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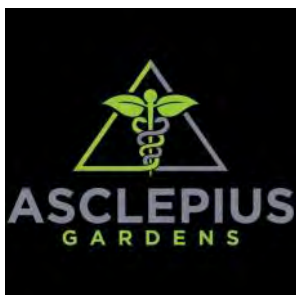
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BOCC PROCLAIMS JAN. 9 2022 LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All three commissioners were present for the regularly scheduled meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Wednesday, Jan. 5. BOCC Chair Sue Hansen called the meeting to order. Pastor Mike Lundberg of Church on the Hill delivered the invocation.

"...may your grace shine upon us even though we don't deserve it...God, please bless these proceedings today, and carry out your good and pleasing will for all of us..."

BOCC Vice Chair Keith Caddy led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments from the public.

COUNTY MANAGER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners voted to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.



At the Jan. 5 regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), the BOCC issued a proclamation declaring Jan. 9, 2022 as Law Enforcement Day in Montrose County. BOCC Vice Chair Keith Caddy (right) led in giving a standing ovation to Montrose County's law enforcement professionals. Meeting screenshot.

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CITY CONTRACTS FOR NORTH CONNECT TRAIL SHARED RESTROOM



On the Consent Agenda for the meeting of Jan. 4, the City of Montrose designated its website as the official posting location for meeting notices in 2022, with the bulletin boards in the lobby of City Hall and outside of City Hall (above) as secondary locations.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Mayor Doug Glaspell called the regular meeting of the Montrose City Council to order on Tuesday, Jan. 4. City Youth Councilor Gunnison Clamp led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilors including Clamp were in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank had no changes to the meeting agenda.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo noted that a correction had been made to the minutes of Dec. 7. Minutes of the special city council meeting of Dec. 6 were approved as presented and minutes of the council meeting

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-Walkways should be cleared of snow and ice and allow enough traction to avoid slips, trips or falls.

-Steps should also be kept clear of ice and snow and in good repair so as not to cause injury to the letter carriers or others who visit the customer's home.

-Overhangs should be clear and free of snow and ice to avoid injury.

-Leave a light on, if possible, to illuminate walkways and porches.

-Add a street address to mailboxes so they're easier for carriers to find.

The best way to avoid injury is prevention. Please help your letter carrier provide you with the best service, as safely as possible.

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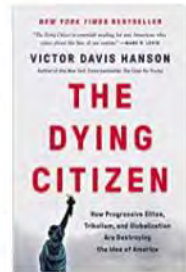


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like bathroom with double sinks, trayed ceiling, mirror with hidden tv, and double sided fireplace for viewing from the relaxing bath or the bedroom. Downstairs is perfect for large gatherings and entertaining. There is a wet-bar, large theater room, a workout room or make it an additional sleeping area, and STORAGE everywhere. A separate door is off the large family room. The 3 car garage is complete with 220 and 230 in the single bay. Fresh paint throughout the home and garage, new carpet, new LVT flooring and new Geo-Thermal heating system with a 10 year warranty, new appliances, and on the outside freshly painted stucco is accented with timber trimmed window sills. There is a beautiful pond in back yard with pump. \$1,250,000 MLS# 788949



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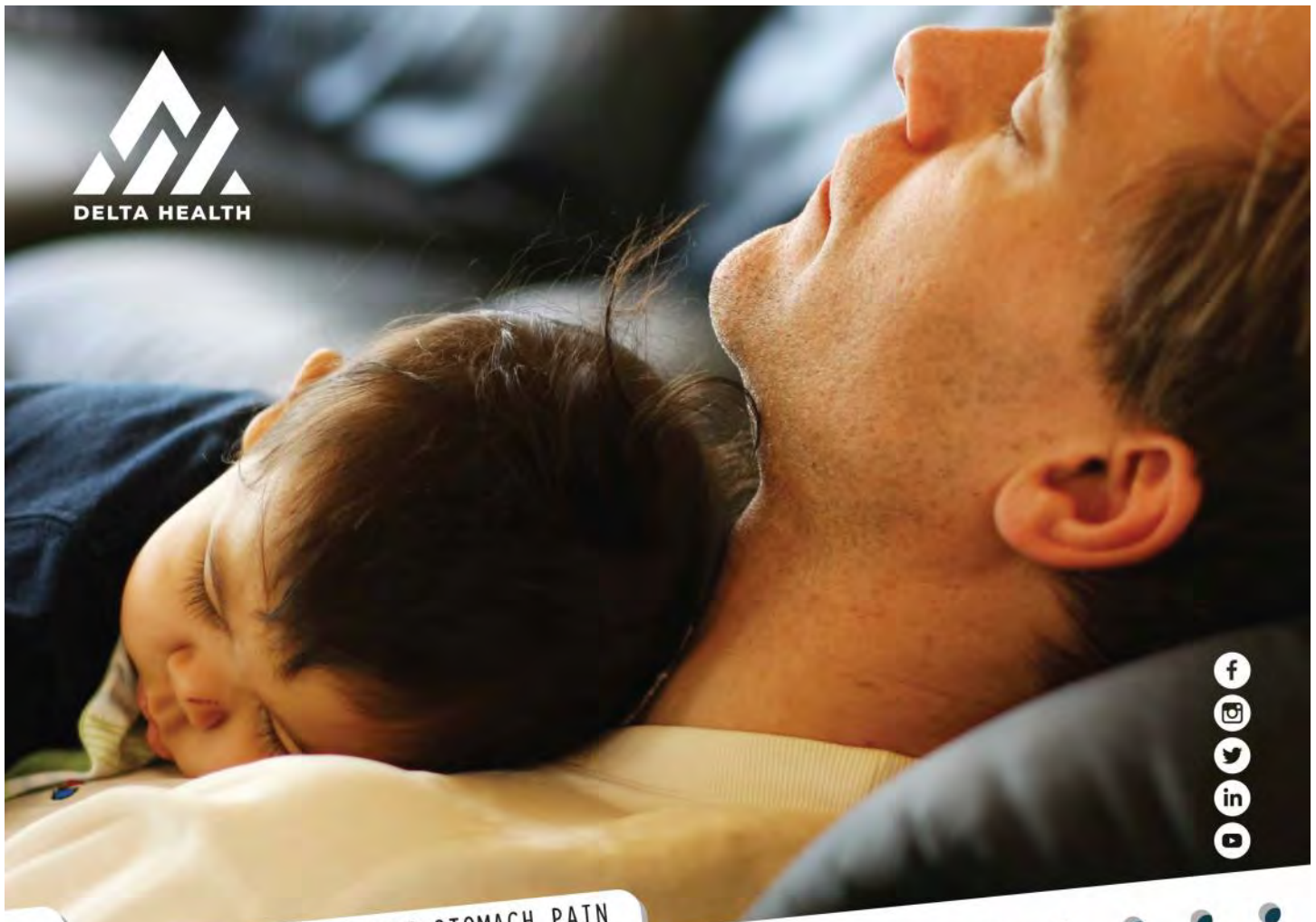
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SAN MIGUEL POWER SENDS OUT MORE THAN \$1 MILLION IN MEMBER DIVIDENDS

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RIDGWAY-At its November, 2021 meeting, the Board of Directors of San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) approved the return of \$1 million in Member Dividends to the consumer-members.

This move completes the process by which excess revenues get shared back with consumers over time.

In a typical year, SMPA has money left over after paying its expenses. The excess revenue, called "margins" is allocated to each consumer in proportion to their contributions for that year.

For a period of time, these margins are used by the cooperative as capital to finance operations and construction. This helps keep rates at an affordable level by reducing the need to turn to lenders for funds to maintain and enhance SMPA's existing electric system.

When the Board determines the time is right, allocations for a given year or combination of years are repaid to members as "Member Dividends."

This month, many SMPA members are receiving checks in the mail.

The dividends represent allocations from the year, 1993. The majority of members received dividend checks between \$20 and \$250. Some large power users, including towns, counties, and schools received checks over \$5,000.

"Giving member dividends back to you is one of the ways we distinguish ourselves from investor-owned, for-profit utilities," said Board President, Rube Felicelli. "It's a commitment that is absolutely foundational for an electric cooperative like SMPA."



"For me, it's about giving a voice to the people, businesses and leaders in our community. The fact that we mix in laughter and shenanigans when we can is just icing on the cake."

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PILOT WALKS AWAY UNHARMED AFTER SMALL PLANE CRASH IN MONTROSE COUNTY



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MONTROSE—On the morning of Jan. 2, the Montrose County Sheriff's Office received information that a pilot in a private aircraft declared an emergency over the radio. The pilot said his aircraft was going down west of Montrose.

Another private aircraft overheard the radio communication and flew the area in hopes of locating the downed aircraft. The pilot was ultimately able to locate the downed aircraft, a 2010 Zenith CH 750, on the Uncompahgre Plateau, which was upside down in the snow.

The second pilot was able to get into radio communication with the pilot and sole occupant of the downed aircraft and provided rough coordinates to the location of the downed aircraft before disengaging and flying to the Montrose Regional Airport.

Montrose County Sheriff's Office deputies, Montrose County Sheriff's Posse members, and members of the Montrose Fire Protection District responded to the area to try and locate the downed aircraft via snowmobiles and a side-by-side with snow tracks.

Care Flight of the Rockies then launched and flew to the area of the crash site to try and locate the downed aircraft from the air since the remoteness of the crash site would delay the response of ground crews.

