramer reminded Council of the Envision Block 93 Block Party set for Thursday. Hotsenpiller shared information on Youth Council activities.

This term Youth Council will focus on two projects, rather than a project each month.

The focus will be on Rock the Rec and on drug awareness.

"I'm really excited for this term,"

Hotsenpiller said.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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HAVE YOU EVER HEARD A DEMOCRAT POLITICIAN SAY THEY LOVE AMERICA?

Editor;

"If a political party does not have its foundation in the determination to advance a cause that is right and moral, then it is not a political party. It is a conspiracy to seize power." ---President Dwight D. Eisenhower, March 6, 1956. Right now this Democrat-led Biden administration is subjecting the American people to the worst power-hungry conspiracy imaginable. It is unlike any other political party in American history with its unlimited dictatorial stranglehold over people's lives. Biden uses his power and authority in a cruel, unjust, and harmful way. He exercises his dictatorial power and authority without consulting or agreeing with anybody with opposing views. Right now he is dictating the very destruction of America and our Constitutional Republic. He breaks our laws, ignores our Constitution and refuses to secure our borders from invasion. Article 1V, Section 4 of the Constitution requires the president to defend our borders. As of today another onslaught of 60,000 invaders are coming across our borders and they are bringing in diseases of all kinds. So what sense did it make to have had Americans locked up, out of work, socially distanced, masked up for a

year, then illegally forced to get an injection, to then open the borders to unAmerican, unemployed, untested, and unlimited illegals who are not required to get the mandated Covid injection? And as Biden stares stupidly into space he says he "doesn't really have time to go to the border", but he has time to push military Generals to focus their attention on socialistic issues like being less black or less white. What he really needs to focus on is being less stupid because everyone will suffer for his ignorant display of reckless desertion of America's Constitution. For decades Democrats have built up a lucrative welfare system that invaders can't resist. The dishonest news outlets won't tell you that they are draining America dry. And the deceitful Democrats won't tell you that's why they are demanding their \$5 trillion dollars in new taxes from hard working American families. And now Biden just imported 100,000 Muslim refugees from Afghanistan without vetting anyone for terrorist ties or diseases. Another reason he needs more trillions of dollars of your hard-earned money! And he is deceitfully transporting all illegals by chartered buses to everywhere in the United States in the dead of night. Again,

thank you hard-working American taxpayers! He doesn't have the intelligence to realize the seriousness of the terrorists he is distributing into America! It's like voters elected a tyrant instead of a president. (But since Biden admitted in front of cameras he has the most sophisticated voter fraud system there is, the whole world knows he wasn't really elected). One has to wonder why Democrat Leftists are okay with demanding a Covid-19 card from Americans, but are deathly afraid of requiring a voter ID card to guarantee honest elections!

What could people be afflicted with who hate their Country so much that they are willing to destroy it? Think about it, when have you ever heard a Democrat politician say they love America? The only time Democrats speak positively about America is when they're claiming illegal immigrants have a right to benefit from everything Americans have built, but at the same time hard working American patriots have little say in benefiting from their own fruits.

Scientists say the universe is made up of Protons, Neutrons, and Electrons, but they forgot to mention Morons!

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

IF YOU WANT A GOOD SCHOOL BOARD, VOTE FOR GOOD, THOUGHTFUL MEMBERS

Editor:

Our school board election is coming up. Big things are being made in the press and on signs around town that we should be electing independent thinkers. Our boards around town are full of those sorts of people---independent thinkers whose common thought pattern is to tax and spend---the only question of what to spend for evolves about nice to have items like parks and amphitheaters and housing developments we don't want or need AND the serviceability and repair of the municipal infrastructure like roads, bridges, drainage, sewer maintenance and waterworks.

It is time that we hired (voted in) some board members who think in terms of priorities. You know, things that are absolutely needed instead of nice-to-have items. And who when they do vote to buy something they buy it 'well' instead of 'all nice and cozy' that falls apart in a couple of years instead of lasting more than 30 years (like a recently demolished middle school).

In other words let us get some board members who will put in the time and effort to make sound decisions about the subject at hand. That will demand staff thoroughness before voting 'for or against' a particular item or issue---policy or material. A board that will not be buffaloed into doing things because a small group wants it; because some teachers want it; because the state thinks the idea is good. We should want a board that will question everything in the curriculum and that is proposed for the curriculum.

