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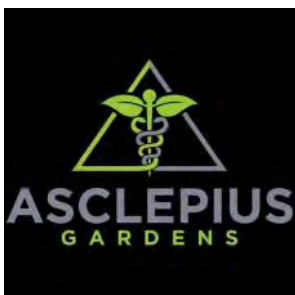
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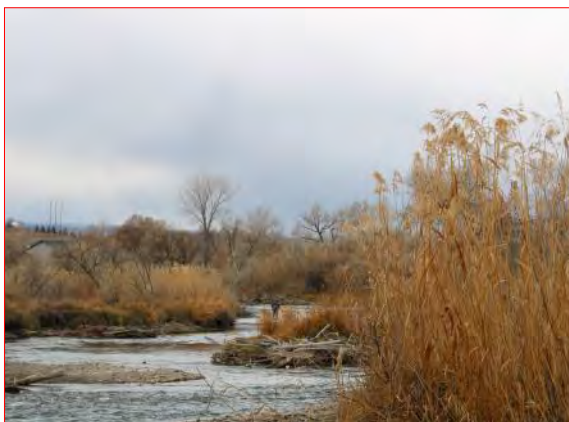


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CITY APPROVES STRYKER LAND SWAP, HUB AT MONTROSE CROSSING



The view from the Taviwach pullout, where river enthusiasts asked the city to plan for additional parking to meet future needs as interest in the Uncompahgre grows.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council gathered for a regular meeting in chambers on Tuesday, Nov. 16. All councilors were present for the session. Mayor Doug Glaspell welcomed everyone, and Youth City Councilor Harrison Hall led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no changes to the meeting agenda.

Community Program Manager Kendall Cramer brought forward a proclamation in support of Small Business Saturday on Nov. 27, and Mayor Glaspell read the proclamation into the record. Cramer said the City's Montrose Bucks promotion would kick off Nov. 27 as well and encouraged the community to shop locally.

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'WE WANT TO MEET EVERY NEED' MONTROSE COUNTY DEVOTES RESOURCES TO FIGHT AGAINST COVID

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-From the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, two goals have been at the forefront of Montrose County's efforts to support public health and wellness, County Media Relations Manager Katie Yergensen said in an interview with the *Mirror* last week.

"We want to protect the integrity of our health care system, and we want to protect jobs," Yergensen said. "We understand the challenges facing individuals and health care entities."

When it comes to vaccinations, there are now more options than ever for getting a COVID-19 shot here, for both adults and children. And for those concerned about holding large family gatherings during the holiday season, free COVID testing is available five days a week, including Sundays at the Montrose Field House location.

Testing for RE-1J schools continues at the Fairgrounds, and on Nov. 13, Montrose County partnered with PEAK Professionals to hold a mass COVID-19 booster clinic, offering both booster doses and first-doses of the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson vaccines. That clinic helped deliver 1,800 doses

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On Nov. 13, Montrose County partnered with PEAK Professionals to hold a mass COVID-19 booster clinic at Friendship Hall. Photo by Katie Yergensen.

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in just two days, and additional vaccine clinics are planned.

Locations in Montrose that now offer vaccines to children include the clinic at North Side Elementary School, Pediatric Associates, both City Markets, and WalMart.

Along with vaccinations, Montrose County is attempting to increase access to monoclonal antibody treatments, which have been shown to reduce the risk of hospitalization or death from the COVID-19 virus in some patients.

"The county has offered financial assistance to any provider willing to assist with making these treatments available to the public," County Manager Jon Waschbusch told the *Mirror*.

Monoclonal antibody treatments are now available through Peak Family Medicine in Montrose, it was announced last week.

"That's a great help," Waschbusch said,

"More people will be able to access that treatment when they need it. We want to meet every need, and access to those treatments is definitely a statewide need right now."

In addition, County Health Director Jim Austin has been attempting to bring the CDPHE Monoclonal Antibody treatment bus to Montrose, Yergensen said.

At the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 17, Yergensen presented a proclamation declaring the month of November to be Rural Health Care Provider Month in Montrose County. That procla-

mation was one way to say thank you to those who have served on the front lines during the Pandemic, she said.

Staffing for health care providers and long-term care facilities continues to be a priority. Montrose County will host a health care job fair on Dec. 3, and some employers will be offering additional hiring bonuses, Yergensen said. "This is a great time to enter the work force."

For more information on Montrose County's ongoing efforts to support the health care sector and meet community needs during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit www.montrosecountyjic.com.

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VAMOOSE GEAR POWERSPORTS ACCESSORIES 1ST ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE TOY RUN

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MONTROSE-Join the 1st Annual Vamoose Gear Powersports Accessories Motorcycle Toy Run, to Benefit Haven Foster, a Montrose based volunteer non-profit that helps children going into the foster care system. The Toy Run takes place Dec.4, from 9 to 10:30 riders check-in at Vamoose Gear (1912 S. Townsend Ave) to enter door prize drawing. At 10:30am kickstands up. From 10:30 to 11am, enjoy a scenic ride around town to Haven Foster Shoppe to drop off toys. From 11am to 1pm, join the After Run Party at Horsefly Brewing Company; food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information call Vamoose Gear, 970-765-8950.



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US 50 will be open to two-way traffic with no delays from Friday at 5:30 PM – Monday at 8:30 AM.

Full roadway closures will be Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM. Full roadway closures will occur through the night Monday – Thursday 7:30 PM – 6:30 AM. Plan your travel around the opening windows and be prepared to queue at designated areas.

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Recently I drove out to the Ranchito at the end of Solar Road. The road was smooth as glass. Then I took a road over the mesa west of Olathe and had a similar experience---new pavement and guard rails. A splendid example and a splendid job of ongoing maintenance.

We, my wife and I, needed a booster shot for the Covid. We scheduled the appoint-

ment as required. That went 'slick as a whistle'. Then, 'holy cats', we went to Friendship Hall right on time, walked in and there was a needle wielding 'shooter' awaiting our arrival so she could apply her talent. Stuck we were, smooth as can be and out the door in 20 minutes including the fifteen minutes we had to wait to see if we would fall over. I should point out that all the Covid related activities at

county level have been similarly splendid in their organization, presentation and execution. Definitely the behavior of a pro-active organization.

And then for the crowning glory of our illustrious County Commissioners was the Western Slope Water Summit moderated by Commissioner Sue Hansen. Well organized check-in, plenty of seats, lots of fresh air in a large pleasant room. No 'slack time' at this rodeo! Plenty of coffee, water and a box lunch fit for a king? Well maybe not but surely for a West Slope water user.

These three activities are not all of the activities that our Commissioners are involved in. I am sure that if the rest of their functions are as well organized as these were, they are definitely serving their constituency well. I know not what transpires behind the scenes for these kinds of services but I am sure that the results show here are what they are because of a well-organized, well-oiled county government and competent highly motivated staff and leadership.

My extra compliments are in order for all, AND I MEAN ALL, of the personnel I contacted. They were doing an exemplary job and were pleasant, professional and well-spoken whether they were answering a question or wielding a needle.

To Montrose County administration,---keep up the fine work! We, YOUR citizens, appreciate all that you do for us! And the fine way that you go about it.

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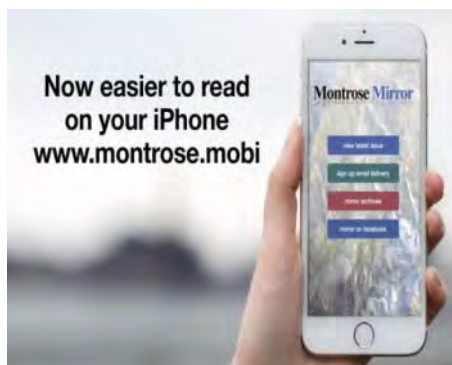
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OURAY & SAN JUAN COUNTIES — The Colorado Department of Transportation completed work on the US Highway 550 culvert repair project earlier this month. The project, located in Ouray County, was approximately 10 miles south of Ouray and just north of the Red Mountain Pass summit, from mileposts 80 to 81.5. The project consisted of removing and replacing culverts at two locations, as well as stabilizing stream banks. The project also extended and widened the existing parking and pullout area on the west side of the highway near the pass summit.

This project benefits motorists by providing a safer highway when snow runoff or rainstorms occur. Improvements at two existing culvert sites allow water to flow unobstructed under the roadway. The improvements to the parking and pullout area provide more space for travelers and backcountry users who may need to stop, pull over, or park along the pass.



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MONTROSE COUNTY CIVIC AWARDS PRESENTED



Front: Peer Kindness - Todd & Maya Haynes; CASA - Karen Slater; Senior Volunteer - Sherry Neill; Shepherd's Hand - Gary & Anita Martinez; Ag Volunteers - Todd & Roxi Stewart. Posthumously awarded - Nick Gray Scholarship Foundation.
Center: HopeWest Hospice & Palliative Care - Kelly Thompson; Youth Reading & Single Moms - Sharon Rasmussen Presenters: MCRW 2nd VP Sherie Whiteford, Treasurer Donna Rose, Representative Marc Catlin, Jim Frank & Chaplin Roena Frank, Senator Don Coram. Courtesy photos.

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MONTROSE-Montrose community members and organizations were honored and celebrated during the November 2021 Montrose County Civic Award ceremony. Hosted by the Montrose County Republican Women, this annual non-partisan award was presented to 11 local volunteers and service groups for their focus, passion, selflessness and dedication to help people in need. This award is an outreach to recognize those who make a difference in the lives of others. MCRW President, Dianna Coram, opened the ceremonies, held at the Montrose Hampton Inn, noting the importance volunteerism and charitable acts make to our community. First Vice President, Kerri Catlin stated, "Each of these volunteers is awesome and awe-inspiring. Each touches lives and brings calmness in a troubled world, direction and reassurance to those struggling. With grace, clarity, integrity, and a smile, you bring peace of mind. Our Montrose community is truly blessed." MCRW Chapter members read biographies of each Civic Award recipient and

gave a certificate with a Colorado coffee mug.

The Montrose County Civic Award reads:

In recognition for your participation and resolve and hard work to make our community a better place to live. Thank you for your perseverance, perspiration, and professionalism. May joy fill your heart and luck come to you through your gracious giving to others.

Receiving awards:

Agriculture - Roxi and Todd Stewart for their tireless work on many agricultural boards and groups focusing on our future farmers and ranchers. Award given by Senator Don Coram.

The Shepherd's Hand - Garey and Anita Martinez for their service to homeless and others in need of food, shelter, clothing, and many other necessities as a hand up. The new location has been a Godsend for the organization, located at 505 S. 2nd, Montrose. Award presented by MCRW Chaplin Roena Frank.

Seniors - Sherry Neill is an active senior who finds time to serve Meals on Wheels to community members and even drives her own vehicle to taxi seniors to various appointments. Sherry volunteers in many other capacities as well. Award given by 2nd Vice-President Cherie Whiteford.

Reading Program and Mentor for Single Moms - Sharon Rasmussen has spent many hours teaching our Pomona elementary students how to be successful readers. She also spends time coaching young moms in child-rearing. Sharon is active in many other community endeavors. Award presented by Jim Frank. Peer Kindness - Maya and Todd Haynes have taken a family tragedy and have created a beacon of hope for bullied students, teaching young-

Montrose County Civic Award Recipients: Peer Kindness - Todd & Maya Haynes; CASA - Karen Slater; Senior Volunteer - Sherry Neill; HopeWest Hospice & Palliative Care - Kelly Thompson; Youth Reading & Single Moms - Sharon Rasmussen; Shepherd's Hand - Garey & Anita Martinez; Ag Volunteers - Todd & Roxi Stewart Posthumously awarded - Nick Gray and Scholarship Foundation.

sters not to bully, and giving teachers the tools to recognize and help in such situations. The program has been so successful that the Colorado Legislature enacted this program on a statewide educational level. Award presented by Senator Don Coram.

Child Advocates - CASA of the 7th Judicial District child and foster care advocates. CASA offers legal services, housing, and life-skills training to youth who have aged-out of foster care. CASA is located at 147 N. Townsend, Montrose. Award received by Karen Slater and given by MCRW Treasurer Donna Rose.

HopeWest — Kelly Thompson is the Area Program Director of HopeWest Hospice & Palliative Care. Kelly has the unique ability with staff to help with end-of-life care issues. Located on S. 5th, Montrose. Award presented by Representative Marc Catlin.

Nick Gray - Nick Gray, our local centurion who embodied the spirit of the Western Slope, amassed a great estate through his hard work, tenacity, and dedication to our country.

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USDA FOREST SERVICE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION TO FEATURE UPDATED WEBSITE

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DENVER-The USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, will feature a newly updated public website, beginning today, Nov. 16. This update is the result of nearly two years of collaboration between the region and the Chief Information Office Web Services Team. With this update, all Forest Service region sites across the agency have now transitioned to the new look.