Care Flight was able to locate the downed aircraft and dropped snowshoes to the pilot, later identified as 63-year-old Randy

Boykin. Care Flight was able to land nearby and Mr. Boykin, who miraculously didn't sustain any life-threatening injuries, was able to walk out to meet Care Flight and he was transported to his home-base airport east of Delta.

"It is incredible that the pilot only sustained minor injuries and we are extremely grateful for this outcome, as it could have been much worse," said Montrose County Sheriff's Office Commander Ty Cox. "Mr. Boykin did an outstanding job attempting to land the aircraft in an area

free of any trees or other hazards. We are very grateful to our partners and the private pilot who overheard the initial call of distress in the successful rescue of Mr. Boykin."

Mr. Boykin later contacted the Montrose County Sheriff's Office and said that his aircraft had a mechanical issue, which caused him to crash after losing power. Per protocol, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will be conducting the crash investigation.



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BRING THE KIDS: CSU SPUR NOW OPEN IN DENVER

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MONTROSE-The CSU Spur campus is now open to the public, as a year-round destination in Denver. On Friday, Vida, a building focused on animal and human health, opened to the public as part of the Colorado State University System's new K-12 learning campus on the grounds of the new National Western Center.

The new building is made for visitors, field

trips, and community to get a glimpse inside research, science, and careers. The top 10 attractions within the free, public building include:

-The kitten: Spur's resident 9-foot kitten will greet you ... approach from the front and you'll hear a purr, and approach from behind and you'll hear a hiss!

-Dumb Friends League Veterinary Hospital: A donor-subsidized Veterinary Hospi-

tal offers veterinary services, and allows visitors to watch dogs and cats in surgery
-Mock Exam Clinic: students become veterinarians as they check out X-Rays and bandage up stuffed animals.

-Temple Grandin Equine Center: A second location of the Temple Grandin Equine Center, offering 7,500 equine assisted services appointments annually

-Mural: NYC artist Priscila De Carvalho created a tile mural up the stairwell complete with many of the animals in the Vida building

-Horse artwork: Outside the arena, a reclaimed wood mural of a horse is the profile of an EKG from the side

-Virtual reality: toss on a VR headset and have a real-life experience

-Exhibits: educational exhibits throughout Vida connect visitors to facts, careers, and extra information!

-Interactive display: step up to the screen and interact with a digital dog, cat, and horse to learn about their daily life!

-Equine Sports Medicine: Watch equine athletes walk on underwater treadmills, and receive treatments such as acupuncture or vibration therapy

Bonus: Horses! Seven horses live onsite at CSU Spur, come meet them!

The CSU Spur Vida building opened in alignment with the National Western Stock Show, which runs from Jan. 8-23, and will be open from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. during the Stock Show and will resume normal hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday the rest of the year.

CSU Spur is made up of three state-funded buildings for the public, with the Terra building (focused on food and agriculture) opening in April and Hydro building (focused on water) opening in November. Learn more at CSUSpur.org.



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SELECTS FRANK LANDS AS REGIONAL DIRECTOR

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WASHINGTON - The National Park Service has selected Frank Lands to serve as the regional director for parks in the Pacific West covering Department of the Interior Regions 8, 9, 10, and 12. Lands has more than 20 years of experience managing natural and cultural resources and conservation programs with the U.S. Army. He comes to the position from U.S. Army Fort Bliss, Texas, where he served as the deputy garrison commander. Lands begins his new role on January 16.

"Frank comes to the National Park Service with a wealth of leadership experience guiding natural resources, cultural resources, and conservation programs with the U.S. Army as well as infrastructure and emergency services and public safety programs having overseen operations at one of the most diverse garrisons in our nation's military," said NPS Deputy Director Shawn Bengé. "His experience aligns with the NPS mission and will support the needs of one of our largest regions as the NPS continues to address the challenges of unprecedented wildfires, drought, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic."

As regional director, Lands will provide leadership for more than 65 parks in California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, parts of Arizona and Montana, and the territories of Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

"Throughout my career, I have looked for opportunities to get back to my natural resource roots," said Lands. "It is an honor to support the mission of the National Park Service and the people who protect and preserve some of our nation's most significant places. I am excited to work with parks and programs to support the Great American Outdoors Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. I look forward to our work together to reduce maintenance backlog, improve infrastructure, and the opportunity to explore the more than 65 parks throughout the region."

Lands began his career with the U.S. Army as an environmental specialist and forester in 2000. Over the last 10 years, he has held deputy garrison commander posi-

tions at five large Army posts and installations. One of these positions was in Italy, where he created a program to connect Americans to their new Italian communities. Through his work, he collaborated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to establish a memorandum of understanding for improved endangered species management on behalf of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command Atlantic Region. He has been deployed to Iraq twice to support infrastructure and installation management activities for the U.S.



Frank Lands has been selected as National Park Service regional director. Courtesy photo.

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WASHINGTON, DC — The United States Postal Service reported preliminary performance metrics for the 2021 holiday season showing the organization saw volume increase when compared to the same time last year. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve, it took on average 2.7 days to deliver a mailpiece or package across the Postal Service network. During the same timeframe, the network accepted more than 13.2 billion letters, cards, flats and packages for delivery, exceeding 12.7 billion accepted for delivery during the same timeframe in 2020. The Postal Service began preparing for the 2021 peak holiday season at the start of last year. Those preparations, which not only corresponded to challenges faced last year but aligned to the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America plan, helped mitigate delays even as mail and package volume surged to its highest peak-season level: 2.8 billion mailpieces and packages the week after Thanksgiving (Saturday, Nov. 27 to Friday, Dec. 3). The Postal Service's peak season preparations included:

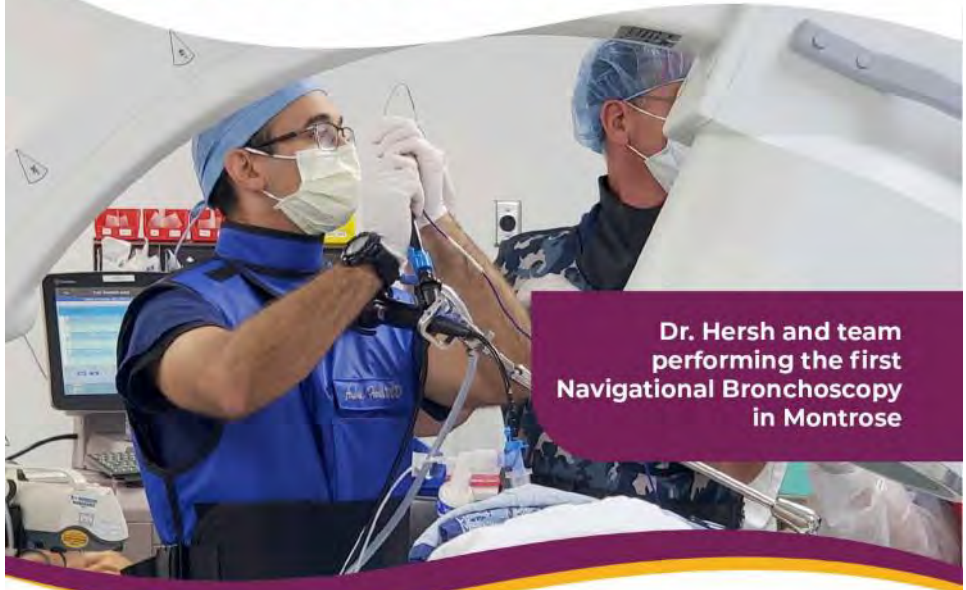
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portation Options: The leasing of nearly 3,300 trailers just for peak season and the diversification of volume traveling across the air network among additional air carriers. The Postal Service also expanded the surface transfer center network by adding 1.6 million additional square feet and over 300

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RMEF HELPS CONSERVE PRIME ELK HABITAT IN COLORADO

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MISSOULA, Mont.— Prime Colorado elk habitat in two different parts of the state is now permanently conserved thanks to two families who value wildlife and sought out the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to help them protect their land.

"We both salute and recognize the Mancuso and Tolson families who each entered into a voluntary conservation agreement with RMEF to protect a combined 1,966 acres of important elk range," said Kyle Weaver, RMEF president and CEO.

The Mancuso family enlarged its [previous](#) 2018 Burris Mountain conservation easement by nearly 700 acres north of Coto-paxi. The acreage provides important habitat for elk and mule deer. It lies within the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, a

collaborative planning area of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. David Tolson placed protections on 1,279 acres of his land approximately 40 miles east of Craig. The property sits between more than 2,800 acres of BLM land to the west and 10,500 acres of BLM land to the east. Tolson has it enrolled in Colorado's Ranching for Wildlife program under the Snake River Ranch, making it available for 40 to 60 hunters annually.

"Though approximately 225 miles apart, each of these properties features key wildlife and riparian habitat for elk, mule deer and other species," said Blake Henning, RMEF chief conservation officer. "Tolson's Camel Back Mountain property itself lies within vital elk and mule deer winter range as well as an elk migration corridor." RMEF holds voluntary conservation agreements protecting more than 3,800 acres of wildlife habitat just a few miles from the Burris Mountain project.

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MID-TERM ELECTIONS CANNOT COME SOON ENOUGH

Letter to the Editor:

All we will hear from the liberal media is about the events of January 6, 2021. The reason is to draw attention from the failed Democratic policies of Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer. There is no comparison to be drawn to Pearl Harbor and 9/11.

The rally went too far and media has lied about what truly happened. If the Trump Administration brought up having the National Guard on stand by but Nancy Pelosi and the DC Mayor said no, who opened the possibility of a riot? Not Trump. Pelosi is responsible for capitol security. Remember the Founding Fathers wanted separation of powers and the President cannot impose military forces on in country matters without a request from local states or jurisdictions. It was a set up. The only death was to a rally goer, no police were killed as the media insinuated. No firearms were found.