A board that acts with dedication, not a social club. I would never propose that we pay the board because members should be members because they feel an overwhelming call to do so. In my tenure in Montrose we went from a no pay city council (that did quite well by the way) to a paid one. I believe since then they have voted themselves a raise. And look what we've got!

These school board aspirants should be on whatever municipal level board not because of pay, and not enhance their resume for higher office, but because the job requires a person dedicated to do a real thoughtful job of work for his/her constituency and all the people of Montrose.

If you want a good school board, VOTE -----LOYD, NEAL and SCHILDT that is LOYD, NEAL and SCHILDT for good thoughtful members on your school board.

Bill Bennett, Montrose



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WE CAN DO THIS

Editor:

This is no time to slack off or drag our heels. The climate crisis is alive and well, even in Colorado. Our record heat, drought, aggressive fires, etc. are only starting to be felt unless we act with haste. Greg Walcher's editorial in the Daily Sentinel about us not yet ready for a rapid green transition is misleading and defeatist. What we least need is stagnation. American's have a history of stepping up to the plate and denying the so-called impossible. Just one well known challenge was that of President Kennedy's challenge of landing men on the moon within the decade. Just as that was accomplished we can still retain hope of reversing our severe greenhouse gas pollution if we act aggressively, and not bow to the political or moneyed stagnators.

Wayne Quade, Montrose

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

DAVID RUBIN ORTEGA

November 21 1967- October 7 2021

DAVID RUBIN ORTEGA born to Johnny Najar and Teresa Leyva November 21st 1967 went for his journey to Paradise on October 7th 2021. he is survived by his partner and love Betty Jo, his son David Ortega Jr his daughter Tarryn Klein, step sons Jesse, Andrew and step daughter Samantha and his grandchildren whom he loved dearly and love to pick on. His dad Manuel Levya ,His brothers Jonathan ,Paul, Johnny, sisters Pollie and Crystal. David was a badass guitar player an amazing pianist and he was very passionate when working with metal. He was an awesome welder and an amazing custom flasher . He worked recla metals for several years which he loved and enjoyed his co-workers were his friends and family. David is going to be missed by many he had a heart of gold and would do anything and everything for his family and friends.



DOROTHY MAE MORELAND

October 29, 1947 - October 18, 2021

Dorothy was born in Olathe, Colorado to Rolland Sanders and Lucille Sanders (Nelson) She attended School in Olathe where she met the love of her life Paul Moreland and they were married on October 23 1965. She enjoyed her family and anything to do with the outdoors, she could be found in her garden growing the most beautiful vegetables, taking care of her cows or in the mountains fishing, hunting, camping, and picnicking Dorothy is survived by her husband Paul Moreland of Delta, a daughter Lottie Coslette and husband Eddy Coslette of Cedaredge, A son Keith Moreland and Wife Chandra Moreland, and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren in the surrounding areas She is proceeded in Death by her parents, three brothers and her son Rolland Duane Moreland Rolland's services will be held with his mother's at the family's request he passed on May 5, 2021 at home, there was never more a true Cowboy on this earth.

Now more than ever...

Thank you for reading

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ART & SOL

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNCOMPAGHGRE VALLEY (LWVUV) HONORED THE THREE WINNERS OF THE SECOND ANNUAL ESSAY AND POSTER CONTEST

Special to Art & Sol

REGIONAL-The League of Women Voters of the Uncompahgre Valley (LWVUV) honored the three winners of the Second Annual Essay and Poster Contest on the steps of the Montrose County Courthouse on Oct. 21, joined by County Clerk Tressa Guynes and members of the County Clerk's office will join us as well as the families and friends of this year's contest winners.

Megan Waxler of Montrose, Kayla Bauer of Cedaredge, and Noelani Ramon of Delta entered posters featuring the contest theme, "Why it is important to vote, and what voting means to me."

Megan Waxler, who is home-schooled, won first place in the poster contest for her painting which illustrates a small child holding the hand of a mother who places her vote in a ballot box. Megan explains, "My inspiration was how important it is for parents to be good examples for their children. I had an idea to show how women can be examples to their children for voting."

Kayla Bauer, a student at Cedaredge High School, tied for second place with her drawing of the Statue of Liberty wearing a badge that says, "I voted." Kayla writes, "What inspired this drawing is my passion for the pursuit of freedom and justice that the United States stands for. I aspire to be an attorney at law, and will continue to follow my passion until I accomplish my



Pictured left to right are Noelani Ramon, Kayla Bauer, and Megan Waxler. Courtesy photo.

goals."