This design change is one of several web improvements being made to improve the user experience and better serve the public. It provides the user with a more consistent experience as it closely matches the look and format of the Forest Service headquarters website and the web design standards of other federal websites. The update also aligns with the [21st Century IDEA Act](#) and ongoing Web Modernization efforts within the USDA. By utilizing the [United States Web Design System](#), the new changes will make the region's website more easily identifiable as a trusted government website. In addition, it will be more accessible to visitors, and will pro-

vide a responsive layout that will adapt to any device – from a personnel computer to a mobile device.

Web managers across the agency will continue updates in the next few months

with the anticipation of most websites fully updated in 2022. For more information, please visit the Rocky Mountain Region's website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r2>.

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TRES RIOS FIELD OFFICE RELEASES TRAVEL ROUTE INVENTORY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

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DOLORES— The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado Tres Rios Field Office is seeking the public's input in reviewing its road and trail inventory in Dolores, San Miguel, and Montrose counties.

The BLM and its partners initially completed a comprehensive inventory of routes within the field office boundaries,

covering about a half-million acres that was shared with the public in 2017. BLM is now asking the public to review an updated inventory to identify routes that may have been missed, which will provide the framework for a proposed Transportation and Access Plan (TAP).

"If there are roads and trails out there that are special to you or you have an area you would like improved access to, we'd

like to know about them," said Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clementson. "We're not making decisions at this time, just verifying, updating, and correcting information."

Comments can be submitted through December 15, 2021. The proposed TAP will be available for public comment during the environmental analysis process anticipated to begin early next year.

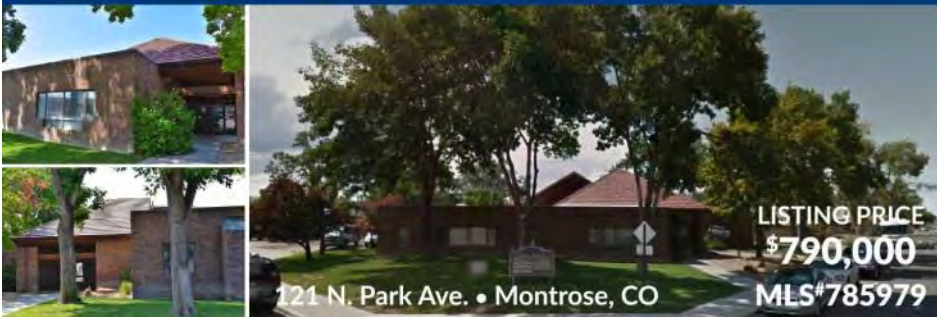
To participate in the public review and comment on the routes, the BLM developed a web-based interactive map illustrating each inventoried route. The public can provide feedback via email (include "TCCM" in the subject line) to blm_co_trfo_comments@blm.gov; or mailing feedback to BLM Tres Rios Field Office, 29211 Highway 184, Dolores, CO 81323. To review the interactive map, visit <https://blm-egis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3611a485e5f9408d888fba48c7b97fc3#>

For more information, contact Tracy Perfers, BLM Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at (970) 882-1136.

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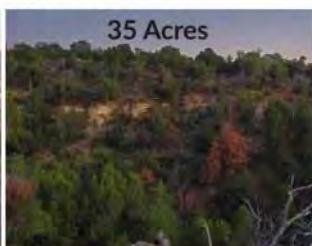


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CITY OFFICES TO CLOSE THANKSGIVING DAY

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MONTROSE- City of Montrose offices, including City Hall, Municipal Court, Animal Shelter, Visitor Center, City Shop, Montrose Pavilion, and Police Department, will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

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

Course will also be closed.

Trash and recycling schedules will be adjusted for the holiday. For residences with Thursday, November 25 collection, trash pickup will instead occur on Tuesday, November 23, and Wednesday, November 24.

Residences west of Townsend Ave that are normally on the Thursday route will receive collection services on Tuesday,

November 23. Residences east of Townsend Ave that are normally served on Thursday will receive service on Wednesday, November 24.

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CHANGES MADE TO THE MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR BOARD

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MONTROSE— At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commis-

sioners (BOCC), the BOCC approved the re-structure of the Montrose County Fair Board and updated the fair board's oper-

ating procedures. The changes came to fruition in an effort to improve the functionality of the Montrose County Fair Board in running a quality fair and rodeo.

The major changes to the structure of the fair board include reducing the number of board members from 12 with three alternates to a seated board of nine. Additionally, qualifications for being a fair board member were updated to address availability during the week of fair, bring awareness to the code of ethics, and reducing conflict of interest by limiting parents, grandparents, primary guardians, and siblings from becoming fair board members.

"We have had a great fair board the last few years. We think that the changes to the structure of the board and the bylaws will assist in improving the overall quality of the event. We understand the time commitment and work that goes into producing the Montrose County Fair and Rodeo, and we want to make every effort to assist the board in accomplishing their mission," said Commissioner Keith Caddy.

The changes to the structure of the board and update of the bylaws will remove all currently seated board members from the board, relieving them of all future duties. Any resident of Montrose County who meets the updated qualifications specified in the bylaws may apply to be appointed to the Montrose County Fair Board.

"We are looking to build a well-rounded board that wants to continue the tradition of the Montrose County Fair and is excited about the opportunity of promoting agriculture in our community. We encourage anyone who might be interested in being on the board to submit an application," said BOCC Chair Sue Hansen.

Applications are available online at montrosecountyfairandrodeo.com or at the Montrose County Event Center office. For additional information on being a fair board member, please call 970-252-4358.



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MONTROSE COUNTY PROCLAIMS RURAL HEALTH MONTH; DISBANDS FAIR BOARD AND AMENDS BYLAWS

Adoption of first County Road Map update in 70 years continued to Dec. 2



Montrose County is updating the county road map for the first time since 1952. Photo by B. Switzer.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All commissioners were present as the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 17. BOCC Chair Sue Hansen called the meeting to order. "Good morning, everybody, it's good to see everybody's smiling, sort of smiling, faces."

Pastor Buddy Cook of the First Church of the Nazarene delivered the invocation. Noting that November is the month of Thanksgiving, he gave thanks for the commissioners, "...we thank you for each one of them." Cook asked for guidance and prayed for help during the time of COVID. "We just pray lord that you would just push it back, that you would give us protection, that you would give us help, and Lord that you would care for those who are hurting, and who are ill."

Citizen Scott Riba led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

COUNTY MANAGER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items were accepted as presented. "That passes unanimously, we can finally say unanimously, it's good to have you here Roger," Hansen said.

"It's good to be here," Commissioner Roger Rash said.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Commissioners voted in support of a proc-

lamation declaring November 2021 to be National Rural Health Month in Montrose County, as presented by Media Relations Manager Katie Yergensen. The proclamation specifically recognizes Montrose Regional Health as well as other health care providers.

"I think it is probably not surprising...our hospital has definitely been taxed lately," Yergensen said. "...This is more fitting than ever, to continue to recognize them for not only the work they've been doing the past month but throughout the entire pandemic."

Yergensen said that the County has been holding weekly calls with local long term health care facilities.

"They're facing staffing issues as well, so a lot of these staff members have been pulling double duties," she said, "and working hard just to care for our residents."

Public hearing on adoption of the official 2021 county road map

Hansen opened a public hearing on adoption of the 2021 County Road Map. Public Works Director Keith Laube said that the County has not adopted a county road map in some time.

"We haven't done it for about 70 years...the last time we actually officially adopted a county road map was in 1952, and that was based on the 1951 road map."

Though Montrose County has kept records over the years, "Really this was a challenge to go off the 1951 map and update it to our current status," Laube said. "The GIS Department spent a lot of time going through the maps and being very meticulous about this."

The county road map will now be updated every year or every other year, Laube said, and will be available online.

"...Thank you for updating that 70-year-old map," BOCC Vice Chair Keith Caddy said.

"...The can's been kicked down the road until it's just about wore out," Commissioner Roger Rash said.

Montrose County is not unique in delay-

ing the road map update, Laube said.

Said Caddy, "When I found out, when I got here as a commissioner on my first term and the map was older than I was, I knew that there was a big problem. A really big problem."

Citizen Scott Riba spoke, and thanked Laube and GIS task for completing the new map. "It's a monumental task." He asked about private roads designated as trails. "...If this is the official map does EMS use this map or are they using other maps that would supplement to provide for 5790 Trail, which is a private road off of the end of 5790 Road?"

EMS will continue using a map containing all addresses in the county, Laube said.

The County Road Map documents county roads maintained by the County.

Riba asked about the procedure listed in Item 5 of the map, for individuals who request that a private road be converted to a public road. "It seems like a remarkably simple process that doesn't provide much protection for the landowners or the folks who use that road or have that road as a primary access back to the county road."

"...What safeguards are going to be in place to add to Item 5?"

County Attorney Marti Whitmore addressed the question. "All county roads are public roads; not all public roads are county roads...the answer is, it depends." Each request that a private road be converted to a public road would be investigated, "to see where the facts are and how the facts fit within the statute before the board would make a determination," Whitmore said.

Commissioners agreed to consider the possible addition of specific language to County Road Map Item 5.

Adoption of the new road map was continued for decision only until the next BOCC meeting, to be held on Thursday, Dec. 2.

Resolution 50-2021-amendments to Montrose County Fair Board bylaws/application

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Fairgrounds Manager Emily Sanchez presented amendments to the Fair Board application and bylaws and reviewed the proposed changes. With the passage of Resolution 50-2021, the existing fair Board is discharged and relieved of their duties and applications for the new Fair Board will be accepted through Nov. 24.

Major updates include a stipulation that Fair Board members be available the entire length of the Montrose County Fair and contribute to tasks as requested by Fair Board officer or committee chair.

The fair Board will transition from a 12-member board with three alternates to a nine-member board with no alternates, Sanchez said.

The new Bylaws state, "For the Fair & Rodeo to be held in 2022, for events in which youth ages 18 and under may exclusively participate, i.e. the Junior Show, the Junior Livestock Auction, and the Royalty Competition, the rules must include a provision that no participant may have a parent, step-parent, grandparent, guardian, sibling, or primary caretaker who has been a Fair Board member at any time on or after Dec. 1, 2021. Thereafter, for events in which youth ages 18 and under may participate, the rules must include a provision that no participant may have a parent, step parent, guardian, sibling, or primary caretaker who has been a Fair Board member at any time on or after Sept. 1 of the preceding year."

Citizen comment came from Scott Riba, "...Having served on the Fair Board for a number of years, I think it's a great set of changes...under the composition of the Fair Board ex officio, it lists two 4H representatives but it does not list an FFA representative, and I thought in the past there was one FFA and one 4H."

"There was," Caddy said. "...We left the two 4H and pulled the FFA." FFA has not had interest in the Fair and in attending meetings, Sanchez said, and the representative was removed from the bylaws.

Riba asked about the impacts of the amendments to Fair unit superintendents,

and about rules governing fair board members who hold more than one position on the board. "...I was curious whether the conflict of interest was going to apply to the superintendents as well."

The Fair Board selects and appoints superintendents and will be responsible for enforcing a code of conduct, and while no stipulation is in place prohibiting board members from holding multiple positions, "I would strongly encourage that not to be the case," Hansen said, adding, "...that would be a board decision."

The BOCC voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 50-2021. "We are hopeful and excited about the new generation for the fair," Hansen said. "We're all behind it 100 percent and look forward to a really robust fair in 2022."

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ITEMS

Planner Tallmadge Richmond presented a **request to rezone from General Agricultural (A) to General Commercial (C) Parcel 399315300012, HWY 550 & Rose Road.**

The County Planning Commission had recommended denial, finding that the subject property is not within a Commercial Node designation and therefore is not in conformance with the Master Plan.

Neighbor Sarah Field spoke, expressing concern over uses that would be allowed under the zoning change, and over accessibility. "Currently the way that road sits you can't have two cars cross each other; it just doesn't make sense to me," Field said.

The BOCC voted unanimously to deny the requested rezoning.

Richmond presented a **Special Use Application for the Pioneer Wholesale Supply: Composting Facility Special Use in the general agricultural district.** The applicants intend to process and produce Class II compost from Type 1 feedstock and approved materials at 58521 Amber Road.

Richmond reviewed the conditions of the proposal. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Commissioner Roger Rash said, "I've driven by there multiple times, and it looks

like they're grinding back there and the dust is just flying. If they're not applying the rules now, I have concerns about them applying the rules if we make this a special use permit."

Planning & Development Director Steve White said that the area where grinding is taking place is not within the special use permit, but is operating as an agricultural-type activity...we can't control what's happening to the south, we'll only be able to control what's happening in the Special Use Permit area."

"My concern is they're not being a good neighbor," Rash said.

Caddy moved to approve the Special Use Application based on the finding of facts, with an exception to Item 12 stating that "animal waste" be clarified to say that excretions from the animal would be fine, but not a by-product of the animal.