Biden in his run for President was going to solve all problems Covid. With having the gift of three vaccines, more people

have died under Biden's watch than Trump's. One of the big problems is that the Democrats want to force everyone to take the vaccine. I think everyone should be vaccinated but Americans are a free people and want to have a choice. Many are rebelling and putting their lives and others in danger.

The southern border is not being enforced. I do not blame people looking for a better life, but we need to know who is coming into the country. Not all illegal immigrants are looking for a better life. People from all over the world, including enemy states, are walking in. The open border is allowing tons of drugs to come in and many of our citizens are dying from overdoses. Border Patrol cannot enforce laws when they are babysitters and not allowed to patrol the border.

Crime is out of control in all Democrat cities. Incompetent DA's make police work useless when the criminals are released before paperwork is done. No bail policies are not working. The 2020 riots were egged on by Kamala Harris on the

Steven Colbert show. When not pushing for riots, Harris was raising bail money to get the criminals released. If surveillance were pursued during the 2020 riots like the capitol debacle, how many lives could have been saved and millions of dollars of property damage could have been avoided.

Inflation is out of control. Energy production has been restricted and fuel prices effect availability of all goods and services. While wages are rising, prices are rising faster.

Supply chain issues are limiting product availability and raising prices.

National security has been compromised with Biden's foreign policy blunders. The Afghanistan withdrawal was a total failure and gave our weapons to the enemy. Backing off on the Nordstream pipeline sanctions has helped Russia financially and creates European dependence on enemy energy.

Mid-term elections cannot come soon enough.

Ed Moreland, Montrose



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SMPA KEEPS ELECTRICITY RATES UNCHANGED IN 2022

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-At their October, 2021 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors of San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) approved a budget for 2022 that avoids a rate increase on the consumer-members. This was despite news of price

increases for materials, tools, and delivery of these related to recent global supply chain challenges. "Not one item that we use has been unaffected by these market conditions," says SMPA Purchasing Supervisor, Rick Gabriel. "We've seen an across-the-board price hike of almost 20%."

Hitting particularly hard, are the prices of materials and services related to SMPA's increasing fire mitigation needs. With news of record-breaking Colorado wild-fires in 2020 and the more recent Kruger Rock fire near Estes Park, Colorado that was sparked by a distribution power line, SMPA has been aggressively upgrading its equipment and clearing vegetation out of power line rights-of-way.

"One major challenge is that the cost of vegetation management has gone up sharply," says SMPA Engineering Manager, Jeremy Fox. In cases where tree removal can only be done by helicopter, project costs have nearly doubled in the past year."

Nonetheless, the SMPA staff was able to maximize efficiencies, and propose a budget to the Board of Directors that did not call for an increase in rates on the member-consumers of SMPA in 2022. "The staff of SMPA has a great track record of maintaining tight margins and sticking close to their budget," remarked one board member as the board approved the 2022 budget.

However, the options for avoiding a consumer rate increase in the future are still limited, especially given the ballooning costs and needs of fire mitigation. When the time comes to draw more revenue from the membership, the Board has recognized that an increase in the access fee (the fixed portion of a consumer bill) will bring greater balance to SMPA's cost recovery mechanism while reducing financial risk.

This charge remains the lowest of any neighboring cooperatives in the region. SMPA members are reminded to expect this charge to increase in the future.

"Running our cooperative in the middle of a supply chain crisis, a continuing global pandemic and unprecedented fire risk, due to drought conditions, is a significant challenge," remarked Board President, Rube Felicelli, "but our Board and Staff are some of the best people I've ever worked with; that gives me a great deal of confidence in our ability to tackle it."

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HEALTHY RHYTHM ART GALLERY PRESENTS 'RESIDUAL ROOTS: AN ART EXHIBIT BY CIE'

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

DEMOCRATS DETACHED FROM DAILY STRUGGLES FACING THE AVERAGE AMERICAN FAMILY

Editor:

When all of your policies are proven unworkable, all that you propose is distasteful to the American people, and your incompetence is becoming more obvious to everyone, what does the Biden Administration do? They lie. They project. They gaslight. They do this because they believe they know what is best for the American people better than we do. "The end justifies the means."

Adam Schiff was the loudest proponent of the discredited Steele Dossier used in the Democrats' Russian Collusion hoax. Schiff and his party all knew everything involved in the hoax was cooked up by Democrat-party operatives and was totally false, but "the end justifies the means." Now that even the media admits it was a vile sham, Schiff is still unapologetic -- kind of like when Harry Reid didn't regret lying about Mitt Romney's taxes. Reid's response: "He didn't win, did he?" That's what passes as a moral compass in today's Democratic party.

Biden promised to be a unifier during his campaign, but is closing his first year in the same way he opened it: with division. He wrote off half the nation as white supremacists in his inauguration, and now that he needs someone to blame for his failures, is writing off the unvaccinated as responsible for the pandemic. Never mind the scientific evidence that the vaccinated

can spread the virus at rates comparable to the unvaccinated. Rapidly waning vaccine effectiveness and virus surges in countries with almost 100% vaccination rates (like Israel) are part of that evidence.

The administration is still lying about Afghanistan, saying just last week that they "safely and effectively drew down" in Afghanistan. Now that inflation and gas prices are soaring as a direct result of their actions, they want us to believe it's all due to evil OPEC not increasing production or those evil grocery stores jacking up prices (and saying all that with a straight face). And the economy is doing great, right? As Biden just tweeted, "When I took office, our economy was on the brink of collapse ...". Ignore the fact that Trump actually had the economy booming pre-covid, and it was rapidly recovering as his term wound down. The nation was poised for a rapid recovery as Biden took office. All he had to do was deliver on his vow to focus on beating COVID. Instead, he used the pandemic as a pretext for a vast, unfunded spending spree. And of course, he lied about 'Build Back Better', saying it was paid for, when the CBO said it would add \$4.91 trillion to the deficit. Dems are now saying 1) "Inflation is good for you," and 2) "You can afford higher prices." (You can't make this stuff up.)

Crime is now out of control in major Dem-run cities, after electing DAs who won't

prosecute, instituting no-bail policies, and defunding the police. Last week, Nancy Pelosi said she does not understand where the lawlessness is coming from?? Tell that to Jessica Johnson, murdered by a man roaming free after less than a year prior killing Jessica's 4-month-old daughter AND he was out on bail for a weapons charge. The man was the 61st person accused of killing, trying to kill, or shooting someone in Chicago this year while awaiting trial for another felony. A total of 93 victims were involved in those crimes -- 25 of them were murdered.

Democrats are grossly detached from the daily struggles facing the average American family. While many are struggling to pay the next natural gas bill, Biden is staging a bizarre photo-op encouraging us to buy \$100,000 electric Humvees, all the while proposing to shut down yet another gas pipeline. Dems are too busy dictating correct pronouns, labeling everyone and everything (from SAT scores to math) racist, ensuring that men identifying as women can dominate women's sports and use girls' locker rooms, and labeling parents voicing their 1st Amendment rights at school board meeting as "terrorists" to be concerned about working class Americans. They are too "sophisticated" for that, and consider working-class Americans mere pawns in their quest for total control.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

RESPONSE TO BENNETT LETTER ON EVS AND SOLAR PANELS

Editor:

I remember a time, before the internet, when people that were clueless about a subject didn't feel compelled to spread misinformation far and wide, because they would have been shut down by reasonable people. That age, of course, is long gone. Case in point: the recent letter by a man writing about the "unintentional consequences of electric cars", and excoriating "Greenies" (apparently like Elon Musk). After saying, basically, that he has no experience with them (I readily agree with him on this), he frets about a worse case scenario of electric cars being stalled and blocking evacuation routes all over the place in the face of an imminent hurricane; a scenario gleaned from that font of folk wisdom ... the internet!

The scenario: Florida comes to it's knees when EVs run out of battery on the highways, bringing evacuations to a halt. First of all, in the two to five day lead up to the storm, EV owners would have the sense to charge their cars fully (which takes anywhere from 1-10 hrs, depending on the charger and the car). With a simple home charger, there's no trip to the gas station. Cost for the charge, about \$10, vs, say, \$65 for gas. The storm hasn't hit yet, so the grid is up for charging.

There is no hotter area of investment today than for EV battery development. Labs at universities and companies are scrambling to improve battery technologies, and it's leading to unprecedented innovation and investment. The companies that come up with the best technologies will create lots of money and jobs. Should we cede this opportunity to China? In about two years, the average EV will have a range of around 400 miles per charge (right now it's just about 300, and rising fast with each year), and the charging time will be around 10-30 minutes (this will vary, of course, by model). However, in that time, they will still only account for maybe 5% of vehicles on the road. By 2030, there will be many more (perhaps 40%), but the

average EV will exceed 500 miles/charge, and charging will likely take 5 to 10 minutes. At that point, with 500 miles of range, and no stops to charges, his argument falls flat on its face.

Furthermore, his claim about "mountains of old EVs piled up" demonstrates a lack of knowledge about a concept known as "recycling". EV component/battery recycling companies aren't recycling, because there aren't yet enough to recycle! Batteries, will be valuable for recycling for their lithium, etc. Nonetheless, there are already many companies starting up as we speak, preparing for that opportunity.