Noelani Ramon of Delta, is also awarded second place prize for her illustration of Susan B. Anthony, whose life work included the struggle to grant women the right to vote. Noelani says, "Susan B Anthony fought 50 years for the 19th amendment."

The LWV is proud to be non-partisan, nei-

ther supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public.

"Our purpose in promoting the annual Essay and Poster Contest is to encourage youth to value their right, privilege, and freedom to vote," states local League Vice President, Carol Howe.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA HEALTH FOUNDATION HOLDS 1ST ANNUAL CANCER AWARENESS COLOR WALK & FOOD DRIVE

Special to Art & Sol

DELTA – The Delta Health Foundation is excited to announce the first annual Power of Community 1K Dish and Dash event happening on November 14 at 11:00 a.m. at the Grand Mesa Medical Pavilion at 100 Stafford Lane.

The event is raising awareness for the many types of cancers people in the community face and support local food banks with nonperishable goods before Thanksgiving. Participants can drop off their nonperishable 'Dish' then start the 'Dash', a 1-kilometer walk, where volunteers from Delta High School will be throwing colored powder.

Food banks from Paonia, Hotchkiss, Surface Creek, Delta, and the Abraham Connection will be onsite to collect the donated nonperishable items, and will also be accepting monetary donations. All other funds raised through the event will support the Cancer Support Fund at Delta Health Foundation.

"We are fortunate to live in an area where 'community' really means something," said Kaitlyn Jones, Foundation Executive Director. "The 1K Dish and Dash is rallying groups from all over, Delta, Cedaredge, and the North Fork, to remember or honor friends and family impacted by cancer and help people with food insecurities."

The 15 dollar registration fee includes an "I Can Fight Cancer" long sleeve shirt to showcase the bright colors that will be thrown throughout the 1-kilometer walk. Participants are encouraged to wear colored headbands, pants, or tutu's to show support for specific kinds of cancer like Pink for Breast Cancer or Blue for Prostate.

Donations received in memory of a loved one or honoring a cancer survivor will be



displayed during the event.

"It was important to us that this event represents and brings awareness to the different types of cancers our patients face," said Nysha Wilson, RN, BSN, OCN, Director of Oncology, Hematology and Infusion. "The funds raised go back to them in the form of gas and grocery cards, gloves, suspenders, and modern equipment that helps patients for years to come."

Over the years Delta Health employees have contributed thousands of pounds of food to local food banks, and now Delta Health and Delta High School are joining forces for a food drive of epic proportions. Nonperishable donations gathered from each institution will be distributed to area food banks at the Power of Community 1K Dish & Dash on November 14, 2021. Prizes go to the Delta Health Team or Class with the most pounds donated.

"We appreciate all that our local food banks do for our community, and want to

do our part as an organization to give back when we can," said Gretchen Pulver, Director of Nutrition Services.

"The holidays are a great time for us to rally together to provide nonperishable items that our community members need. We appreciate all the donations we receive."

The DHF is still accepting sponsorships for those organizations who want to play a pivotal role in the 1K Dash and community food drive.

Various sponsorship levels can be found online at foundationdeltahealth.org. For a list of suggested non-perishable items or to register online for the 1K Dish and Dash, visit givesignup.org/dishanddash and click the purple "Sign Up" button in the top right-hand corner of the page.

For any questions on the event, please contact Kaitlyn Jones at kjones@deltahospital.org or call 970.399.2610.



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE HARDWARE BUILDING COMMUNITY GRANTS – NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—"Applications are now being accepted for the Montrose Hardware

Building Community Grants which will provide funding to local educators and students for up to \$1,500," announced

Sara Plumhoff, Executive Director of the Montrose Community Foundation.

Montrose Hardware is locally owned and operated by brothers Robert Peterson and Kevin Schuyler. The business (formerly Park Avenue True Value Hardware) was purchased in February 2021. The family is fully invested in supporting a vibrant and thriving Montrose community. Montrose Hardware believes in the power of business to make a difference for Montrose. They support the community through charitable partnerships, by providing jobs and offering high-quality products and services.

Montrose Hardware hopes to provide experiences inside and outside of the classroom that encourage critical thinking and make our students excited about learning. These grants support good ideas, "what ifs?", the sky's the limit and collaborative efforts imagined by those involved in the educational sphere.