Commissioners voted two to one in favor, with Rash voting against the proposed Special use Application.

Also approved was the **Windriver Log Homes Rezoning proposal to Rezone a portion from General Commercial (C) to Heavy Industrial (I-H) at 61388 Jay Jay Road.** The applicant plans to put in a sawmill to mill logs, tongue and groove boards, and things that would be allowed in the heavy industrial zone.

The Planning Commission recommended approval; the BOCC voted to approve the rezoning.

Commissioners approved six minor subdivisions with a single vote, including:

-**Taylor Minor Subdivision proposal to divide three lots from a 58-acre parcel at Parcel 376535100034;**

-**Jacob's Ridge Minor Subdivision proposal to divide a 20.14 acre lot into three lots at 12870 6820 Road;**

-**Spring Time Minor Subdivision proposal to divide a 43-acre Tract into three lots at 68873 Kinikin Road;**

-**Buckhorn Views Minor Subdivision proposal to divide three lots from a 71.374 acre parcel on the North side of Buckhorn Road, Parcel # 40410920003;**

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-Midnight Skyview Minor Subdivision proposal to divide two lots from a 37.97 acre parcel at 59624 Joey Trail; and **-Church-Hoover Minor Subdivision proposal** to divide a four-acre lot into two lots at 217 Coffman.

In other Planning and Development business, the BOCC voted to approve the **Amended Plat of the Easy Living Minor Subdivision Proposal** to alter the plat note for further subdivision on a collector or arterial road at 9447 High Mesa Road and the **David Minor Subdivision Amended Plat proposal** to remove a plat note for further subdivision at Parcel 399503400019.

City of Montrose Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo, who assists the county with liquor licenses, joined the meeting as commissioners left regular session to reconvene as the Montrose County Local Liquor Licensing Authority. The Liquor Licensing Authority approved the **liquor license renewal application for Cedar Bowl Three Coins in Nucla.**

Commissioners reconvened as the BOCC and entered Executive Session with the County Attorney **for legal advice and di-**

rection regarding a property transfer. Following Executive Session, commissioners voted to adjourn.

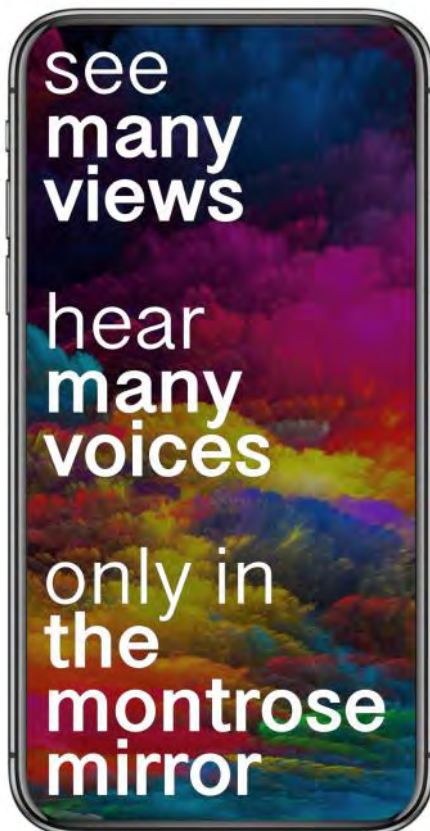
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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WHO FACT CHECKS THE PUBLISHER, EDITOR, OR WRITERS OF THE MONTROSE DAILY PRESS?

Editor:

The November 15 Mirror issue included an excellent Opinion article by David Loncar, regarding his personal concerns for children receiving the Covid vaccine. He obviously had done his own research in arriving at his conclusions, and cautioned parents to do their own research as well before acting hastily.

Interestingly, he noted at the outset of his Opinion letter, that he had submitted his letter to The Montrose Daily Press for publication, but was rejected by the Editor [Justin Tubbs] for the following reason: "I appreciate the submission, but we're gonna pass on publishing this one. There's just a lot of information and claims in here and we don't have the means to fact check. We just don't want to take the chance of possibly spreading misinformation about vaccines."

Not that long ago, under the previous Publisher and Editor of The Montrose Daily Press, all opinions were welcome and published.

Since the advent of the current admin-

istration [Anderson & Tubbs] there has been a slow but steady march to align themselves with the corrupt "woke" media, that believes in censoring opinions that are contrary to the narrative being presented, an obvious violation of our precious First Amendment!

If you have been paying attention to the print or online versions of The Montrose Daily Press, you should have noticed their increasing proclivity for "FACT CHECKING."

When they rolled out their NABUR section, supposedly a site for community discussions on various issues, they highlighted the fact that those discussions would be "FACT CHECKED". Since discussions involve varying opinions, what qualifies anyone at the Daily Press to "FACT CHECK" those opinions? To me that is simply the unmitigated arrogance of blatant censorship! Just recently the nations "premier" "FACT CHECKER", Politico, was found to have been inaccurate! The public is certainly capable of making their own decisions on any opinions expressed in the


media.

What we all learn from the media is important. What we do not learn because of deliberate omission can be critical ! Who fact checks the Publisher, Editor, or writers of the Montrose Daily Press for real facts or information omitted in published articles?

For many years I was a regular opinion writer to The Montrose Daily Press, but no longer! Once my proffered opinion piece was denied publication, ostensibly because it was contrary to their new "narrative", I immediately began sending ALL my opinions to The Montrose Mirror, which adheres to the principle of The Society of Professional Journalism that encourages the media to "strive to ensure the free exchange of information".


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DMEA STATEMENT REGARDING NETWORK INCIDENT; INTERNAL NETWORK SYSTEMS STILL DOWN

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MONTROSE-DMEA recently discovered a targeted effort to access data on its internal network systems. We are currently working with a team of forensic experts to fully understand the extent and implications of this incident. The incident has impacted DMEA's internal operational and network systems. DMEA's electric grid and Elevate's fiber network are not affected, and we continue to deliver reliable electricity and internet services.

While these types of situations have become all-too-common nationwide, we recognize the significance of this event and have quickly taken the appropriate steps to address it. Our comprehensive assessment is ongoing and may span several weeks. There is currently no indication sensitive customer or employee data has been compromised.

Nothing is more important to us now than allowing all of our offices and systems to operate seamlessly again. Please be assured that we are working diligently to restore our networks and service.

Although this incident has impacted DMEA and Elevate's ability to conduct some business, core services remain intact. Members can report power outages by calling (877) 687-3632. Elevate technical support is also available 24/7 by calling (844) 386-8744 or by emailing support@elevateinternet.com.

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CITY CONSIDERS FITNESS EQUIPMENT, TRUCK PURCHASE REQUESTS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council met for a regularly scheduled work session on Monday, Nov. 15. Mayor Doug Glaspell opened the session; all councilors were present, with Councilor Barbara Bynum calling in to participate.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Assistant City Attorney Chris Dowsey presented information on a **proposed update to Municipal Code Section 5-2-1**, Regarding Hotel Room Tax. A memo prepared by Dowsey notes that the proposed action would add the definition of marketplace facilitator (MPF) to the City's hotel room tax, in order to make MPFs liable for hotel room tax on sales facilitated through their marketplaces.

The memo states, "...Adding this definition to the hotel room excise tax will have collection and remitting of all applicable taxes for the rental of a house/room through a MPF coming from one source...eliminating confusion on who is liable for this tax and possible deficiencies...this will avoid confusion for local restaurants who sell through MPFs that deliver their food...it again would eliminate confusion to have the collection and remitting of all applicable tax from one source."

Council discussed an **equipment purchase request**, for purchase of two refuse trucks and two vactor trucks from Faris Machinery in Grand Junction for \$1,950,478.34. One refuse and one vactor truck are budgeted; the additional refuse truck would be used to support existing routes and the additional vactor truck will be used in sewer collection and would allow one of the existing fleet vehicles to serve as a backup for storm sewer cleaning, weather event support, special projects, and emergency backup. City Public Works Director Jim Scheid said that the city is seeing a huge increase in the resale value of fleet vehicles. Another purchase discussed was the anticipated **acquisition of Lifetime Fitness/ Hammer Strength fitness equipment** for the new public safety facility, from Advanced Exercise for a total of \$71,551.60. The equipment would be provided by the city as the owner of the project, Scheid said, to avoid a markup and obtain government pricing on the equip-



Montrose City Council work session of Nov.15. Photo by Paul Arbogast.

ment. The equipment will be funded through the Public Safety fund.

Police Chief Blaine Hall said that the space is around 800 sf and is long and a bit narrow. "We're trying to get the best bang for our buck as far as what types of equipment that we wanted in there, and also just kind of provide the best equipment that we could for employees."

A survey was sent to the police department and other department heads, with most responses focused on strength training. "We definitely added some cardio options to try to round all of that out," Hall said.

The equipment is commercial grade, solid, and long lasting. "...It's something...that we definitely have a need for, it's something that we plan on using for some further plans within the police department as far as physical fitness programs.

"The really cool thing about it is that it's not just for the PD," Hall said. "It's something that we plan on opening up for all city employees."

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented proposed **Ordinance 2570, the 2021 Supplemental Budget Ordinance**. Included in the packet is a **supplemental budget worksheet**. The most notable increase is for the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA), which began with a budget of \$800,000 and is ending the year

with additional appropriations of \$3,555,100.

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo presented the **Municipal Election Plan and Resolution Authorizing a Mail Ballot Election**. Election is Tuesday, April 5. There are four council seats on the ballot.

The City has been conducting mail ballot elections since 1994, DelPiccolo said. "Our citizens are used to voting in this manner," she said. "Even though our last election in 2020 was kind of right at the beginning of the pandemic, we still had a 41-percent return rate on our ballots."

The only changes this year will be City Council District Boundary adjustments. Included in the work session packet are a **staff report**, **2022 mail ballot election plan**, and **resolution** authorizing the mail ballot election of April 5, 2022. The resolution will come before Council at the meeting of Dec. 7.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor J. David Reed thanked Police Chief Hall for a very nice function the previous Friday night at the police department. "...Thank you for including Council in that. At least I know I had a good time."

Councilor Barbara Bynum asked that staff provide a rundown of the City's holiday events during the Council meeting the following evening.

With no further discussion, Mayor Glaspell closed the work session.

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CAN'T HAPPEN IN THIS GREAT NATION, RIGHT?

Editor:

I have recently read postings from local Democrats attempting to ridicule the idea that the 2020 election was stolen. They say the election was completely clean and secure, and anyone claiming otherwise is a nut-job conspiracy theorist. "How could anyone believe such a thing could happen in this great nation?", they ask. Here are some truths making such a thing not only plausible, but highly probable.

When Trump ran for President in 2016, the corrupt and unlikable Hillary Clinton couldn't run on her record or the unpopular leftist Democratic policies, so they set out to destroy Trump. They didn't have anything truthful, so they paid a foreign national \$10 million to create a dossier full of complete lies. These lies were spread by the media, which cared nothing about the corruption of the Democrats, and by the Obama/Biden administration to destroy Trump and his associates. The lies were obvious, but no one cared. Corrupt individuals within the FBI participated in the attempts to bring down Trump and protect Hillary from prosecution. Throughout Trump's presidency, Democrats and the FBI continued their efforts to destroy Trump by spreading lies about his being a Russian agent. Again, the lies were obvious, but no one on the left cared. (Can't happen in this great nation, right?)

Our southern border is now non-existent. Biden is not just ignoring our laws and inviting an invasion of illegals, but is secretly chartering flights in the middle of the night to resettle them into our cities and towns. In the process, he is intentionally demonizing border patrol agents who are the only ones attempting to do their jobs. (Can't happen in this great nation, right?)

The left is actively pushing Critical Race

Theory in our schools, which divides America by skin color. Biden's attorney general has ordered the FBI to investigate concerned parents who are exercising their First Amendment rights in objecting to their children being taught white = oppressor and black = victim. For thinking they are somehow responsible for their own children, they are now treated as "domestic terrorists". (Can't happen in this great nation, right?)

The person spearheading efforts to contain the Covid virus is Anthony Fauci, the same person that headed the government agency that funded "gain of function" research at the very Chinese lab from which the deadly virus originated. Let me say that again. One of our federal agencies paid the Chinese government to take a benign virus and turn it into a virus deadly to humans. (The same government agency that paid some middle eastern country to conduct experiments -- torture -- on beagle puppies -- but that's another story.) (Can't happen in this great nation, right?)

When Trump left office, he handed Biden the fastest economic recovery on record. Biden chose to squander that robust recovery by pushing multi-trillion dollar spending sprees, racking up unsustainable debt, implementing regressive taxes on working class Americans, and actively trying to destroy the country's oil industry. The result is the worst inflation in thirty years. Inflation, the hidden, regressive tax that disproportionately hits the poor and working class. (Can't happen in this great nation, right?)