Here's an alternative disaster scenario: What if every car owner in Florida panicked, and those cars filled up with gas? Remember gas lines in the 70's? The situation would be MUCH worse. Electricity is far easier to "transport" than gasoline! And how about those interminable traffic jams? The EV motor simply shuts off when it stops in traffic, does the gas engine car do that? No! The driver is continually starting up/shutting down to move a few feet, using lots of gas in the process! And ... with all of that stop and go braking in an EV, most of that energy goes back into the battery (try THAT in a gas powered car!). EVs actually get HIGHER mileage in stop and go traffic than on the highway! I've been in that scenario climbing up to the Eisenhower Tunnel during long traffic backups in winter with my EV. Gas cars were dropping like flies. Also, if battery gets low, an EV can simply turn around, go downhill, and the battery will actually charge back up on the way back down, yielding more miles to get to a charging station!

I could go on the mention that EVERY major car company in the world is scrambling to manufacture as many EVs as they possibly can in order to meet skyrocketing demand, and are shutting down gas engine R&D at an ever increasing rate. Why? Because people who know anything about them realize how vastly superior EVs are

in every way (except range, which will, within about 3 years, equal or surpass gas car range). I bought a used EV 1-1/2 year ago. Of the 16 cars I owned previously (I did all of my own maintenance on them) it's by far the best experience I've had with a car to date. But, don't take my word for it: since 2018, the Pikes Peak Hill Climb has been won every year by electric cars, and the world's fastest production/stock car is a Tesla Plaid, with a 0-60 time of 2 seconds (yep, you read that right!). If they were to put an EV in the Indy 500, and it would come in miles ahead of the next fastest car ... of course, it'd be silent (much to the chagrin of those who love the noise).

Some of us remember when "Made in Japan" was synonymous with "cheap". We were so convinced of this, that when Datsuns and Toyotas showed up on our shores, and cleaned Detroit's clock, we were dumbfounded! Well, today, China wants badly to beat us to the punch on EVs, and they are quickly taking over this lucrative market (they're giving Tesla serious competition, and are ahead in numbers sold). If EV naysayers in the US are successful in spreading their misinformed doubts, the Chinese will be laughing all the way to the bank, and they will get all of the jobs we missed out on.

Additionally, consider how little maintenance is needed for EVs, since they have no exhaust system, fuel distribution system, gas tank, radiator/water pump/hoses/thermostats, ignition system, timing belts, dozens of sensors for fuel and exhaust monitoring, simpler control system ... and they have no tailpipe emissions. Even the brake shoes/rotors last the life of the car, since braking is regenerative (brake shoes are there for emergencies, but are seldom used to slow down the car). I haven't spent a nickel on maintenance (oops ... except for the windshield fluid) since I've owned mine. If this doesn't convince you: think about how many gas powered drones are being built

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nowadays! EVs will be bad for parts suppliers and mechanics (and I DO worry about their businesses), but a boon for everyone else. Buggy whip manufacturers had it rough at the start of the last century, but did that stop the public from buying Model T's?

Not content to limit his off-base comments to EVs, he goes on to demonstrate a creative misunderstanding of solar power, starting by claiming a solar panel has a "lifespan of about 15 years". I was in the solar industry for about 7 years, and am scratching my head wondering "Where did he pick that nugget of valuable information from?". My brother, who lives near Saguache, has an offgrid cabin powered with solar panels, some made in the 70's; and solar PV has only improved since then. Quality PV panels come with a 25 year warranty, produce power much longer than that with care, degrade very slowly, and last significantly longer than the

electronic components and wiring associated with them. PV efficiency has increased from 14% to around 30% in the space of the past 30 years, and is expected to grow to close to 50% in coming years, while continuing their steady drop in price; factors that will soon blow fossil fuels off of the economic map. Homeowners who have PV on the roof presently charge their cars for free; thanks to the great thermonuclear furnace in the sky! This will no doubt anger those who sell fuel as a recurring expense to homeowners, but I think it's great. Meanwhile, the EV will act as a power backup system at home in case of a blackout (such as in a hurricane).

His comments about "heat generated by solar panels" is yet another head scratcher. One farmer, Byron Kominek (no, not spelled "communist") is growing tomatoes, turnips, carrots, squash, beets, lettuce, kale, chard, and peppers, under

his large array on the East Slope. The arrays are 8 feet off the ground, allowing his tractor to drive underneath. The crops mentioned, which would otherwise wilt, or go to seed early under the strong July sun, thrive when growing underneath solar arrays. He makes money from both the electricity AND the crops grown underneath. His array provides enough power for 30 homes.

I could go on to talk about "our government overseers", but it's hard to argue with so much mind-blowing horse-pucky; it's like playing "Whack-A-Mole" with Prairie Dogs in an overgrown field. The claim about solar panel "heat ... radiating ... into the ozone layer"? Gimme a break! Those who understand so little about science should be more careful about what they write; unless perhaps the whole letter was meant as some kind of early "April Fools" joke (?). If so, then shame on me!

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LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY PROCLAMATION

Media Relations Director Katie Yergensen brought forward and read a proclamation declaring Jan. 9, 2022 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in Montrose County.

The proclamation notes that in 2021 there were 479 line of duty deaths of officers and 21 line of duty deaths of K-9 officers, and said the BOCC honors local law enforcement for their dedication and hard work in protecting Montrose residents and recognizes the sacrifices made by law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, as well as their families.

Said BOCC Char Sue Hansen, "Just so you know it is...part of our value system that we value our law enforcement team in our community, and we support anything that you do, and all the folks that dedicate...their lives and sacrifice their family time and all of that to be able to protect the citizens of the community."

She invited Montrose County Sheriff Gene Lillard to share some of his feelings.

Lillard spoke, "...We appreciate it very much and we're very honored to have the proclamation read to us, or for us...we're deeply honored, we thank you for that. So (Montrose Police) Commander Smith would like to say a few words."

Police Commander Matt Smith said, "...Obviously it's a great honor to have this proclamation read about this, and we feel very strongly about the brotherhood of law enforcement." He noted the coopera-

tion between City Police and the County Sheriff's office.

"I know day to day that every time the police department needs help the Sheriff's office is there without fail, and we try to do the same."

Montrose is a special area with strong support and appreciation for law enforcement, Smith said.

Commissioner Roger Rash said, "I just want to thank each and every one of you. It's an honor to set here and present this proclamation...I can't tell you how much I value what you do...my grandkids depend on you guys doing your jobs and getting these drugs off the streets, getting these predators and locking them up, or make it so uncomfortable that they decide they need to go to Denver and they can do their antics over there."

"...I think the tables have been flipped and the criminals have more rights now than you do, and I think that's a travesty, and hopefully our legislators will wake up and if not, maybe our citizenry will wake up and change the legislators. Thank you." Said BOCC Vice Chair Keith Caddy, "I put on that blue uniform for 27 years and walked out the door in the morning, and I am so pleased to be part of that brotherhood. You keep us safe."

There is an agenda right now in the United States that is definitely against law enforcement, Caddy said. "...And wants to give the criminal a bigger road and a bigger play in the game, and against you."

"...It's changing. The American people

understand that this is not the way to go," Caddy said. "You look at some of our big cities today, their crime rates are horrendous. Montrose is a special place...it is a very special place, we live in a good place, they love their law enforcement, they think that you're the greatest thing to them, because they know that you're there to protect them."

Caddy led a standing ovation for law enforcement.

Yergensen offered suggestions for the public to support Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Simple, human, acts of kindness are welcome, she said. "You can wear blue, you can wave.....You can say hi, just be friendly...do the things how you would feel appreciated as well. They're simple, just human acts of kindness, and we would just ask that of our residents because we know they already do that."

Said Hansen, "...Montrose...is an unusual place. I don't know in other communities if law enforcement from the Sheriff and the deputies and the city are as close as you are and cover the territory as you both do, I think that makes us a safer community and for that I'm very thankful. Thank you for your service."

Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the proclamation declaring Jan. 9, 2022 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in Montrose County into the record, generating a round of applause from those present.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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YOU CAN'T FOOL ALL THE PEOPLE ALL THE TIME

Editor:

Americans no longer get their news primarily from liberal outlets like CNN, MSNBC, The Washington Post, The New York Times, etc. If they did, they might actually believe this administration's continual lies -- like Biden saying, "We're ending 2021 with what one analyst described as the strongest first year economic track record of any president in the last 50 years." The analyst doesn't exist, of course. (Perhaps he was talking about his psycho-analyst?) Folks, Democrats are desperate, and they have lost any sense of reality. Biden created the worst inflation in 40 years and sky-rocketing gas prices, and their response seems to be: "Inflation isn't high enough for you? Let's have another orgy of unfunded trillion-dollar spending." "Oh, by the way, we intentionally eliminated our southern border and have no intention of lifting a finger to stop the illegal invasion. We'll just secretly fly the invaders in the middle of the night to cities and towns across the nation."

With a crime wave to make prohibition era Chicago seem tame by comparison, Nancy Pelosi actually said she doesn't understand where all the lawlessness is coming from? During his campaign, Biden said he had a plan to end COVID, and even had the audacity to say that Trump shouldn't be president because of the number of deaths during his term. Like all his promises, Biden was unable to deliver. The man who pledged to "shut down the virus" with "science" bungled it, even failing on basic testing after spending nearly \$2 trillion on a supposed pandemic relief bill. Biden's seal of approval is also stamped on a string of foreign policy disasters, starting with Afghanistan where he acted as the Taliban's supply quartermaster. The worst

is yet to come with Russia threatening to invade Ukraine, China's threats against Taiwan, Iran moving full speed ahead in getting nuclear weapons, etc.