The newly-developed Montrose Hardware "Building Community" grants support teachers and administrators promoting positive educational programs for all students, regardless of age or financial circumstance. The Student grants will help inspire and fund innovative ideas from our students. In both grant opportunities, the Foundation encourages anyone with a great project or idea to apply, however, we especially look to fund projects that promote equity and inclusion for all students.

Eligible applicants for the Educator grants include teachers in the Montrose County School District, Montrose County private schools or with Colorado Mesa University, Montrose campus. Students seeking grants need to be enrolled in a school in Montrose County (either private or public) and be in the 5th-12th grades.

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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, [\[form@fpcmontrose.com\]\(mailto:form@fpcmontrose.com\), \[www.fpcmontrose.com\]\(http://www.fpcmontrose.com\)
In Transition-Currently: Howard Davidson
 Merle Bierma
Worship Service times: 9:30AM, Student Worship at 6PM](mailto:in-</p>
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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 worshippers 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.

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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: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com

website: www.summitchurchmontrose.org

Name of current Senior Pastor: John De-Sario

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 people, (widows, retired couples, families with adult children, fami-

lies 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 in-

formation to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

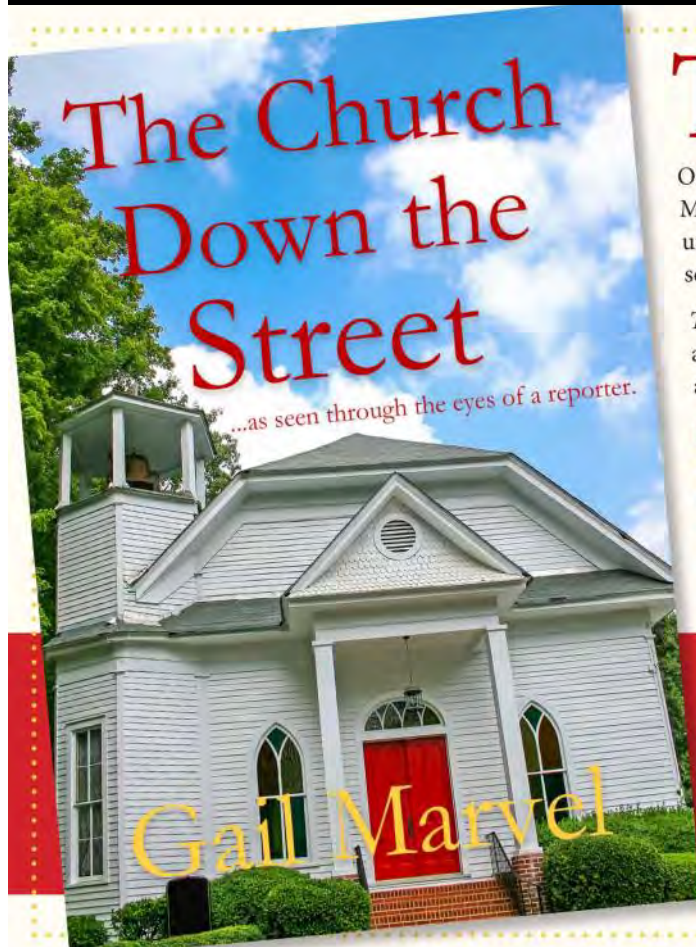
Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

Brief description of your current church demographics (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles).

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?



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).

GAIL MARVEL
Montrose Author & Reporter



BEWARE OF THE SILENT KILLERS OF THE NIGHT...



The summer evening bat exodus from the Orient Land Mine which hosts the largest colony of Mexican Free-Tailed Bats in Colorado. Bats eat millions of insects every night intercepting migrant pests before they can lay eggs, saving huge amounts of money for farmers. (Credit: Umkehrer (istock))

By Anne Janik,

Friends of Youth and Nature

That is, if you happen to be an insect!

These night stalkers have been known to eat upwards of 1,200 insects per hour, and that includes mosquitoes. These warm blooded, nocturnal creatures are often associated with the spookiest of holidays. Any guesses as to the animal in question? Why, bats, of course!

So how did bats become the creepy representatives of Halloween? Let's start with a couple of myths:

Bats drink blood, right? Well, not exactly. There are only three species of bat that feed primarily on blood (the "vampire" bats), while the remaining ~1,400 species feed on things like insects, rodents, and nectar. Vampire bats are where the group as a whole got their connection to Halloween. When these bats were first observed lapping up the blood of cattle in Central and South America they were quickly given the label of "vampires." This idea was made concrete when Bram Stoker's *Dracula* (1897) depicted vampires' shapeshifting into bats. Additionally, rumors have it that witches used bat blood in their "flying" concoctions. It's no wonder bats

have gotten a bad rap!