The list is endless. Biden family corruption starting when "the big guy" was VP and continuing to this day. Afghanistan withdrawal turning into a deadly amateur hour. Democrats demonizing and defunding our police departments resulting in the

present national crime wave. Democrats calling actual riots and murder in our cities "mostly peaceful protests," while an unarmed January 6th protest is suddenly an "armed insurrection". (Can't happen in this great nation, right?)

So, you see, it is actually very reasonable to conclude that the 2020 election was totally corrupted. The corporate media smear machine hiding election-shifting news (Hunter Biden) from voters. Billionaire Mark Zuckerberg directly funding liberal operatives who infiltrated election offices in key states -- essentially funding shadow election systems that collected absentee ballots and "fixed" questionable mail-in ballots. Republican poll monitors in Pennsylvania, Georgia, and Michigan not being allowed to watch the ballot counting, or being told counting stopped for the night when counting continued for hours. Video showing boxes of votes being pulled from under tables after the observers were told to go home. Wisconsin sheriff's office presenting evidence showing the election board committed felony election fraud. In a county in Arizona, where the election was decided by some 10,000 votes, an audit discovered over 23,000 possible illegal votes and enough lax security that the number was probably much higher.

Election integrity matters, but Democrats continue their efforts to make our elections less secure and more prone to cheating. (They know, as does everybody else, that secure elections in no way penalize minorities.) When all Americans have good reason to question the election results, and with Biden and company seemingly doing everything possible to destroy this great nation, is it any wonder that he has lost all claims to legitimacy?

Ed Henrie, Montrose



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CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

[Consent Agenda items](#) were unanimously approved.

2022 BUDGET APPROVAL

As previously considered in work session, Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented [Ordinance 2567](#) on Second Reading. No changes were made from First reading to Second reading, Wittenberg said. Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2567 on Second Reading, as well as [Resolution 2021-24](#) adopting the 2022 budget.

ORDINANCE 2570-FIRST READING

As discussed previously in work session, [Ordinance 2570](#) is the City's Supplemental Budget Ordinance for 2021, and amends Ordinance No. 2514 which appropriated funds for defraying the expenses and liabilities of the City of Montrose during the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2021; said expenditures of the City of Montrose over and above those anticipated at the time of the adoption of the original budget for the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2021. Wittenberg reviewed supplemental budget appropriations; Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2570 on First Reading.

HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Council voted to approve a new [Hotel and Restaurant liquor license application](#) at 82 Rose Lane for El Buen Sabor Mexican Restaurant Co., doing business as El Buen Sabor Mexican Restaurant, for consumption on the licensed premises. Applicant Olga Chavez was present to answer questions. Speaking in support of the license was Elisa Lopez.

ORDINANCE 2568-SECOND READING

As discussed in work session and on First Reading, Council voted to adopt [Ordinance 2568](#) on second reading, repealing Title 6 Chapter 1 Section 26 (6-1-26) only, regarding loitering.

ORDINANCE 2571-FIRST READING

Discussed previously in two work sessions and [presented by City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo](#), [Ordinance 2571](#) amends the City Coun-

cil district boundaries with the adoption of a new Council District Map, by its insertion into the Official Code of the City of Montrose, and by repeal of the old Council District Map.

Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 2571 on First Reading.

RESOLUTION 2021-25

After discussing a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant application for a housing needs assessment in a previous work session, Council voted to approve [Resolution 201-25](#) authorizing the application, approving a matching contribution equal to 40 percent of the grant request up to \$76,000, and directing the City Manager and staff to execute the grant agreement.

RESOLUTION 2021-26

Also adopted unanimously was [Resolution 2021-26](#), authorizing the filing of a United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Cleanup Grant Program application in the amount of \$500,000, approving a matching contribution equal to 20 percent of the grant request up to \$100,000, authorizing the City Manager to execute the grant contract, and authorizing City staff to act on behalf of the grant agreement. The funds will be used to remove asbestos, lead-based paint, and fly ash from lot B the former Bullock Power Plant site, which was recently purchased by the City. Community Program Manager Kendall Cramer gave an overview of the project. The lot has a historic address of 326 Water Avenue and is now addressed as 30 West South Fourth Street. A five-story structure remains on the site, with a 4,300 sf footprint. The goal is to eliminate an attractive nuisance and improve a blighted area. "There are a lot of different opportunities for this site," Cramer said.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) - POTENTIAL PROJECTS: 2021-2022

City Manager Bill Bell reviewed the City's [American Rescue Plan projects](#) in detail. They're projects we would do anyway," he said. "It's just a different pot of money. I think the risk is pretty minimal."

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank said that the city has discussed most of the projects in



City Council approved a new liquor license for El Buen Sabor Mexican Restaurant Nov. 16.

great depth. "As Bill said, we would do them anyway...this is just an opportunity to use other peoples' money."

Said Councilor Barbara Bynum, "I think the list is very reflective of the direction Council has asked staff to go, with supporting housing needs in our community and early childhood education in our community, and the infrastructure needed for both of those, because ultimately it helps drive our economy."

Council voted to approve the list of potential projects for American Rescue Plan funding for 2021-2022.

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH ADDITION II ANNEXATION

Council opened a hearing on the [annexation of the Grace Community Church Addition II](#) approving [Resolution 2021-27, Findings of Fact for the Grace Community Church Addition II](#), and [Ordinance 2572](#) on first reading for the annexation of the Grace Community Church Addition II.

ORDINANCE 2573 - FIRST READING

Council unanimously voted to approve [Ordinance 2573](#) on First Reading, zoning the Grace Community Church as an R3 medium density district.

RIVERBEND RV PARK TRAVEL HOME PARK PERMIT

Senior Planner Amy Sharp presented slides and information on the [Riverbend RV Park Travel Home Park Permit](#) on Chipeta Road north of Chipeta Lake. The Planning Commission had previously approved the travel home park permit, which received final approval from City Council with associated conditions and variance approvals.

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City Council met Nov. 16 at the Montrose Elks Civic Building. Mirror file photo.

ORDINANCE 2569 - SECOND READING

Councilor J David Reed recused himself and left Council Chambers when [Ordinance 2569](#) came before Council on Second reading, due to his attorney-client relationship with parcel owner Scott Stryker. Ordinance 2569 amends the zoning designation of a portion of Parcel #3767-202-00-907, from P, Public District, to B-3, General Commercial District.

Background-A memo from Sharp to Council states, "The proposal is to rezone a portion of Parcel #376720200907, also known as 2365 Air Park Way...This property is currently zoned P Public District. The proposed new zoning is B-3 General Commercial District. This proposed zoning would allow for new commercial use opportunities within this area. The City would retain a small piece of land within this parcel as shown on the attached map as P Public District for public access to the river. The property consists of approximately 1.3 acres. A minor subdivision is currently in process to separate these two parcels."

Public comment was heard from Citizen Melanie Rees. She said that she loves the river corridor. "...I'd like to say I support this rezoning, I think it is really appropriate to take this parcel from public use to commercial use, it's appropriate for this location in the business park, it will enable a land exchange that will provide public benefit with additional land at the park at Chipeta, and provides a site for a valuable Montrose business."

Rees raised concerns over parking. "I do kayak the river weekly from early May to

late September...I have witnessed that there is really an increase in utilization of the town run, particularly after the river improvements last year which provided increased fishing habitat...at times it's become very congested at that takeout, and parking has been very limited. Because as you well know we're often pulling trailers that are hauling our boats around...that's going to become more tricky."

She requested that the City plan to provide land for additional parking, "So that we don't lose the opportunity to really access this takeout fully."

With Councilor Reed recusing, Council voted to approve [Ordinance 2569](#) on Second Reading.

WOODS CROSSING SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 1 FINAL PLAT

Council voted unanimously to approve the [Woods Crossing Subdivision Filing No. 1 Final Plat](#) to create 127 new residential lots and dedicate rights of way and/or easements.

LAND EXCHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH STRYKER & COMPANY

Councilor Reed once again recused himself and left Council Chambers, this time from considering or voting on a Memorandum of Agreement for a land exchange and [Development Agreement](#) between the City of Montrose and Stryker & Company, Inc. for the relocation and development of Stryker & Company, Inc. headquarters.

Background-A memo from City Manager Bill Bell to Council states, "In response to business growth, Stryker & Company, Inc. is seeking additional space to grow their team and commercial construction company...they are seeking a new location that provides for a better, more consolidated office with room to expand. The City-owned 1.3 acre parcel located on Air Park Way is well suited for this growth. Stryker & Company, Inc. would like to trade the City for a 1.2-acre parcel that they own located off Chipeta Drive and overlooking Chipeta Lake..."

Bell said, "As discussed at previous meetings, we are recommending the im-

plementation of a development agreement with Stryker and Company to do a land swap...the city owns the piece of property that was just rezoned down by Taviwach and that area along by the river. It was an underutilized piece of property there...rather than just sit there empty Scott Stryker and I thought it would be put to better use to help the expansion of a local business.

"...the idea was that we would trade Scott the property we had, he had a piece of property down by Chipeta lake...it has been cleaned up quite a bit thanks to Scott, and would allow us eventually to widen Chipeta Road in that area and make it much safer...it just fits into our long term plans to take this under-utilized piece of property, put it to a better commercial use, get property for us that would aid in our ability to expand Chipeta Road, and maybe do some additional access to Chipeta Lake from the property as well...there's a lot of win-wins with this particular project," Bell said.

Mayor Glaspell said that Stryker will clean all of the property up for the City.

Bell said that both parties will clean up their respective parcels. "...We work as a great team anyway, we partner on a lot of projects," Bell said.

Councilor Anthony Russo said that after extensive discussions he has come to believe the land swap is a good move.

Mayor Pro tem Dave Frank asked for an explanation of Stryker's plan for parking at his new parcel.

Stryker said that all parking for his business will be on the property; the cul de sac would be used occasionally, about once a month. He addressed Rees's concerns. "I know there's probably a middle ground...I am a rafter, fly fisherman, so I enjoy what they enjoy...it's not a lot of traffic down there...her concern is valid...there is some traffic. She has a valid point.

"I agree with Mr. Bell that it is a win-win, this is an opportunity for Stryker 2.0 to be able to expand and to be able to continue its work here...to be able to continue to build a base right here and grow," Stryker said.

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Glaspell asked for comments as part of a public hearing. Public Comment was heard from Bill Glasscock, co-founder of Montrose Surf & Cycle. "As part of the boating community and the future growth of our boating community, we of course support this land exchange on all fronts as a benefit for the community," Glasscock said.

"As a representative of our boating community, I just want to encourage that we don't just look at the traffic that has been, but that we consider the growth of the traffic that will undoubtedly increase."

River seasons are growing shorter due to climate change and shrinking snowpacks, he said. "With our unique situation with the Gunnison Tunnel water, we have even in low water years an extended season here that attracts a lot of river surfers, rafters, and kayaks to support our economic base here."

Glasscock asked that the City improve access to the river and plan for potential future growth. "...By embracing their river, the quality of life improves for the community and everybody involved."

Councilor Russo asked Bell about City plans to expand parking areas along the river near the City's public zone. "Is it possible in the future to expand parking there for boats and pullout?"

Bell said, "Really it hasn't been brought up as a discussion point until just recently...just looking at the map, there's quite a bit of ground there, so there's probably something we can look at as the need arises."

Also addressing Council was Ray Jantzen. "I would just like to echo the concerns of the previous commenters...we boat that river two or three times a week in the summer...there are times when parking is being utilized in that cul de sac it becomes very difficult to turn a truck around...if that takeout is utilized on a regular basis it's going to be kind of difficult to get in there and get around and pick up a boat," Jantzen said. He asked that the City consider parking when they undertake the land swap. "Parking could definitely become a problem down there."

Councilor Barbara Bynum said that the City should keep an eye on parking, and possibly include a loading zone to allow temporary parking at the takeout. "...So that even if you have to park down the street, that you can come back, and feel comfortable parking there while you go down and deflate and pack up your gear and bring it up."

Councilor Dave Frank said that the City could look at available land for a parking area. "I think there's a lot of options."

"I would hate to promise anything at the moment...I think the best spot would be our committee," Bell said. He said those interested should "shoot us an email," and the committee would hold a meeting and invite them.

Following the discussion, Mayor Doug Glaspell closed the public hearing. Council voted to approve the development agreement with Stryker and Co, with Reed abstaining from the vote.

ORDINANCE 2574-FIRST READING

Reed also recused from the next item, consideration of [Ordinance 2574](#) on first reading, authorizing the disposal of real property, Lot 1 Air Park Way Minor Subdivision, pursuant to § 1-9-2 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose. Council voted to approve Ordinance 2574 on First Reading as presented, with Reed abstaining.

THE HUB AT MONTROSE CROSSING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

As discussed at length in past work sessions and meetings, Bell introduced [the HUB Development Agreement](#). Incentives have been reduced to around 83 percent of what was originally offered by the City, he said, due to changes in the project scope.