It is not surprising that Biden's approval ratings are in the tank along with his illustrious VP. What is surprising is that there apparently are still people who somehow approve of his performance? A good part of that is due to the media being an extension of the Democratic Party. "You can fool some of the people all the time, all the people some of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time." A good portion of that support comes from the "some of the people all the time" category. I read a social media post recently (from a journalism major) giving praise to the "unbiased" reporting of Rachel Maddow of MSNBC. Some people are going to believe anything thrown out there. I suspect that another part of the support comes from Democrats who still think their party is the party of MLK and JFK, and just can't bring themselves to accept the truth.

With no winning issues to run on, and out of sheer desperation, the Democrats' latest strategy is to somehow turn the January 6th protests into a murderous insurrection of armed terrorists comparable to 9/11. And the same complicit media that carried Dems' water during the previous hoaxes (Russian conspiracy, two impeachments, etc.) are more than happy to again lie to the American people. Fortunately, when the American people look at all of Biden's disasters, they see the Democratic Party. They also understand that Pelosi is simply seeking retribution against political opponents in this latest hoax. They are aware of the Antifa and BLM riots that actually killed people, destroyed billions of

dollars' worth of property, and were specifically aimed at injuring or killing police. By scope, violence, and destruction, January 6th pales in comparison to any one of the summer riots -- that Democrats at all levels (at a minimum) encouraged. (Some actually joined with the rioters in their demands to defund and demonize the police.)

Americans see Pelosi's committee for what it is -- a complete charade. If the narrative were true, why not charge the accused with insurrection, sedition, or terrorism, rather than simple trespassing? Why conceal 14,000 hours of video footage, if not to shield Pelosi from her own culpability?

Why doctor evidence and lie about basic facts of the day's events?

Why not accept legitimate Republican representation on the committee? Why stonewall about FBI involvement? Why blatantly lie that protestors killed officers that day when the only person killed was a protestor shot by a policeman?

Why talk about an "armed" breach when no one associated with the January 6th protest has been charged with a weapons offense? The answer of course is that facts cannot get in the way of a good narrative, and truth cannot get in the way of Dem politics. They are lying about January 6th because Democrats have absolutely nothing to offer the electorate. They don't care that it is a total lie and is plagued with serious legal and ethical problems, and somehow think the charade will gain legitimacy with the American people. The fact that this is the only card they have left to play is verification of their desperation. Unfortunately for Democrats, "You can't fool all the people all the time."

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CITY AWARDS CONTRACT FOR NORTH CONNECT TRAIL SHARED RESTROOM FACILITY *From pg 1*

council meeting of Dec. 7 were approved as corrected. Consent Agenda items were approved as presented.

ORDINANCE 2575 -SECOND READING

Planner William Reis presented Ordinance 2575, which has been discussed previously in work session and on first reading, amending the zoning designation of a portion of the Police Department Amended Plat, located at 434 South 1st Street, from B-1, Central Business District, to P Public District.

Staff recommended approval; council voted unanimously to approve.

ORDINANCE 2576-SECOND READING

Also discussed previously in work session and on first reading, Assistant City Attorney Chris Dowsey presented [Ordinance 2576 on Second Reading](#), repealing and reenacting the City's Municipal Code pursuant to § 5-2-1 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose, regarding excise tax. The ordinance streamlines collection of sales and excise tax by third party facilitators.

2022 WAYFINDING SIGN PROJECT CONTRACT AWARD

A memo from City Public Works Manager Jim Scheid to Council notes that in February of 2020 the City issued a Request for Proposals for Wayfinding Signage phase III. "Four proposals were received for the fabrication and installation of the Wayfinding Signs...American Classic Sign Manufacturer had the highest score using the proposal selection criteria and their bid is considered to be the best value to the City of Montrose."

Though the project was halted in 2020, American Classics has agreed to honor its original price in 2022.

Scheid said that the city has worked with the DART Committee to ascertain and confirm signage priorities, adding that signage

has now been included for the Amphitheater.

Council voted unanimously to award a contract for [Wayfinding Signage Phase III](#) to American Classic Sign Manufacturer in the total contract amount of \$191,500.

NORTH CONNECT TRAIL RESTROOM CONTRACT AWARD AND MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Scheid presented for approval the North Connect Trail Restroom Contract Award and [Memorandum of Agreement \(MOU\)](#), asking Council to authorize and award funds in the amount of \$344,855.93 for construction of the North Connect Trail Restroom.

Contracts include an award to Stryker and Company, Inc. for \$255,305.39 as the Construction Contractor and a Memorandum of Agreement with Colorado Yurt Company for the land.

"This project is kind of a public-private project," Scheid said.

Councilor J. David Reed recused himself due to his ongoing attorney-client relationship with Stryker & Company. Council voted to approve the contract award and MOU, with Reed abstaining.

Background-A memo from Scheid to Council states, "...this restroom would be located along the Connect Trail at the North end near Colorado Outdoors and would be a shared use facility part of a public/private partnership...there will be restrooms facing the trail for public use and shower facilities on the rear of the building for use by Colorado Yurt Company...Colorado Yurt would be dedicating the property (valued at \$18,200) necessary for the restroom facility and contributing \$27,800 towards the construction costs... The City would contract Stryker and Company to build the restroom and shower facility and maintain the facility (janitorial

on the restroom side only, structurally and mechanically for the entire facility)...the overall impact to the Parks Capital Improvement Budget is \$317,055.93 (total project costs -\$27.8k), which is \$117,055.93 over the budgeted amount and could be supplemented in 2022 if necessary."

AIRPORT WATERLINE MATERIALS PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION

As discussed previously in work session, Council voted [to purchase water line pipe from Core & Main in the amount of \\$84,800.08 for the Airport Road Waterline](#).

STAFF REPORTS

Youth Councilor Gunnison Clamp reported on recent Youth Council activity.

"We're happy to report that our Fun at the Fieldhouse Event for high school age youth was a great success," Clamp said.

"This was a lot like the Rock the Rec events we've put on in the past, just at a different venue. That turned out to work out very well...the Field House is a little closer to the high school so I think that proved advantageous for us."

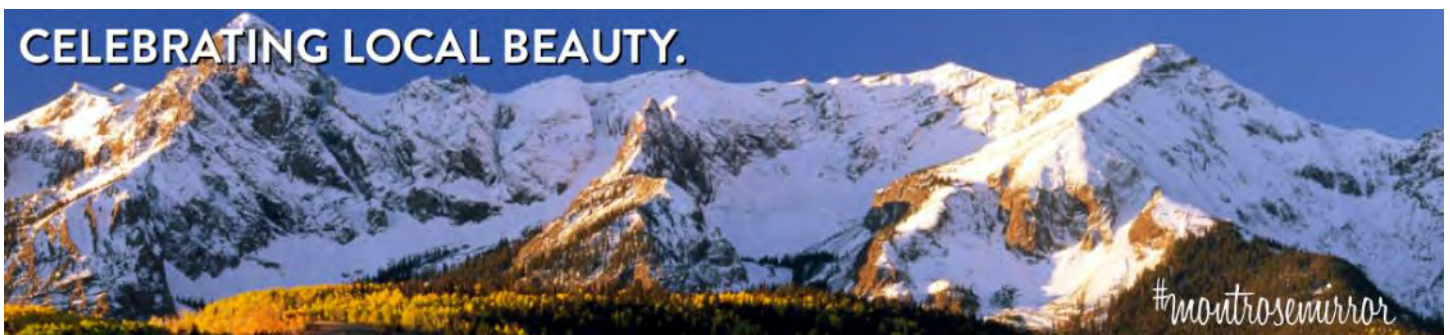
Attendance almost exceeded expectations, he said, and everyone there seemed to really enjoy the activities.

"We have ideas for several different projects, we've included into the consideration for those projects the discussion that we had with you on the City Council a few weeks ago on our retreat," Clamp said. "We're looking forward to a great 2022 for the Youth Council."

City Councilor Anthony Russo reminded Council that there were cards to be signed expressing condolences to the cities of Louisville and Superior, which have been ravaged by the Marshall Fire.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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PARKS & WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO MEET JAN. 12 - 13

Special to the Mirror

DENVER – At a virtual meeting, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will discuss regulations requiring reservations for big game and small game hunting in the Jefferson County portion of Golden Gate Canyon where hunting is permitted; permitting kiteboarding through special activity permits at Navajo State Park; changing the fee charged for exchanged licenses; modifying multiple GMU boundaries; and an annual review of big game regulations, including annual changes to season dates, limited license areas, and manner of take provisions for bighorn sheep, mountain goat, deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, moose and bear; amending the maximum allowable let-off percentage for handheld bows, amending the fluorescent orange/pink requirements during the overlapping archery and muzzleloader seasons, and a price study on the Keep Colorado Wild Pass.

The CPW Commission will also discuss regulations making it unlawful for any person to place any olfactory attractant with the intent to lure gray wolves unless permitted by the division; regulations authorizing livestock owners and their agents to haze gray wolves to prevent or reduce injury to livestock; annual changes to waterfowl and migratory bird hunting seasons; and property-specific regulations for the new SKCK State Wildlife Area (SWA), Fish Creek SWA and the Big Springs, Brett Gray Ranch, Karval and Punkin Center State Trust Lands.