Here are a few more myths regarding bats:

● **"Bats are blind and often fly into and get tangled in people's hair."** Not true at all. They actually have quite good eyesight and use echolocation to help them navigate at night, so they can easily detect and avoid you!

● **"Bats are flying mice."** Bats are not mice. While they are both mammals, bats are classified in order Chiroptera and mice in Rodentia. Bats are actually more closely related to humans than to mice or rats. **"All bats have rabies."** Bats, as well as other common wild animals (raccoons, skunks, and fox), can be infected with the rabies virus. However, this does not mean that *all* bats have rabies, just that they have the potential to carry the virus, as do many wild animals. It's always better to be safe than sorry, so never touch or handle dead or live wild animals.

So, now that we busted some of the prevalent myths, how about some high-fives for all the good things bats do!

Who needs pesticides when we have bats? The natural pest-control services

provided by insect-eating bats in the United States likely saves farmers at least \$3 billion a year, and yet insectivorous bats are among the most overlooked economically important, non-domesticated animals in North America, according to an analysis in the journal *Science*.

From deserts to rainforests, nectar-feeding bats that drink the sweet nectar inside flowers pick up a dusting of pollen and move it along to other flowers as they feed. Bat pollination is critical for a wide variety of plants such as giant cacti, agave and many commercial plant products. Bats often cover vast distances each night. When they happen to cross clearings and defecate in flight, bats can scatter seeds of native plants, helping to naturally revegetate disturbed landscapes.

With more than 1,400 species, bats are the second largest order of mammals. In Colorado, we have 18 bat species that can be found in every habitat—from the eastern plains to the high mountain forests and western deserts, from rural Colorado to downtown Denver. Some are here year-round, and some only migrate through the state.

The bats you are most likely to see here on the Western Slope of Colorado are the Big Brown Bat (year-round residents hibernating in places like mines, caves, fissures and other places in winter), the Silver-Haired Bat (migratory—they fly south in winter) and Townsend's Big-Eared Bat (year-round residents hibernating in winter). Guides will help you positively identify bats. One from Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) is called "Bats of the Rocky Mountain West." CPW monitors bat populations as part of a nationwide effort to detect changes from threats including White-Nose Syndrome and wind energy development. To learn more, visit: <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/Bats.aspx> This time of year, the only bats you are likely to see are the child-sized, black bats slinking around your neighborhood on October 31st. However, in spring and summer, there are many places where you can observe bats. Bats seek out a variety of daytime retreats such as caves, rock crevices, old buildings, bridges, mines, and trees. During the evening, they are on the

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the hunt for insects near light sources and along creeks and drainages.

On the western slope of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in the San Luis Valley, the Orient Mine hosts the largest colony of Mexican Free-Tailed Bats in Colorado. As the sun sets each summer evening, black clouds billow from the mouth of the abandoned iron mine when it's time to hunt. There are extraordinarily large numbers—100,000 male bats on average—from June to early July in the mine. By the end of October, the colony's population will swell as high as 250,000 as the ladies and their pups meet up with the guys in preparation for winter migration.

Since bats are surprisingly helpful creatures, what can you do to help the bats in your neck of the woods? This a perfect time to get some great ideas! National Bat Week is celebrated each year during the last week of October, this year from October 24-31, 2021. Visit www.batweek.org to learn more about these critters and discover ways to help improve the environment for bats. [BatsLIVE](#) – is an online,

distance learning adventure and a one-stop resource for learning about bats with lesson plans, recorded webcasts, and multimedia tools all focused on bats. Do you want to know more about the disease devastating our bat populations? Watch the film “*Battle for the Bats*” to learn more about White-Nose Syndrome (WNS) and the important role that the public can play in bat conservation.

This Halloween, while you are looking forward to those sweet treats, consider “treating” the bats in your neighborhood with a place to roost. Building a bat house is a fun family project. The National Wildlife Federation website (<https://www.nwf.org/garden-for-wildlife/cover/build-a-bat-house>) provides easy instructions and information on the best placement location to meet the needs of these voracious mosquito eaters.