"...I am very comfortable knowing we are in good hands...to make sure that what Mr. Miles is saying he is going to build as far as infrastructure is going to be built," Bell said.

As the ultimate owner of sewer lines, the city is investing in its own infrastructure, Reed said.

City Engineer Scott Murphy was present to answer questions.

Bynum said that a housing shortage affects Montrose. "The city isn't going to control rents," Bynum aid. "The city isn't going to build apartments. So what tools do we have in our toolbox to use to try and affect the levers of housing in our community? One thing is working with a developer that wants to come along and build a multi-family project...that is a tool that we do have in our toolbox to try and affect housing."

Despite citizen concerns, public investment in private developments is now taking place across the country, Reed said, adding that he took it upon himself to study the issue. "We are using the public's money..." He read a portion of an article into the record noting that the public often misunderstands the need for public housing. "...In reality the lack of housing can be devastating for communities in numerous ways..."

Growth is needed now more than ever, Reed said. "...These myths and misconceptions need to be actively dispelled by local government officials, by emphasizing how vital housing can boost the economy."

The city is not investing in the profits of the developer he said. "We are investing in the future of our community...I come down on the side that it's the right thing and the proper thing for us to do."

Cobble Creek Homeowners Association President Stan Grigg asked the city to add a requirement to the development agreement with 1890 Homestead LLC, under item 6A, that no vehicles be allowed to park along 6450 Road or Cobble Drive during the construction of the HUB at Montrose Crossing. Grigg also asked the city to direct the developer to have construction traffic access the entrance to the HUB site along 6450 at Chipeta Road if possible.

"This is an attempt to reduce the construction traffic along Cobble Drive, coming in the main entrance, and at the intersection of Cobble Drive and 6450," Grigg said. "Not only do 400 residents live in Cobble creek, but there's also a business there...the (more) construction traffic can be directed away from that main entrance

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the more we appreciate it.”

Council voted to approve the development agreement with 1890 Homestead LLC as presented.

STAFF REPORTS

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the Sales & Use tax report and Third Quarter Budget Review.

“...We’re in very good shape.”

Cramer and Office of Business & Tourism Director Lisa Kuczmarski gave an update on holiday events. Santa’s cabin will be on Main Street, but Santa will not be in the cabin this year due to COVID. The Parade of Lights will be Dec. 4. Cramer thanked

Public Works for placing decorations.

Youth City Councilor Harrison Hall gave an update on Youth Council activities. This year’s theme for Rock the Rec is Neon and the event will be at the Field House. There will be dodgeball and a murder mystery. Youth Council will have a retreat at the Bridges on Nov. 29.

Councilor Frank thanked Public Works for picking up leaves.

“...We’ve collected a lot of leaves already,” Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said, with 2,000 bags of leaves collected the first day. Collected leaves are given to area farmers and residents for tillage.

Councilor Russo said he is looking forward to the results of the housing needs assessment. “One of the things we’re lacking oftentimes is that assessment; I am really happy and excited to see the results.”

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank said that the housing needs assessment will help the city get more grant funding. “It’s going to be a tool for us in our toolbox,” Frank said, “to help incentivize and help get other funding sources around to help get more housing our area.”

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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FEEDING PEOPLE MATTERS

By Dr. Tony Frank, Chancellor,
Colorado State University System
COLORADO—On the same day in 1863, the U.S. government created both its own Department of Agriculture and a new model of higher-education education institution — land-grant universities — that also focused on preparing people to feed a growing nation.

Land-grant universities like Colorado State continue to focus on the fight against hunger in their teaching, research, and outreach activities. Today, the business of feeding the world has to consider issues around sustainability, the importance of bridging wealth gaps, urban-rural divides, and divisions around size of the production unit. Discussions have to address global protein and calorie insecurity — and consumer preferences for how that protein and those calories are produced. That's a tall order, and one that can only be met through collaboration and partnerships. But this truth abides: Feeding people mattered yesterday, it matters today, and it will matter tomorrow.

That is the primary driver behind the creation of our [CSU Spur campus](#), which opens in Denver in January. It's the reason for the critical and ongoing work of our CSU faculty in agricultural sciences, and the shared commitment among all three of our CSU campuses to fighting hunger in our own communities and beyond.

Why does it matter? More than 38 million people in the US experienced hunger last year. One in 6 American children doesn't know where they will get their next meal. One in 14 American seniors faced hunger before the pandemic, and that situation has dramatically worsened with COVID-19.

And while rural America produces the food that nourishes our planet, 87 percent of counties with the highest rates of overall food insecurity are rural. Black, Latinx, and Native American households all experience hunger at more than twice the rate of white households.

Our CSU campuses and Extension teams have long focused on finding ways to combat these statistics. The [Community Alliance for Education and Hunger Relief](#) — a project of the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station and its Western Colorado Research Center — annually harvests and delivers nearly 100,000 pounds of food grown on the campus to people in need on the Western Slope. Both our Fort Collins and Pueblo campuses are designated as [Hunger-Free Campuses by the Colorado Department of Higher Education](#), and our campuses have focused on programs to combat hunger in their own communities with the [Pack Pantry](#) in Pueblo and [Rams Against Hunger](#) in Fort Collins.

That commitment to improving lives extends to how we link research and teaching with the real-world food challenges facing Colorado. CSU faculty are critically focused on questions of biosecurity and how to help protect our food system from threats to crop and animal health. They've partnered with producers around the state to support long-term productivity through facilities that include the San Luis Valley Potato Research Station and one of the nation's leading wheat genetics laboratories. We've worked to expand access to agricultural education with cooperative degree programs offered jointly with other Colorado campuses. In partnership with



Dr. Tony Frank. Courtesy photo.

donors, alumni and the state of Colorado, CSU has invested millions in additional base funding for its agricultural sciences programs and experiment stations and tens of millions in improved facilities on campus and around the state — because we know there is critical work ahead of us, and it is foundational to who we are to show up with sleeves rolled up, ready to work.

This work ties our modern educational and outreach missions directly to the foundational elements of our heritage as land-grant universities.

It challenges us to share our best practices within Colorado and across borders, and to never lose sight of the fact that our actions serve our fellow human beings, regardless of national boundaries, race, religion, or language. Feeding people — all people — matters.



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LEAP APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW

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MONTROSE-Montrose County Human Services is now accepting Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) applications now through [April 30th, 2022](#). LEAP is designed to help low-income households meet their winter home heating costs; it does not pay the entire cost of home heating. LEAP is a federally funded program through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and managed locally by Montrose County Human Services.

"Many people may not realize that LEAP funds can be used for variety of heating sources--whether it's propane, gas, electric, wood, or even coal--our goal is to help keep our community warm during the winter," said Mirian Mason, Montrose County Eligibility Supervisor Child Care, Leap & Work Programs Supervisor. "We want to make sure that none of our residents are without heat in the cold winter months."

The amount of the energy assistance benefits varies depending on a variety of factors, including the primary heating fuel costs and income. The program does not

provide financial assistance for any type of temporary or portable heating.

In most cases the energy assistance benefit is paid directly to the household energy supplier.

In addition to home heating bill assistance, LEAP recipients may be eligible to receive furnace repair and replacement in heat-related emergencies in addition to weatherization services pending the results of a home energy audit. Currently, LEAP recipients are also eligible for two temporary programs that are part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The Utility Assistance Program provides funds to assist with paying down past-due accounts for a home's primary heating source and supportive fuel while funding is available. The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) serves eligible Colorado households who pay a water vendor directly and whose account is either in arrears or shut off. LIHWAP provides funds to make a one-time payment to the water vendor directly on behalf of eligible households if funding is available. To be eligible for benefits, households must pay heating costs directly to a utility

company or fuel supplier, or pay heating costs as part of their rent. If heat is included in your rent and you do not live in subsidized housing, you may qualify for LEAP. The program counts your gross monthly income. Household gross income may not exceed 65 percent of the [State Median Income](#)--the maximum gross monthly income for a one person household for the [2021-2022](#) LEAP season is [\\$2759.00](#).

If you are interested in receiving LEAP benefits, you must fill out a LEAP application. Applications may be obtained through your local LEAP office at the Montrose County Human Service building at 1845 South Townsend Avenue starting [November 1st](#). Applicants are required to submit a copy of their most recent heating bill or rent receipt (if heat is included in rent) and proof of income, along with a VALID Colorado ID or driver's license. For more information regarding LEAP, call human services at [970-252-5000](#), visit the [LEAP website](#), stop in to human services offices at 1845 South Townsend Avenue, or call the HEAT HELP Hotline at [1-866-432-8435](#).

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Peak Family Medicine, LLC Provides COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Treatment

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MONTROSE-Peak Family Medicine, LLC in Montrose is now offering COVID-19 treatment using Regen-Cov, a combination monoclonal antibody FDA approved under emergency use authorization. Peak Family Medicine, LLC is providing this service to ensure timely access to treatment that reduces COVID-19 related hospitalizations or death by 70% Table 3a. Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Monoclonal Antibodies: Selected Clinical Data | COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines (nih.gov). "The amazing men and women that make up Montrose Regional Health have worked day in and day out to keep healthcare access available to our community. We have supported vaccination efforts since day one but with the recent growth in cases, we recognized a need to do more to help the community and take some pressure off the hospital team. To that end, Peak is making treatment available to try and intervene before a hospital bed is required," says Dr. Joe Adragna, MD, MHA, MGH, FAAFP.

The medication is approved for the treatment of new cases of mild to moderate COVID-19 with risk for progression to severe infection. It can also be used for those that are high-risk for severe COVID-19 infection who have been exposed and are not fully vaccinated or are not expected to mount an adequate immune response to complete vaccination. A list of conditions that qualify as high risk can be found at: Regeneron EUA HCP Fact Sheet 11012021 (fda.gov) or COVID-19 treatments | Colorado COVID-19 Updates.

Dr. Joe says that the best route of medication administration is still intravenous (IV). Peak is offering subcutaneous injection, which is an approved alternative administration method, but it does come with more local site reaction risk. About 12% of patients in trial developed a reaction compared with 4% in the placebo group. These were all mild to moderate.

Peak recommends that if you have a new case of mild to moderate COVID-19 or have an exposure and are high-risk that you first contact your primary care provider to see if treatment is needed and if you qualify. If monoclonal antibody treatment is appropriate, then your primary care provider should try and get an IV infusion arranged. If an infusion is not immediately available, then subcutaneous administration may be appropriate, and your provider can refer you to treatment at Peak.

You do not need to be an established patient or establish a primary care relationship with Peak to receive treatment. We are happy to coordinate your treatment with your primary care provider. If you do not have a primary care provider or an order for treatment but think you have mild to moderate COVID-19, you can contact Peak Family Medicine at 970-497-4921 to arrange for a televisit where a healthcare provider will assess your symptoms, order appropriate testing, and recommend treatment. If you think you have a severe COVID-19 infection, need oxygen, or need more oxygen than normal, then you should seek emergency department care.

Thanks to CDPHE supplying the medication without cost, and support from Montrose County, you can receive treatment regardless of insurance, status, or ability to pay.

You must meet certain conditions to qualify for treatment, including an age of twelve or older, a weight of 88 lbs or more, have a high-risk condition, lack a known allergy to the medication, and have a positive COVID-19 antigen or PCR test or known exposure, and have an order for treatment.

The goal is to reduce hospital demand for inpatient care by catching COVID-19 early and intervening before the emergency room is necessary. Dr. Joe asks that we "Consider that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Please consider getting the COVID-19 vaccine or a booster if you meet eligibility and reduce your need for treatment in the first place." A list of vaccine providers can be found at <https://www.montrosecountyjic.com/vaccination-providers/>.

More information about COVID-19 treatments, including additional access points to monoclonal antibody treatment, can be found by visiting CDPHE's COVID-19 treatments page at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/for-coloradans/covid-19-treatments>. You can also use CDPHE's COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Connector Tool at <https://cdphe.redcap.state.co.us/surveys/?s=PX9LW9CEET> to help find a treatment site.



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COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES YEAR-END HOURS OF SERVICE FOR BUSINESS FILING

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DENVER— In observance of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the Colorado Secretary of State's office will be closed

Nov. 25, Nov. 26, December 23 (after 1 p.m.), Dec. 24, and Dec. 31.

Due to yearly maintenance, online services will be unavailable from 11:30 p.m.

on Friday, Dec. 31 until noon on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022 and services like filing and searching will be affected.

Mergers or other paper documents must be received in the office no later than Dec. 30. Do not wait until late afternoon on Dec. 30 to submit your paper filings as circumstances beyond our control (weather, illness, etc.) may prohibit our ability to process your filing in the timeline you are attempting to achieve. Filings not received during scheduled business hours will be processed the next working business day.