The Commission will also consider its policy for naming CPW properties, the CPW Fishery Management and Hatchery System, and management plans for B-11 Roaring Fork and Eagle Valley, B-12 Gunnison Basin, D-40 Upper Rio Grande, E-35 Cimarron, D-36 Upper Rio Grande, and E-34 Upper Rio Grande at its meeting on Wed., Jan. 12 and Thu., Jan. 13. The meeting will be streamed live on CPW's YouTube page.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Wed., Jan. 12 and adjourn at 5 p.m. The commission will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Thu., Jan. 13 and adjourn at 3 p.m. Additional agenda items include:

- Department of Agriculture update
- Department of Natural Resources update
- Financial update
- Awards and presentations
- Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) update
- Wolf Planning update
- Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program 2021 RFP

update

-Species Conservation Trust Fund update
A complete agenda along with all materials for public review for this meeting can be found on the CPW website. The public is encouraged to email written comments to the

commission at

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CITY COVERS MAJOR GROUND IN FIRST WORK SESSION OF 2022

Deadline for petitions is Jan. 24



During the work session of Jan. 4, Montrose City Council and staff discussed awarding funds in the amount of \$559,451 for the purchase and installation of the furniture to be installed in the new Public Safety Complex (above).

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council met for the first regular work session of 2022 on Monday, Jan. 3. The [official recording](#) begins several minutes early and captures Council discussion prior to the work session.

At 10am Mayor Doug Glaspell opened the session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Assistant City Attorney for Public Safety Matthew Magliaro presented information and [redlined documentation](#) of a proposed update to Municipal Code Section 6-1-27 - Underage Possession of Tobacco/ Cannabis and Paraphernalia.

The current section has a complicated structure that makes it difficult to read and to cite correctly on a charging document, and a memo from Magliaro to Council recommends repealing MC § 6-1-27 and recodifying it into two separate sections. Sections would include Underage Possession of Tobacco and Tobacco Paraphernalia in MC § 6-1-26 and Underage Possession of Cannabis and Cannabis Paraphernalia in MC § 6-1-27.

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank questioned what he felt was confusing language; Magliaro said that the language is aligned with Colorado statute.

Police Chief Blaine Hall addressed Council

by video, "...I would recommend that we probably not get too far away from State statute...we can have a broader discussion at a later date...I think the tools we've already been given are good and I think we need to continue going down that road."

Magliaro said he has had productive discussions with the Municipal Court team regarding the update. He will bring the proposed changes back in a future work session.

Magliaro's memo to Council states, "*This is an ordinance regularly cited incorrectly or incompletely into the municipal court. Breaking the ordinance apart into separate topics enhances readability. The change will hopefully lead to less need to clarify charges orally at advisement. This provides a benefit to the Montrose Municipal Court clerical staff tasked with the preparation of forms for advisement, as well the judge conducting the proceeding. It provides a benefit to the cited defendants of affording a greater chance of adequate notice of the correct charge in advance of court proceedings.*"

Senior Planner Amy Sharp presented the [2022 Annual Annexation Report and Three-Mile Plan](#), as required by the State.

Background-A memo from Sharp to Council states, "*The Plan contains verbal poli-*

cies and maps to illustrate annexation priorities, eligible enclave annexations, existing city limits, growth areas, and transportation routes. The Plan will fulfill the statutory requirement to have a plan in place to annex new properties in 2022. Annexation plans must be adopted each year. The Planning Commission reviews this Plan, but no official action is taken by the Planning Commission."

Sharp also presented information on the [Mier Addition Annexation](#).

Background-A memo from Sharp to Council states, "*The Mier Addition is a proposed annexation approximately 14.67 acres in size. The parcel is located east of 6530 Road, west of 6600 Road, and north of Locust Road. It is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, Tri-County Water Service Area, and the City of Montrose Sewer Service Area. Annexation of this property will allow for future housing development. An Annexation Agreement will be required.*"

City Engineer Scott Murphy reviewed several capital projects, starting with [the Southeast Water Transmission Main Project Contract Award](#). Council will consider approval of \$3,270,668.26 in expenditures for construction of the Southeast Water Transmission Main Construction Project. This includes the award of a construction contract to Williams Construction in the amount of \$3,228,068.26 and a construction stakeout contract to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of \$42,600.

The year-long project is a continuation of previous projects, Murphy said. "What this does is it gives us a line that's independent of the distribution system, a direct feed closer to the Sunshine Tank." Councilor Barbara Bynum commended the city for being proactive when it comes to water infrastructure. "We want to make sure our water tanks are full." Noting previous and ongoing water projects, "I think we're staying in a sweet spot right ahead of the growth," Murphy said. Street portions of the project will be complete before the end of the construction

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Background-A memo from Murphy to Council states, "The City of Montrose water master plan calls for the installation of a 24-inch diameter transmission line starting at the connection point with Project 7 at Highway 50 near Miami Road and ultimately running to the Sunshine Road Water Tank. In line with this plan, the City has upsized approximately 1.2 miles of existing lines over the past several years coming down Miami Road and turning south to Sunnyside Road along the 6800 alignment. This project will continue these efforts by installing a new 1.8-mile line from the intersection of 6800 and Sunnyside Roads south to the intersection of East Oak Grove and 6700 Roads. The new line will run along open fields, rights of way, open space areas, and through the middle of Fox Park...The transmission main is a dedicated fill line for the tanks and, as a result, will generally run independent of the existing water distribution system. The line is needed...to keep up within growing water demands."

Murphy also discussed the [Hill Street Extension Project Contract Award](#).

The City will consider approval of \$1,053,379.67 in expenditures for construction of the Hill Street Extension Project. This includes the award of a construction contract to Oldcastle SW Group in the amount of \$1,028,279.67 and a construction stakeout contract to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of \$25,100.

Background-A memo from Murphy to Council notes that "...the City of Montrose comprehensive plan calls for the eventual extension of Hill Street as a minor arterial from where it currently ends up to Miami Road. The project proposed by this contract will implement the first phase of this extension (approximately 1,400 LF) up to Sunnyside Road as shown in the attached excerpt from the comprehensive plan. The road extension is taking place concurrent with development of the adjacent Woods Crossing Subdivision currently under construction on either side of the roadway extension."

A \$30K [change order for the Cerise Park Water Bore Project](#) was also presented, payable to Ridgway Valley Enterprises on



The City of Montrose utility department has worked to construct a waterline connection from the intersection of Shanes Way/Chipeta Drive, above, through Cerise Park and across the Uncompahgre River. The final stage of the project involved a bore beneath the Uncompahgre River to connect with an existing water line on Apollo Drive.

the Cerise Park Waterline Bore contract to compensate for out-of-scope work elements and unanticipated soil conditions. The project took longer than expected due to conditions.

"It's a pretty challenging bore," Murphy said. "...doing a bore is the right answer for the long term...they really did a great job and made it happen."

Background-A memo from Murphy to Council states, "The City of Montrose utility department has been working over the past two years to construct a waterline connection from the intersection of Shanes Way/Chipeta Drive, through Cerise Park, across the Uncompahgre River, and connecting to an existing water main in River-bottom Park. This line provides an additional redundant connection point across the Uncompahgre River (currently the City's water system only has three river crossings) and also provides water service to the new amphitheater. The City's in-house utility crews completed all reaches of the waterline within Cerise Park and up to the Uncompahgre River. The final reach of this project was the construction of a bore beneath the Uncompahgre River to connect with an existing water line on Apollo Drive. This project was bid and awarded last summer to Ridgway Valley

Enterprises with a low bid of \$211,200."

Councilor Bynum noted that this will be the fourth water line beneath the river.

Murphy discussed [contract administration](#) for the West Main Complete Streets Project Grant Contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). A Request for Proposals has been issued for design, Murphy said, and will be discussed at greater length when it comes before Council. Public Works Manager Jim Scheid presented a [contract award recommendation](#) for the Montrose Public Safety Complex FF&E. Council will consider approving authorizing and awarding funds in the amount of \$559,451 for the purchase and installation of the furniture to be installed in the Montrose Public Safety Complex. Three bids were received; Office Outfitters was low bidder.

Background-A memo from Scheid to Council notes, "The total of \$559,451 that is being recommended for approval includes a contract amount of \$532,811 with Office Outfitters and a five-percent contingency. This contingency is requested for the chance that there may be changes or additions made to the scope of the vendor for unforeseen issues that could arise during installation. The purchase of furniture is an anticipated cost of the project and a

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total of \$650,000 was allocated from the Public Safety Fund for this purchase. This will result in a savings of at least \$90,549 to the Public Safety Fund.

Scheid also presented the department's annual equipment disposal list. "Everything this year will go on govdeals.com," he said. Resale value of used vehicles has increased significantly. "...I don't have any total of what this should return...this last year, most of them were double what we anticipated."

Utilities Manager David Bries presented information on an Airport Road Waterline Materials Recommendation.

Council will consider approving the purchase of water line pipe from Core & Main in the amount of \$84,800.08 for 12" C900 PVC pipe for the Airport Road Waterline. Bries said that \$150K is budgeted for the upgrade in 2022 and the project should ultimately cost that much. Waterline prices are up significantly, he said, and the prices are only guaranteed until the eighth of the month. He asked for the matter to be placed on the Jan. 5 meeting agenda.

Background-A memo from Bries to Council states, "Replacement of an existing six-inch waterline along Airport Road with a 12-inch waterline is included in the 2022 Water Distribution program budget to improve flows and capacity in the area. A request for bids (RFB #21-032) was issued for 1,840 feet of 12" PVC pipe with re-strained joint gaskets and three bids were received from local pipe suppliers. Core & Main submitted the low-cost bid. This waterline will be installed by Utilities Department crews over the next six to eight months."

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo discussed the Designation of Official Posting Location for Meeting Notices, sharing a memo that addresses potential scheduling conflicts as well as the 2022 meeting calendar.