Bats have a bad rap, but the more you know, the more fascinating these little critters get. Now that we've cleared up some of those Halloween myths, let's “Go to Bat for Bats!” and keep them coming back to our neighborhoods.



Finished bat house made by North Fork Valley Elementary students. Courtesy photo.

Friends of Youth and Nature is a non-profit that promotes opportunities for youth and families to get outside, experience outdoor activities, and explore nature.

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LIVE MUSIC ROUNDUP: WEEK OF OCTOBER 25

By Paul Arbogast,
Mirror Publisher

Big B's Delicious Orchards, Hotchkiss:

- Friday, Oct. 29, 6 PM to Oct. 31, Noon – 10th Annual Hard Cider Fest, music all weekend.

Cruiser's Bar, Grand Junction (Horizon Drive):

- Friday, Oct. 29, 9:30 PM – Haven Effect
- Saturday, Oct. 30, 9 PM – Union of None

Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery:

- Saturday, Oct. 30, 7 PM - Sturtz

Horsefly Brewery:

- Friday, Oct. 29, 6 PM – Gay Russel

Mesa Theater, Grand Junction:

- Friday, Oct. 29, 8 PM – Quiet Riot

Monumental Beer Works, Grand Junction:

- Thursday, Oct. 28, 6 PM – Sturtz
- Friday, Oct. 29, 6 PM – Tim & Richard
- Saturday, Oct. 30, 5 PM – Zolopht
Niko's Tavern:

- Saturday, Oct. 30, 10 PM – Rift

Ramblebine Brewing Company, Grand Junction:

- Saturday, Oct. 23, 6 PM – Union of None

Sidelines Sports Bar:

- Saturday, Oct. 30, 9 PM – Dave's Fault

Storm King Distillery:

- Thursday, October 28, 6 PM – Rusty Wouters

Two Rivers Tavern, Grand Junction:

- Saturday, Oct. 30, 9 PM – Eyes Set to Kill/Misery!/Overexposure/Tighten/Ashes & Philyth

Upstairs at Precedence:

- Friday, Oct. 29, 4 PM – Take 5

Warehouse 25sixty-five, Grand Junction:

- Thursday, Oct. 29, 6 PM – Stoney LaRue



SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

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. 26-27 Abstraction 102: Design and Composition. Pat Jeffers. Montrose Center for the Arts. Register here.

Oct. 26-Erin Easton, the Founder of New Leaf Coaching and a Mindfulness Based Health and Life Coach, will present a six-part series introducing the basics of mindfulness. The first event will be a one hour class over the foundation of mindfulness - breathing and settling. Join us, in the library's Meeting Room, on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 7pm for this event.

Email Taylor, at tevans@montroselibrary.org, to register for this event or learn about other events in this series.

Nov. 5-6-Annual Holiday Crafts and Bazaar, Friendship Hall, 1001 North Second Street. Friday 9am to 5pm, Saturday 9am to 3pm.

Nov. 6-Columbine Quilters-Welcome Home Alliance Warrior Resource Center, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way Montrose. 9 am Fellowship 9:30am Business Meeting 10:30am Show-and-tell, Refreshments and Program. Visitors are always welcome. For more information: Paula-paulalakecity@gmail.com

Nov. 8-6:30 Montrose Library meeting rm.Citizensclimatelobby.org meets. Short Showing of Green Matters. Non Partisan, national, nonprofit environmental organization-All welcome 970-765-9095

Nov. 20-San Juan Weavers Guild 43rd Annual Show and Sale is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Ute Indian Museum, 17253 Chipeta Rd

Yes, WE'RE OPEN

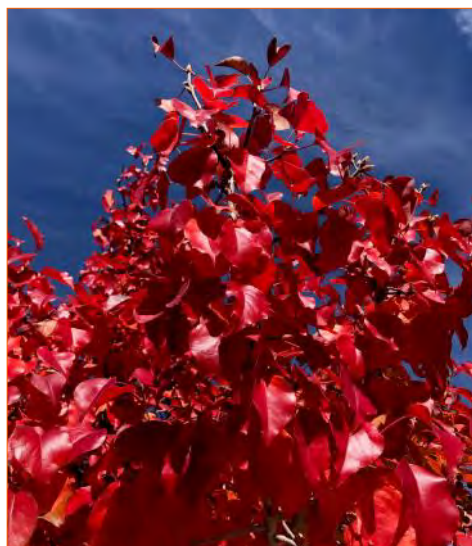
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