You should plan ahead and file earlier by using a delayed effective date, and time if necessary, for filings that must be effective on Dec. 31.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WAKE UP AMERICA

Editor;

Ever wonder why the Democrat party for decades have done everything they could to tear down America and her Constitution? For decades the Democrats have always swore up and down they were for the "little guy" or the minority segment of society. But that has been only after they woke up and realized what a large voting segment of society they were. It all started back in the 1800s when Democrats were determined to keep slavery in place. They established the Jim Crow laws, but tried to make you think it was the Republicans who did it. (Recall the speech by Obama who blamed Republicans for that). It was the Democrats who formed the KKK and suppressed the blacks. In 1857 the Democrat Chief Justice of the Supreme Court said that slaves were "so far inferior that the Negro might justly and lawfully be reduced to slavery for their own benefit." After the civil war, Republicans passed the 13th Amendment officially abolishing slavery in America. When Democrats were forced to free their slaves they re-enslaved them by passing "black codes" and Jim Crow laws which required former slaves to be apprenticed to employers. In 1865 Republicans denounced Mississippi's Democrat legislature for enacting those "black code" laws which went so far as stating no freed Negro or even a mulatto shall carry or keep firearms or ammunition. In 1866 Republicans passed the 14th Amendment which gave blacks citizenship. This was opposed by 100% of the Democrats in Congress. There was almost the same opposition from Democrats in Congress (97%) giving blacks the right to vote, the 15th Amendment.

America's Constitution was intended to let all men be free. Yet the Democrats have tried for decades to make America no better than the average third-world country. Our first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, John Jay once stated, "----- and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." But Democrats just don't seem to care about having a Christian nation or Christian rulers. They are only concerned with the power and control over the population. Our Social Security is one example. That program was originally volun-

tary. Democrats even voted to make it voluntary. In the beginning there was supposed to be only a 1% tax on the first \$1400 of annual wages. Now it's 7.5% of the first \$90,000! Originally, that tax paid could be deducted from your annual income for figuring your annual tax liability. But those funds are no longer deductible, thank you Democrats. Then along came Democrat President Lyndon Johnson who moved all Social Security tax money into the General Fund where it has been spent on typical Democrat Socialist wish lists like Johnson's Great Society which didn't result in a great society at all. But it did wake up the Democrats to realize that the people receiving the benefits of the Great Society were one huge voting bloc. The Social Security payments to retirees were never supposed to be taxed, but hold your horses! Here came another Democrat president, Bill Clinton, who decided your SS income should now be taxed! So now retirees are paying income taxes on 85% of their Social Security income. But hold on again!! Here came another Democrat president, Jimmy Carter, who decided to give your Social Security money to illegal immigrants who haven't paid a penny into the fund! And now Democrats have the gall to complain Social Security is running out of money and Democrats are blaming Republicans.

Now, the slave-owner Democrats love the very people they used to have as slaves because they have figured out how to capitalize on and manipulate those voting blocs. Consequently, they decided to open America's borders to the world. So now the class of the people who were the slaves are now valuable people because Democrats can buy their vote with all the free stuff paid for by your taxes. Our country is being systematically destroyed by those who took an oath to defend this country and who now have themselves become America's enemy combatants. President Trump had corrected dozens and dozens of the nefarious and hostile anti-American hostilities inflicted on America by the previous Democrat regime, but they just couldn't afford to have any more of their malicious policies cancelled by Trump, so they engineered what Biden bragged about in front of cameras that they (Democrats) have the most sophisticated voter fraud system there is

and they consequently stole the election from Trump. For those who revel that their choice for president is in the White House remember the invaders at the southern border are not just innocent freedom seekers from Mexico and Latin America. They are from some 140 Countries world-wide and they are not our friends. They are not just "freedom seekers". Somehow, up to 35,000 Haitians managed to travel the 2,000 miles from their Caribbean island to Del Rio, Texas. It's doubtful there are many friends of America in that bunch. Who paid for their flight? And what about the thousands of Afghanistans Biden brought in? Were they Covid tested? No! Were they Covid jabbed? No they weren't! And all of them were transported free by the Biden administration to your city or the US location of their choice paid for by your taxes! And like all the other invaders, given free food, shelter, clothing, education, healthcare and cash---things Americans can't get for free! And speaking of cash now Democrats want to pay illegals up to \$450,000 each for invading our borders!! And none of them are tested for Covid nor required to get the Covid jab like Americans are required to do. But police, firemen, and healthcare workers are now losing their jobs for not getting the "jab". This hideous and despicable Democrat-promoted invasion and corruption will create a horrendous food shortage and devastation for Americans and destroy American society. Food shortages have already begun with the military and empty shelves for shoppers nation-wide because the illegals' needs come first over Americans as a protected class of voters. Don't Democrats have any conscience or love for America at all? Getting the picture yet? And Biden just can't resist showing off his ignorance and hate for Americans when he called Kyle Rittenhouse a "White Supremacist", but not a word of scorn for the Antifa and BLM rioters that same night. Of course those were more of the Democrats' protected class of voters! The alien who lives among you will rise above you higher and higher, but you will sink lower and lower.....he will be the head, but you will be the tail ---- Deuteronomy 28.

Wake up America!

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

GLEN A. HINSHAW

August 11, 1941 - November 12, 2021



GLEN ALAN HINSHAW passed away November 12, 2021 at his home in Montrose, Colorado. He was eighty. Born August 11, 1941 to Leslie and Birdean Leggett Hinshaw, Glen grew up in North Denver graduating from North High School in 1959. In 1963, he graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife management. Glen was a dedicated steward of Colorado's wildlife, living his boyhood dream to be a wildlife officer. His exciting and fulfilling career with the Colorado Game & Fish Department, which became the Colorado Division of Wildlife, spanned thirty-four years. He started as the wildlife officer in the Cortez district for several years before moving to Creede in 1966. In 1988 he moved to Montrose to be part of the information and education department and retired in 1997 as the DOW's Education Coordinator for Western Colorado.

He played a role in the protection of wildlife and wild places in the Upper Rio Grande. The list is long, but includes projects like the establishment of the Weminuche and La Garita Wilderness areas

and the reintroduction of bighorn sheep and moose in southwest Colorado. He worked with the public, landowners, and state leaders on numerous projects with the goal being to improve the quality of fishing and hunting in the upper Rio Grande. Throughout his career he kept the public informed through radio programs, newspaper articles, and educational presentations and was often involved in public-sector problem-solving meetings. He was at home patrolling the Upper Rio Grande and the San Juan mountains on horseback, by pickup, snowmobile, cross country skis, snowshoes, kayak, and walked many miles, hiking through one of the most isolated and rugged mountain areas in Colorado. He recounted to listeners about his many adventures, the thousands of wonderful people he met, a handful of nameless sore-heads, as well as some harrowing encounters with dangerous criminals.

His work led to his involvement in first-responder roles for search and rescue. He was in the first class of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) in the San Luis Valley, a charter member of the Colorado EMT Association, and was the first chairman of the San Luis Valley Emergency Medical Services Council. He served on the Mineral County Ambulance board and was an EMT for twenty years. He played a key role in improving the first aid training provided for Division of Wildlife personnel. He was a certified scuba diver and co-founded the San Luis Valley Underwater Recovery Team.

During his career Glen received recognition for his contributions to wildlife with awards such as Shikar Safari's Wildlife Officer of the Year (1968), Colorado Trout Unlimited's Conservationist of the Year (1985), and The Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education's Enos Mills Lifetime Achievement Award for Environmental Education (1997) as well as The Daughters of the American Revolution's Conservationist award (1997).

In addition to his career, Glen was active in community and school affairs having roles with the Mineral County School Improvement Committee, Boy Scouts of America, was a substitute teacher at the high school, a wrestling coach, instructed many people in firearm safety, and was a mentor through the Montrose Partner's program. Glen married Beth Short in 1963 and they had two children. They divorced and he married Carol Kelton, who died in 2017 after battling dementia for sixteen years.

Glen's career and family experiences opened the door to the world of writing. He authored *Crusaders for Wildlife*, which was published as a second edition in 2018. He published his wildlife autobiography, *Echoes from the Mountains-The Life and Adventures of a Colorado Wildlife Officer* in 2012 and an autobiographical account of his caregiving experience entitled *Caregiver: My Tempestuous Journey* in 2015. His caregiving experiences led to his involvement with the Region 10 Advisory Council and the ADRC (Agency on Aging and Disability Resources for Colorado), the creation of support groups and coaching for caregivers. This in turn led to the publication of a fourth book, *Caregiving- Journey to a New Horizon*, co-written with E Laird Landon in 2020. Shortly before his death, Glen and Laird formed the Caregiver Support Foundation a non-profit group organized to provide support for caregivers in their journey.

Glen was a Christian since he was a boy and endeavored to serve his Lord throughout his life. He was a leader in the many congregations he attended over the years. He served terms as president of the Intervarsity chapter at CSU, was an associate staff pastor for the Young Life chapter at Adams State College, an advisor to Young Life's Wilderness Ranch on Crooked Creek as well as to Young Life's Montrose Chapter. He was always willing to lead home groups

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and Bible studies. He served at various times as deacon and elder, and even delivered an occasional sermon from the pulpit.

Glen's hobbies included photography and four-wheeling. He loved to share his high-country experiences and in his later years took many friends 'jeeping' in the high country of southwestern Colorado.

Glen is survived by his children and step children, Lois, Ralph, Mark, and Elaine; his grandchildren and step-grandchildren, Anthony, Katie, Donald, Erin, Nathan, Michelle, Casey and Kirsten, a great-granddaughter, Addy, his sister, Arlene, nephews, David and Stephen, and niece, Gail, as well as his favorite friend, Dianne and lots of cousins and great friends. He could talk to anyone at any time about anything and he loved to do so. He seemed to always have a story to tell. His outgoing nature and fun-loving sense of humor garnered him innumerable friends and acquaintances. Known by many and liked by most, he will be missed tremendously.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, December 4, 2021 at First Presbyterian Church, 1840 E Niagara Road, Montrose, Colorado. Memorial contributions can be made to Caregiver Support Foundation through its website: Family-Caregiver.org.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

VICTORIA LYNETTE ALBISO

February 20, 1981 -October 8th, 2021

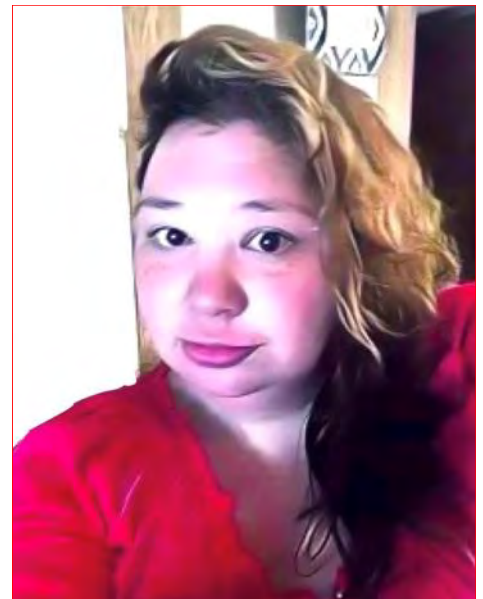
VICTORIA LYNETTE ALBISO, born on February 20, 1981 in Durango Colorado, was promoted to the loving arms of her Savior, Jesus Christ on October 8, 2021 in Grand Junction, CO. Victoria held several posts in retail, but her passion was loving her children.

She is survived by her three children, Kyra Stuckman (18), Kole Stuckman (17), and Charles Albiso (6); her mother Melanie Kardokus; and her sister Alexandria Binoka. She will be dearly missed by her church, Waves of Mercy where she had several friends.

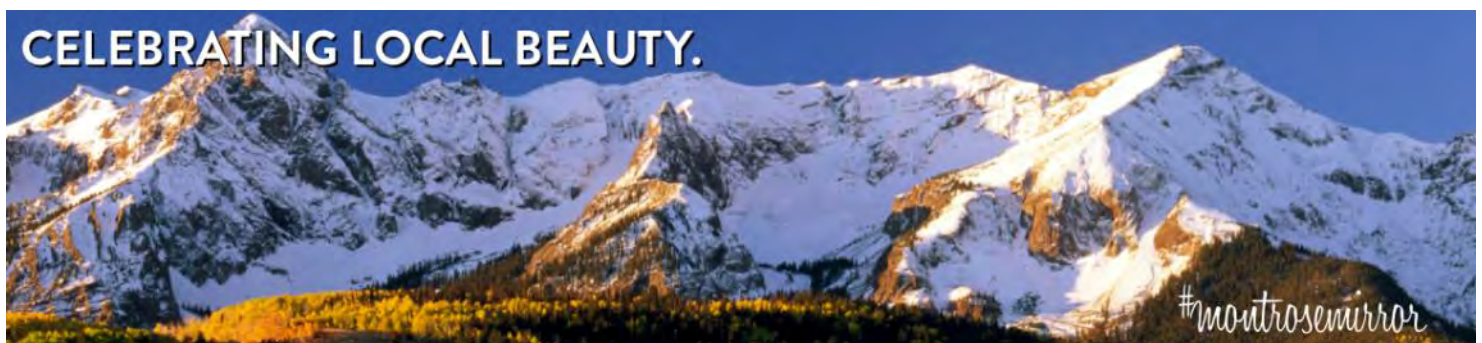
Her life was celebrated on October 23rd, 2021. The service was officiated by Pastor Roland Kassales at Victory Baptist Church. All contributions to her memorial can be made to Victory Baptist Church. The proceeds will be used to purchase Bibles for the poor.