"We are required under the Open Meetings Act to designate our official posting place at the first regular meeting in January," DelPiccolo said, noting that the item was on the Consent Agenda for the Jan. 5 regular meeting. "We are designating our website as the official posting

place."

Additional posting locations include the inside and outside bulletin boards on South First Street.

There will be a candidate information session from 5 to 6pm on Feb. 1, she said. The deadline for petitions is Jan. 24. A City Council orientation will be held the week of April 12. "We generally plan on the better part of an entire day."

A City Tour is planned for April 11; Council agreed to hold orientation on April 11 as well.

Council agreed to follow existing protocols for scheduling conflicts.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

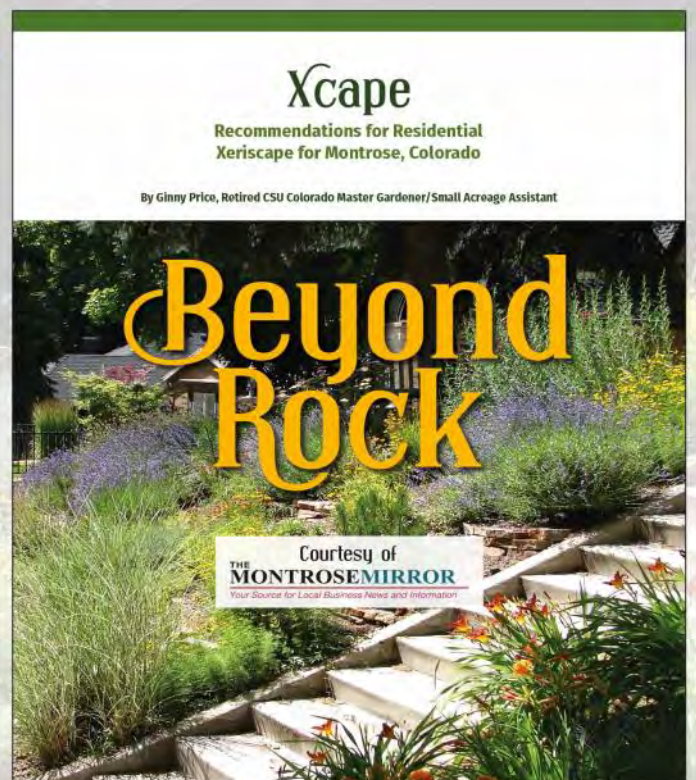
Mayor Glaspell asked about a municipal code update for gaming businesses. Magliaro gave an update; he has done quite a bit of outreach with other attorneys around the state. One of the gaming businesses has closed in Montrose. The topic will be revisited in an upcoming work session.

With no further business Glaspell closed the work session.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL:LETTERS

REAL INSURRECTION IS OUT OF CONTROL DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Editor:

Now that Jan. 6 is over and done with and Democrats have wore the event out using it to cover for their failed policies in every area, we now have to ask who are the real insurrectionists? We have to look at who maliciously hide their own revolutionary intentions by accusing their opponents of what they do. And if the definition of an insurrection is revolting against an established government, then it is the Democrat party who are guilty of insurrection. Isn't it they who are who are "revolting" against our election laws by trying to federalize them? That is forbidden by the constitution which calls for elections to be controlled locally. Isn't it they who are revolting against the Electoral College? Isn't it they who are revolting against the more than 180-year-old Senate filibuster? Isn't it they who are revolting against the 60-year-old, 50-state union? Isn't it they who are attacking the constitutional concept of two senators per state? And the Constitution clearly states that when the President of the United States is tried for impeachment, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court will preside. Did Democrats comply with that requirement when they disgracefully threw President Trump out of office? Isn't that a revolt against an established Constitutional government? And the Democrat "insurrection" continued by breaking precedent by impeaching Trump without a special counsel's report, formal hearings, witnesses, and cross-

examinations. And their hideous hate for President Trump ran so deeply they had to put an exclamation point on their shameful conduct by impeaching him again after he was out of office! Their uncontrollable contempt and hate for America's established government provokes their unconscionable insurrection tendencies.

Now Democrats are involved in federal civil rights insurrection violations. The Democrat-run New York city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is rationing new COVID-19 medicines on the basis of race in the name of "equity"! They also used racial preferences to determine who is first tested for COVID-19. That is in direct violation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Any revolt against an established government here? In fact in 2020, many local and state mandated quarantines and bans on public assemblies were ignored if the rioters were associated with Black Lives Matter or Antifa, or if they were protesting police!

And now the Biden Administration has allowed 2 million invaders to cross the southern border in hopes they will be loyal Democrats voters. The Constitution requires the president to protect our borders from invasion. Any Biden insurrection here? And Biden is not making them be tested or vaccinated against COVID-19. But yet all U.S. citizens in the military and employed by the federal government are threatened with firings if they fail to become vaccinated! And keep in mind they

are not vaccinations according to medical definition. They are just "shots". Such exemptions of lawbreaking by non-U.S. citizens, but not millions of U.S. citizens are in violation of equal protection under the 14th Amendment. See any Biden insurrection yet? And then after entering the United States illegally, millions of immigrants are protected by some 550 Democrat "sanctuary cities". These cities brazenly nullify immigration laws by refusing to allow federal immigration authorities to deport illegal lawbreakers. See any revolt against an established government here? Insurrection?

Then there was Hillary Clinton who hired a foreign national to concoct a dossier of dirt against Trump. She used her contacts in government to create a hoax about Russian collusion when it was she who was colluding with Russia.

No, the threat to America is not from a small percentage of rioters out of a massive supportive Trump crowd.

The threat is from the unbridled BLM and Antifa riots of 2020 where 25 people were killed, dozens injured, and 2 billion dollars in damage occurred, which ignited a violent crime wave across the country.

And the Democrat party openly supported it all going so far as to bail rioters out of jail so they could get back on the street as quickly as possible.

No, the real insurrection is the out of control Democrat party.

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY ANN (BENSON) CHITWOOD

June 1, 1930- December 22, 2021



After many years of battling Alzheimer's, Shirley Ann Chitwood, with family surrounding her, was taken home by Our Lord and Father, on December 22, 2021. Shirley was born to Elza and Rosanna Benson on June 1, 1930. While attending the Minnesota Bible College, she fell hopelessly in love with Stanley Ray Chitwood while ice skating at a pond near the Christian College. They were wed on

May 27th, 1950. They spent a lot of time traveling, as Stanley was a Pastor, and his position took them to many places throughout the United States. They had two children - John and Jill.

Shirley was a most loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, and great Grandmother.

Shirley loved the holidays and getting just the right things for their home and family. One of her favorite memories was when she was preparing her children for Halloween. She had accidentally put John's long johns in with red clothes and it ended up being red. This gave her the idea to have John be a devil and Jill the angel. She also loved the color blue and would always have blue Christmas tree decorations out. Shirley also loved collecting miniature antique axes and displayed them in many shadow boxes for all to see.

One of Shirley's hobbies was painting. She was a talented artist when it came to nature scenes that were of memorable importance to her. She also was an avid quilt maker. She added the remaining

pieces to a 5th Generation family quilt that was handed down to her from her ancestors. Shirley was also an accomplished singer. While attending College the group was called "The Shirley Sisters" as all were named Shirley. The "Shirley Sisters" would sing at various venues throughout the West Coast and Midwest.

Shirley is survived by her sister, Margaret. She is also survived by her two children- John Ray (Leabeth) Chitwood of Cache, OK and Jill Francini (David) Franck of Montrose, CO. She also left behind nine grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sisters Betty and Christina, brother Ronny, as well as husband Pastor Stanley Chitwood and her very favorite son-in-law David Franck, who passed 11 days prior to her. She will be sadly missed by her family, her church and many friends.

Services will be held January 15, 2022, at 11:00 am at the Christ's Church of the Valley, 10 Hillcrest Plaza Way, Montrose. CO 81401.

MARCELLA JOYCE PARKER

September 20, 1933- December 26, 2021

MARCELLA JOYCE PARKER passed away at home on December 26, 2021.

Marcella was born to Joseph Urban Jr and Rose (Hulinsky) Urban on September 20, 1933 in Arcadia Nebraska. She was raised on a farm and rode her horse several miles to the Myrtle township for school where she also pitched for the baseball team. She developed a great love for horses and the outdoors.

She married Dave Parker on April 14, 1953. They have two children, David (Lisa) Parker of Pearl City Hawaii and Teresa (Gale) Goforth of Bedrock Colorado. Two grandchildren, Craig (Angela) Goforth

Burns WY and Becky (Jerry Roat) Goforth Independence KS. Six great grandchildren Justin, Madison, Alana, Violet Goforth, Makaela Vodopich, and Kody Goforth. One great, great granddaughter Logan Lee Vodopich.

They moved to Denver area in 1959 where she worked as a checker in a grocery store. They came to the Nucla area in 1964 where she worked as a substitute teacher in the grade school. They later moved to Bedrock where she served as Postmaster for 24 years.

She loved being by her husband's side for 67 years of friendship, adventures and

travel. Together they loved exploring the area, riding horses and traveling.

Crippin Funeral Home assisted with a graveside funeral service at the Nucla-Naturita cemetery on Jan 3, 2022.



COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

MICHAEL JAY ENGLAND

May 12, 1955 ~ December 28, 2021

MICHAEL JAY ENGLAND passed away on December 28, 2021. He was 66.

Michael was born on May 12, 1955 to Orville Wesley and Mary Lue (Henderson) England in Delta, Colorado. Michael was the youngest of two children born in this loving union.