Her ashes will be laid to rest in Cortez, CO next to her beloved grandparents, Charles and Wilma Kardokus.

The family appreciates Crippin Funeral Home for their care of Victoria's remains. Goodnight, Vickie, we will see you in the morning.



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

MICHAEL "MIKE" GARY STOMBERG

MICHAEL "MIKE" GARY STOMBERG 69, passed away at his home in Montrose Colorado. Born to Joseph and Dorothy (Moreau) on September 8, 1952, in Kelliher, Minnesota. Mike was raised in Kelliher. While attending high school he played football and basketball up until graduating in 1970.

After graduating Mike moved on to start a lifelong adventure. He believed firmly in hard work and getting it done right the first time. Mike moved on to Colorado in later years after high school and married Dawn Wiltse of Bemidji, MN, in 1980. Mike and Dawn managed apartments for several years after moving to Colorado. He also did street sweeping and then moved on to continue his career and received certificates to become a licensed journey-

man plumber. Mike enjoyed camping, four wheeling, and attending stockcar races with friends and family as well as ice cold Coors. Mike then moved his family to Colorado Springs, and eventually retired from Mesa Plumbing in 2017.

Mike was an avid Denver Bronco fan; he spent each week awaiting the game day whether he ended up hootin and hollering from excitement to swearing and possibly tossing an empty Coors at the TV. To enjoy the other evenings after a hard day at work he would often turn on the TV to watch Gunsmoke and Andy Griffith. A cowboy at heart, with his beloved six shooter, Mike tuned into rifleman and other old westerns. He enjoyed country music, and afternoon naps. He truly had a heart of gold for many, along with a fierce

spitfire attitude that sometimes would follow.

Mike is survived by children Corey (Christie) Pink of MN, Tera (Nikki) Wiltse-Clark of CO, five grandchildren, Chris Wiltse, Ashley, Matt Wiltse, Nikkiah Hernandez, Cody Ryan, and three well adored great grandchildren, Aubreyanna, Kenz'ington, Na' Variah, brother, John Ogden and sister, Nancy Koisti of MN, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mike was preceded in death by his former wife Dawn Wiltse of Bemidji, MN, parents, Joseph and Dorothy of Kelliher, brothers, Jim and Joe, brother-in-law, Vesty Poxlietner of MN, and sisters Karen P. and Mary Beth Long of Kelliher.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Mr. Stomberg's family.

ROBERT "ROBIN" ROBERSON JR

ROBERT "ROBIN" ROBERSON JR passed away on November 11, 2021 at the age of 73, at his home in Montrose, Colorado. He is survived by his children, John (Sandra), Rudy, and Allie (Cameron), his Grandson Vincent, mother Helen, sisters Carol and Connie, brother Bruce, all his nieces and nephews, and his always present companion, his dog Mako.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and taking his 1930 DeSoto to all of the local car shows. His enduring spirit and unique sense of humor will be remembered by all.

Robin's memorial will be held with family and close friends at a later date. Please consider a donation to Hope West, 725 S 4th St, Montrose, CO 81401 (hopewestco.org/donate) in his memory.



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ART & SOL

The Old Spanish Trail 2017....55-min video of the first re-ride of the Old Spanish Trail since 1848



Richard Waller, Otis Calef, and Jim Clark rode on horseback 1200 miles from Los Angeles to Santa Fe. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

REGIONAL-The *Old Spanish Trail* is a 55-min documentary film about the historic trail, tracking the journey of Richard Waller, Otis Calef and Jim Clark on horseback 1200 miles from Los Angeles to Santa Fe. They rode the trail in two legs, fall of 2014 and summer of 2015.

The Old Spanish Trail witnessed a brief but furious heyday between 1830 and 1848 as a trade route linking Santa Fe, New Mexico and Los Angeles, California. "The Old Spanish Trail tells a very im-

portant story about the history of the American West.

But it also reflects poignantly on the importance of the culture of the trail on modern community while also featuring the 'character' of contemporary American citizens." (Amazon review from Robert Heffner, 5 stars: A must see for every adventure seeker).

The passion and interest of people in helping each other while maintaining and preserving important environment and tradition. The riders run into problems



Courtesy photo.

staying true to trail because of highways and private land during their ride tracing the past. The film is a reminder to all of us to protect and preserve the natural landscape and its trails. The film won an award in the category of Environmental and Mountain Culture Film at the Telluride Mountain Film Festival 2019. Richard is a historian and a retired school teacher. He has spent his life exploring our public lands, the history of the west and his love of horses and mules. His book, *Old Spanish Trail Guide* will be available for sale along with the DVD. The book is an account of the first re-ride of the Old Spanish Trail since 1848. He wrote the book to promote interest in and knowledge of, the Old Spanish National Historic Trail and the Old Spanish Trail Association, a group of dedicated men and women who work to preserve and promote the trail. All profits from the book will go to the Old Spanish Trail Association.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

SAVE A LIFE: PREVENTING YOUTH SUICIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Suicide remains a leading cause of death for young people ages 10-24. In Colorado, 995 young people ages 10 to 24 lost their lives to suicide between 2016 and 2020. Preventing the suicide of a young person is a priority for our schools, our behavioral health and healthcare providers, law enforcement, parents, and community members and many stakeholders have spent the past several years focused on this issue.

The League of Women Voters of the Uncompahgre Valley and The Center for Mental Health held a virtual community discussion centered on preventing youth suicides in our community on November 10th. Laura Byard, Clinical Director at The Center for Mental Health, James Pavlich, Executive Director-Operations, Montrose County School District, and Matt Smith, Commander, Montrose Police Department, highlighted the work in the schools and community which has occurred over the past three years to reduce the risk of suicide among our youth.

Laura Byard reviewed the statistics around suicide noting that Colorado ranks 5th among states for the number of completed suicides per 100,000 residents. Ms. Byard spoke about some of the risk factors that increase the likelihood of someone dying by suicide, including the higher risk of suicide among LGBTQ+ students if they are experiencing prejudice or discrimination, misuse and abuse of alcohol or drugs, access to lethal means such as guns or pills, isolation, and a history of trauma, bullying, or abuse.

James Pavlich reminded participants that there is no one "type" of person who may be considering suicide, but many people struggle to acknowledge that they or a loved one are considering suicide, "Every demographic of our community has youth who are struggling sometimes with thoughts of suicide and we're still combating the stigma around it. We must get

people past any shame that they might feel that one of their children is experiencing suicide ideation. Talking about this topic is one way to help reduce the risk among our youth."

According to Mr. Pavlich, while the initial impetus for addressing this topic came about after the Parkland school shooting and initially focused on threats to the school, "the more impactful work has been around addressing students when they are experiencing a mental health crisis and reducing the number of completed suicides and suicide attempts in our schools. We do three student risk assessments for suicide for every threat assessment we do."

In 2019, staff from the Montrose School District, The Center, and the Montrose Police Department researched models used by other communities across the United States and chose to implement one used in the Salem-Keizer School District in Oregon. According to Mr. Pavlich, "The West Colorado Student Threat Assessment Team is prevention focused, encourages collaboration from all involved agencies, uses a shared language across the team, and involves the student, family or guardians throughout the process."

Threat and risk assessment is an on-going process which works to increase the psychological safety of school staff, students, and their families, helps to provide supports to reduce suicides and violent acts by students, and safely returns students to school as quickly as possible following an incident. According to Commander Smith, "We can make really good decisions about what is best for the family. We share our knowledge of the situation and explore solutions that are best for the students and their families."

Since the fall of 2019, the school district has assessed 297 youth for suicide risk, 132 youth have been assessed for threats to others. During that same time, The Center has conducted 156 crisis assess-

ments and 90 youth were admitted to the Crisis Stabilization Unit for additional supports. The program is available at no cost in all of the District schools, and Spanish speaking staff is present in all schools to assist the team assessing students who speak Spanish. According to Ms. Byard, "The threat assessment team allows us to serve the whole child. We can take care of their mental health needs, their school needs, and can address their legal needs, if needed. It supports the whole child and the whole family." The District currently contracts with The Center for two full-time mental health clinicians to work in the schools every day.

The panel also presented information on the state's Safe2Tell program. This anonymous program, accessed -either through an app (available on Google Play or Apple App stores) or by telephone (1-877-542-7233), is available to students and community members to anonymously report concerns about students who may be at risk of harming themselves or others. School district staff and law enforcement respond to calls to this service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. According to Mr. Pavlich, "If a call is received at 11pm on a holiday, law enforcement will go out and check on the student, the school district will get text messages and phone calls and we'll start the process to contact the student and his family to make sure that they are safe."

According to Mr. Pavlich, "The threat and risk assessment program allows us to get kids back to school sooner after they make a mistake with the proper supports. It provides a lot of supports for kids and helps us to really understand what is going on with the youth and the family."

In closing, Commander Smith encouraged people who are concerned about someone to act, "Call 911 and we'll respond along with mental health professionals from The Center. And don't be scared to have a tough conversation with someone

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that you think might be having a mental health concern or are thinking about suicide. It is so impactful." Mr. Pavlich encouraged people to call the school district offices if they are concerned, or use Safe2Tell to report concerns, "If you have a concern you need to report it. We have this process to ensure that the student gets help. This is the most important thing we do—to keep students safe. It takes a community effort to prevent suicides and our team works to keep students safe."

In addition to the work with the schools, The Center has clinicians trained to treat clients who are experiencing thoughts of suicide and it partners with law enforcement to respond with mental health clini-

cians alongside law enforcement when necessary. The Center also provides classes for community members to learn how to recognize the warning signs and help family members, friends, and colleagues who may be experiencing a mental health crisis.

In addition to offices across the six counties The Center services, The Center maintains an office in Montrose at 605 E. Miami Road, an office in Ridgway at 112 Village Square West, #201, and a Delta office at 107 W. 11th Street. New clients can visit the Montrose or Delta offices from 10am to 1pm, Monday through Friday, to get started with services.

In addition, The Center operates a local

support line (970-252-6220), as well as the Crisis Walk-In Center at 300 N. Cascade Avenue in Montrose for urgent behavioral health situations. These resources are available 24/7, 365 days per year, and all clients are accepted at the Crisis Walk-In Center regardless of their ability to pay.

If you, or someone you know, is living with suicidal ideation, waiting is not an option—your prompt response could save a life.

Call The Center Support Line at 970.252.6220 or visit our Crisis Walk-in Center in Montrose, both open 24/7/365 days a year. The Colorado Crisis Services Line can also be reached at 1-844-493-TALK (8255) or text "Talk" to 38255.

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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.
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 Mission Statement: *Montrose First Church of the Nazarene exists to make Christlike*

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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.

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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
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Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully

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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
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 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)

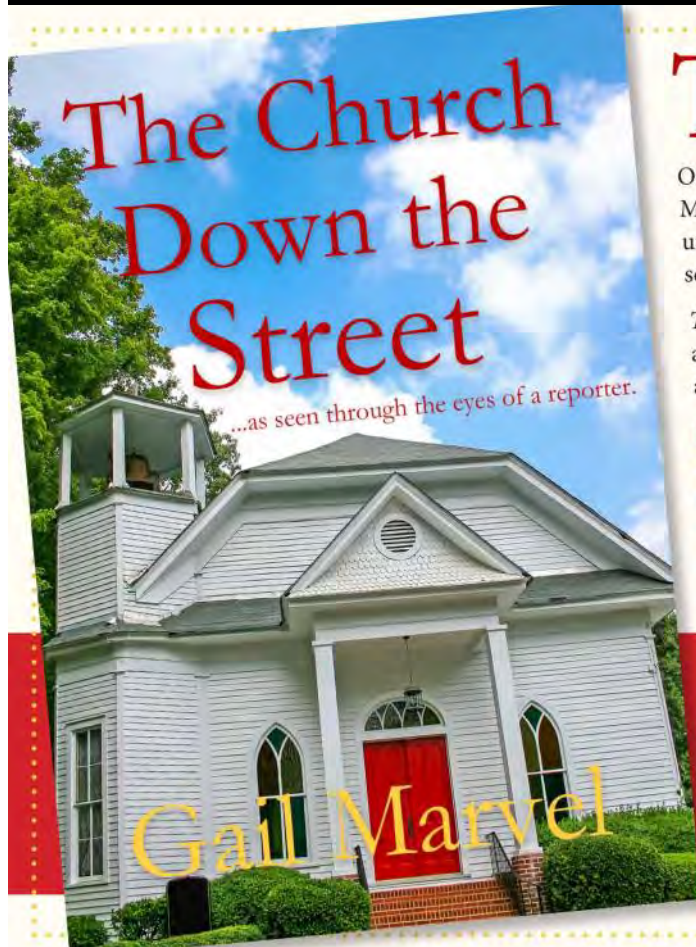
Name of current Senior Pastor

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



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

SPECIAL WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN BRINGS POSITIVE MESSAGE TO COMMUNITY



Richard Bloomfield of Edwards, Colorado, enjoys reading the article "A Better World Is Near."

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE- Montrose will be one of the thousands of communities around the globe that will receive a powerful message of hope this November as Jehovah's Witnesses embark upon a special campaign focusing attention on the Bible's hope for a better world. The goal of the campaign is to distribute a special edition of The Watchtower magazine containing the cover series, "A Better World Is Near."

More than 36 million printed copies of the magazine are expected to be distributed in some 230 languages to communities in 240 lands around the globe. In addition, the digital publication is available on various platforms in nearly 400 languages.

"People are longing to hear a positive message and this is the best news possible," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. Spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "A better world is not just a dream, it's inevitable. In fact, it is the central theme of the entire Bible."

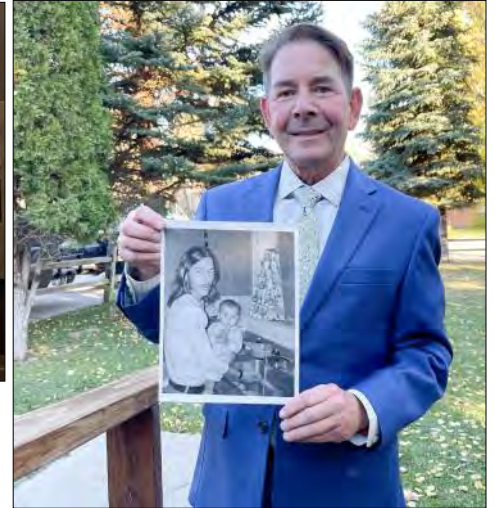
The magazine addresses the age-old "doomsday" question "Is this world going to end?" with a comforting answer that may surprise many readers. While many religions have predicted the "end of the

world," the magazine reveals the Bible's clear message: the earth is here forever and will never end!

However, the magazine also explains the powerful truth that wickedness will soon be gone, quoting the Bible book of Psalms where it promises that the "lawless one" will be no more. (Psalm 37:10, Rotherham translation) This positive message has been the hope of millions around the world who have prayed for 'God's Kingdom to come,' a familiar refrain of many Christians taught by Jesus in what some refer to as the Lord's Prayer.

Richard Bloomfield of Edwards, Colorado, found hope and purpose in this Kingdom message at a young age. Growing up in the 1960s and '70s, he was troubled by the injustice and hypocrisy around him. When he began studying the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses, Bloomfield learned why these conditions existed — and how God's Kingdom would eliminate them for good.

Bloomfield now serves as a full-time volunteer minister of Jehovah's Witnesses, sharing the Bible's message of hope with others in the community. Although he has faced numerous trials — including four



Bloomfield remembers changes he made in preparation for a better future. Courtesy photos.

heart attacks, COVID-19 and the loss of a loved one — Bloomfield's study of the Bible has helped him maintain a positive attitude.

"Jehovah [God] has provided me the guarantee that I will live in the new world and the problems that I have faced will be a thing of the past," he said. "That future promise is what anchors me."

The Watchtower has been carrying a similar message about God's Kingdom for more than 100 years and remains the most widely translated and circulated magazine in the world.

The 2021 number two edition is available free online at jw.org, where anyone can also request a free printed copy by scrolling down on the homepage to "Request A Visit." Click below for a direct link to the online version of the magazine:

<https://www.jw.org/en/library/magazines/watchtower-no2-2021-may-jun/>

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MORE THAN 30 RIDGWAY BUSINESSES, ARTISTS AND NONPROFITS HOSTING NOEL NIGHT ON DEC. 3



Cimarron Coffee in Ridgway, Noel Night. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-The annual Noel Night tradition returns to Ridgway on Friday, Dec. 3 from 4 to 8 p.m., with more than 30 locations in and around the downtown area, offering holiday shopping and festivities. Plus, community members are planning fun and entertainment throughout the evening.

The Weehawken Dancers will be performing a special short program on Clinton Street, just west of Cora Street. The street will be closed for half a block for the performances and a visit from Santa.

Santa will be making the rounds to greet and take photos with fans, including stops at the Ouray County Ranch History Museum, the Clinton Street arts district, the

businesses at Sherman and Railroad streets, and Ridgway Community Center. Music will be performed by Ouray folk-rock duo You Knew Me When at The Vault Vintage and Consignment, Lanae and Stefan from Little Giant at Cimarron Coffee & Books, and Ridgway alto saxophonist Yasuo Ishikawa at Ice Beam Studio.

A Holiday Art and Gift Sale will be open at the Ridgway Community Center from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, as well as 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4. Local artists will be selling handwoven textiles, jewelry, paintings, books, fiber arts, bath and body products, wreaths, bows, pottery, clothing, greeting cards, ornaments, and more. Shoppers will be treated to holiday food

and drinks at the gift sale, as well as at several of the businesses, museum and studios around town. Stores, restaurants and other businesses will also be offering 10% to 50% discounts, as well as drawings, giveaways and other specials.

Participating locations will include 610 Arts Collective, Cafe Ridgway a la Mode, Cimarron Art & Glass, Cimarron Coffee, Ice Beam Studio, Kane Scheidegger Fine Art Photography, Lucky Find Consignments, Mountain Girl Gallery, Ouray County Ranch History Museum, Provisions Cafe, Ridgway Adventure Sports, Ridgway Office & Mercantile, Ridgway Wrench, Ridgway Yoga Shala, RIGS Fly Shop, Second Chance Thrift Shop, *NEW* Paws for Art Gallery, and The Vault. Others are expected to join the list before Noel Night arrives, and Santa's helpers will have information to direct shoppers to the various activities and participating locations. The special evening is being organized by the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce as part of its winter Shop Local promotions, with support of the Ridgway Creative District. People can contact the chamber at info@ridgwaycolorado.com for information or to get involved! Event details are online at <https://ridgwaycolorado.com/news-events/noel-night-2021> and will be updated with more participants and the activity schedule as the date gets closer. People can contact the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce at info@ridgwaycolorado.com for information or to get involved! Event details are online at <https://ridgwaycolorado.com/news-events/noel-night-2021> and will be updated with more participants and the activity schedule as the date gets closer.



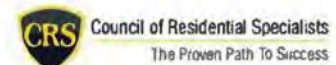


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127 Columbia Way

Great investment property or a great place to call your own! This 4 bedroom (2 are non-conforming) is spacious and in a great location. The home has a new roof and new paint on the outside. It boasts the original wood floors in the living room. Refinish to their old glory or cover with carpet or rugs that meet your personal taste. The darling kitchen with window over the sink includes gas stove, microwave, refrigerator and dishwasher. Cute area for your dining table as well. Large slider that takes you out to the current deck in the back yard. The bedrooms have new carpet and the master bedroom has a large closet and a separate entrance that allows you to get to the yard. There is a flex room next to the bathroom on the first floor. The living room at one time had a wood stove, the piping is in the ceiling which may allow you to replace that stove or get a pellet stove to minimize any winter heating. If you don't like that type of heating just cover the entrance in the ceiling because the forced air heater works just fine. The basement is waiting for you to complete the changes that fit your lifestyle. There is a huge family/game/tv room. It is lacking carpet or your favorite flooring option. 2 non conforming bedrooms are downstairs and there is currently a door in the family room for egress/ingress that you could use. There is 1008 heated sq ft in the basement which allows you to have a great space for everyone. Also a 3/4 bathroom! The yard is a blank space for your ideas. There is a nice size shed in the yard for any personal item overflow. Park your RV, cars or toys in the side yard. Come visit this home. There are not many available in Montrose and this is located in a subdivision not far from 3 schools, the walking trail or grocery shopping. Included in the sale of this home is a one year home warranty. It is the shield plus plan administered by American Home Shield. \$279,900 MLS#788612

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

BENEFIT DINNER FOR ANGEL TREE FOUNDATION MAKES HOLIDAYS BRIGHT AT THE STONE HOUSE

By Cathy Lussiano

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-The Christmas spirit of giving kicked off in Montrose even before Thanksgiving, with a very special Benefit Dinner at The Stone House on Tuesday, Nov. 16. Arriving attendees (100!) for this reservation-only dinner were greeted by Jim and Cathy Hoffman, local Angel Tree Foundation leaders, with warm thanks for each person's support of the Angel Tree Foundation. The Angel Tree Foundation focuses on kids in need; while toys are an important and special part of this at Christmas, the challenges, and the needs, extend beyond toys.

Warm winter clothing, and often food too, is needed, and the Foundation also works to provide these.

The evening of fellowship included a wonderful dinner with (generously donated) wine pairings, and was kicked off with a welcome to all by Donald Vincent, owner of The Stone House, followed by Jim and Cathy's opening remarks. A silent auction during the evening featured bourbons, Colorado Avalanche tickets, and rounds of golf at Cobble Creek – a great spread! An Angel Tree allowed participants to support a child directly this Christmas; additional-



Donald Vincent, owner of The Stone House, at the Benefit Dinner recently held at The Stone House and benefit attendees celebrate the Angel Tree Foundation, as we move into the Christmas season. Courtesy photo.

ly, toy donations and generous monetary donations (to be used where and when needed most) were given to the Angel Tree Foundation. While we all know that



Jim and Cathy Hoffman lead and support the Angel Tree Foundation. Courtesy photo.

need does not have a season..... a special thanks to The Stone House and Cobble Creek for partnering to provide this event, and to all those who came together this evening, ensuring Christmas is special for all children, and making it a Merry Christmas for all!

HIS AND HERS ART EXHIBIT TO OPEN AT WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE IN OURAY

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-This unique art exhibit at the Wright Opera House in Ouray combines the talents of Noble and Natalie Heller of Ridgway. A Wisconsin native, Noble was introduced to the southwest through family camping trips. His work in construction and design honed his artistic skills and his love of racing has also influenced his paintings. Natalie is the author of the award-winning photography book, "Southwest Colorado." Her work has been published in various magazines including "Cowboys and Indians." An opening reception will be held at the Wright Opera House, 427 Main in Ouray, on Friday, Dec. 3rd from 4-6:30pm. His and Hers will run from Dec. 1-Jan. 12, 2022.

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 nondenominational 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

Nov. 22-23-SOM Footwear's Open House will be Nov. 22-23, with extra hours: 9am to 7pm. All Factory 2nds significantly reduced. (Between \$20 -\$99) - to benefit local non-profits.

Nov. 25-Montrose Community Dinner 27th Annual Friends Community Dinner, Friendship Hall. To Go and delivery only. For more information, to volunteer, or to sign up- www.montrosecommunitydinners.com or call 970-318-6724.

Nov. 26-27-Basement Boutique Craft Show and Sale at the Montrose Pavilion. Central checkout for shopping convenience. Canned goods appreciated to support Sharing Ministries. Hours are Friday 9am to 5pm, Saturday 9am to 4pm.

Nov. 27-Saturday, Nov. 27, 3:00 p.m. – OCPAG presents violinist Jeff Leigh at the United Church of the San Juans, 295 N. Lena Street in Ridgway. Advance tickets \$15 adults, \$5 students (18 years and under), available online at www.ocpag.org.

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Dec. 4-1st Annual Vamoose Gear Powersports Accessories Motorcycle Toy Run, to Benefit Haven Foster. The Toy Run takes place Dec.4, from 9 to 10:30am riders check-in at Vamoose Gear (1912 S. Townsend Ave) to enter door prize drawing. At 10:30am kickstands up. From 10:30 to 11am, enjoy a scenic ride around town to Haven Foster Shoppe to drop off toys. From 11am to 1pm, join the After Run Party at Horsefly Brewing Company; food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information call Vamoose Gear, 970-765-8950.

Dec. 4-Montrose Parade of Lights.

Dec. 4-Delta Parade of Lights scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4.

Dec. 10-Jeanine Rene, A Night of Americana music. Healthy Rhythm Gallery, 252 East Main Street. Doors open 6:50pm, show at 7pm. All seats \$15. For more information call 525-270-6284.

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MIRROR IMAGES: OUT AND ABOUT

At left, a worker could be seen in an upper window on Saturday, Nov. 20, as the new Montrose Public safety Complex rises above Downtown. At right, Photographer Deb Reimann captured this image of bright yellow mums and a fall pumpkin. Happy Thanksgiving!



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