Mike spent most of his childhood helping with the family farm. On the farm, he developed his hardworking nature and his love of the outdoors. Michael graduated from Delta Highschool in 1973. He met and married Sharon Volgamore, having two sons, Brandon in 1980, and Andrew in 1982.

This union later ended in divorce in 1984. Michael spent his work life as the Town Manager for the Town of Orchard City and the Town of Rico.

Mike spent most of his adult life enjoying his favorite hobbies which included

hunting, fishing, and camping. He also was an avid shooter, enjoyed motorcycles and his 1988 Ford F250 "Old Blue". Later in life with the introduction of his four granddaughters, Mike's favorite hobbies changed slightly to watching softball & basketball games, swim-meets, and being a regular at his granddaughter's tea parties, pretend restaurant and hair salons.

Michael is preceded in death by his father Orville.

He is Survived by his mother; Mary England, his brother; Leonard (wife, Karen) England, sons; Brandon (wife, Brittney) England, Andrew (wife, Brittney) England and four granddaughters; Kennedy, Karley, Katelynn and Hannah.

Michael's Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. January 22nd, 2022 at Taylor Funeral Service Chapel 682 1725 Road, Delta, CO.



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

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

DEBORAH D HAWK

January 3, 1949 ~ December 18, 2021

It is with great sorrow that the family of Deborah Hawk announces her untimely passing. She will be lovingly remembered by so many in this community for her kindness, generosity and wit. She touched the lives of so many people.

There will never be another spirit quite like Deborah. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her daughter, Lorrie Ann; her sisters, Brenda and Kathy; her brother, Paul; the father of her daughters, Wayne; and her beloved Pomeranian, Caden. She is predeceased by her daughter, Shannon Rae.

At Deborah's request, there will not be a service, but donations can be made in her name to Second Chance and the Montrose Animal Shelter in support of her love of animals.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

KRISTA KAY SCOTT (CHANEY)

KRISTA KAY SCOTT (CHANEY), 66, of Montrose, Colorado, passed away January 2, 2022 peacefully while in Montrose Regional Health Hospital with family members on all sides of her. Krista was born in Denver, Colorado. Krista moved to Norwood, CO in 1998 she landed on the Western Slope of Colorado where she married her husband in Grand Junction, CO. She moved to Montrose, CO after retirement, until she went to meet up with the Lord.

Krista married David "Scotty" Scott on August 22, 1998 in Grand Junction, CO. Krista had various jobs and adventures during her time on earth; ranging from accounting, to clerking, to law enforcement dispatching and including a stint of chasing warrants with her future husband. She was proud of her accomplishments, the main one being the numerous friends she made of the years. She loved being with her "kids", those being cats and they loved her.

Krista was preceded in her new adventure and will meet with her father, Danny Eugene Chaney Sr, mother, Lou Kay Chaney (Joyner), a brother Danny Chaney II, sisters, Michelle Chaney and Eva Schultz. She is survived by husband Scotty, a twin sister, Kim Warnsmen of Arvada, CO and a sister Tamara Mechem of Loveland, CO, as well as a niece Jennifer Chaney Shepard of Divide, CO, as well as numerous nieces and nephews around the State and Country, she was proud of her family. A celebration of her life is to follow in early summer.



JANICE E. (MILLER) RULE *May 8, 1939-January 5, 2022*

JANICE E. (MILLER) RULE, 82, passed away in her home on January 5, 2022, with her daughter and son by her side. Janice was born to Kenneth L. and Hazel D. Miller on May 8, 1939, in Loveland, Colorado. Janice grew up in Denver, Colorado, the eldest of four daughters.

She married her high school sweetheart, Richard L. Rule, on August 28, 1960, and they were married for 55 years at the time of Richard's passing. They started their life together on Red Mountain before moving to back to the Denver/Lakewood area of Colorado, where she raised her family and became an accomplished restoration upholsterer. Janice and Richard moved to Montrose in May 2001, where she was co-owner of Colora-

do Gourmet Foods with her daughter Jill.

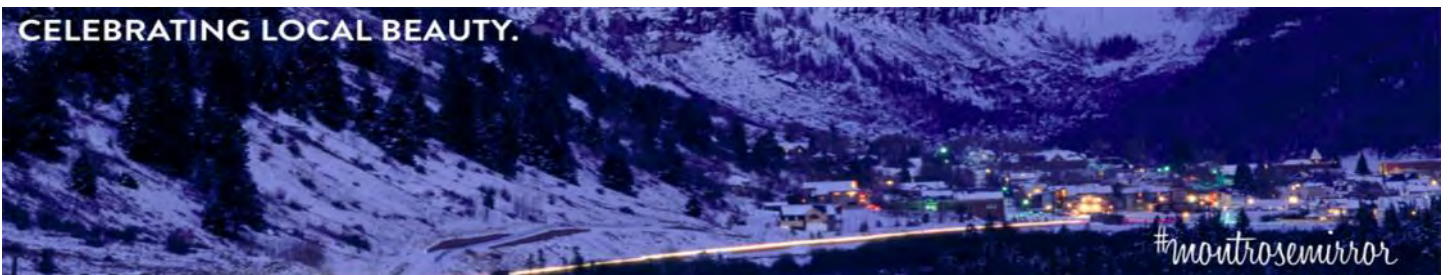
Janice is survived by her daughter, Jill (John) Mabery of Montrose, Colorado, son Dennis (Cynthia) Rule of Pueblo West, Colorado, and grandchildren Andrea Rule and Connie Rule of Pueblo West, CO. She is also survived by her three sisters, Pat Donnelly of Florence, CO, Myrna (Tony) of Austin, CO, and Jody Miller of Cedaredge, and her sister-in-law Julia (Ron) Rice of Pueblo West. She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, brother-in-law Michael Donnelly, nephew Dana and nieces Sandra and Cindy.

Janice enjoyed sewing and crocheting and made beautiful wedding dresses for her daughter and daughter-in-law.



The family requests that memorial donation be made in her name to Hospice Care of Hope West at [HopeWestCO.org/donate](https://www.HopeWestCO.org/donate).

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ART & SOL

HISTORY COLORADO CELEBRATES HORSES, NEW VIDA BUILDING AT CSU SPUR CAMPUS, INVITES FOURTH GRADERS TO ENJOY FREE MEMBERSHIP

Special to Art & Sol

DENVER- On Jan. 15, from 9 a.m.- 6 p.m., History Colorado will display elements of the ***Power of Horses*** exhibit to the Vida building as part of the CSU Day celebration. This display will give visitors a taste of History Colorado's newest exhibit which celebrates the foundational impact of horses in American culture. History-focused hands-on activities also will be available.

History Colorado is excited to announce its partnership with Colorado State University for the opening of the new Vida building at the CSU Spur site. Community members are invited to visit the Vida building, the opening of which coincides with the upcoming National Western Stock Show, and see the exciting research and education being offered at CSU campuses.

Vida is the first of three educational centers being opened at the Spur site and will focus on developments in research and healthcare of animals and humans.

Encountering horses as working animals, sources of entertainment, treasured companions, or symbols of freedom, visitors gain insight into and appreciation for the numerous ways that horses have shaped Colorado communities. They can examine the intricate construction of a traditional charro suit, marvel at the beadwork on a Ute saddlebag, and enjoy a souvenir bro-



"History Buffs" is a free membership for fourth-grade students in Colorado and their families. All fourth-graders are automatically eligible, and enjoy a broad selection of benefits across the state. Courtesy photo History Colorado.

chure from the 1919 National Western Stock Show.

A historic 19th-century saddle and a vibrant shirt worn for the Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo will delight horse aficionados and casual visitors alike.

Also, fourth graders in Colorado and their

families are invited to receive a free membership to History Colorado, which includes **free admission to all History Colorado museums**, including the History Colorado Center. More information is available at <https://www.historycolorado.org/historybuff>.



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- Farmers Market options this year grown in the field. The general public may shop at our Farmers Market starting this fall, Tues.–Sat.
- We have a small variety of seedlings for sale, however due to construction delays it will be next year before we will have large inventory of vegetable plants available for retail or sales of 4-pack seedlings and mature vegetable plants for sale to the home gardener.
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MUSEUM OF THE MOUNTAIN WEST HIRES ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Museum of the Mountain West, Inc (MMW), is pleased to announce that it has hired Kathryn R. Burke as Assistant Executive Director.

Burke will work directly with founder and Executive Director, Richard Fike. A priority project is a new addition to the museum's main building, including an expanded gift shop that will support future revenue growth.

Burke has more than 20 years of experience in Colorado non-profits. She has served on numerous boards of directors, including the Ridgway Ranch History Museum, and is currently the Vice President at Montrose Center for the Arts.

Coordinating with regional historical museums and organizations, Burke also pre-

sents programs on Colorado History at various locations in Montrose, Ouray, and Delta counties.

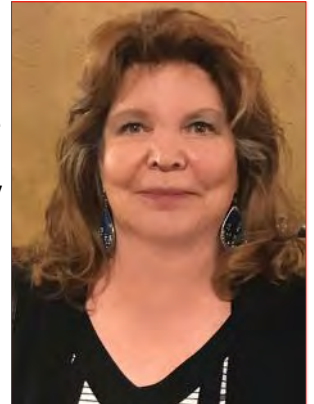
For 25 years, as owner and publisher, San Juan Publishing, Inc., which focuses on extensive social media marketing, Burke has consistently promoted and supported Colorado's cultural and creative communities.

Burke's appointment is possible, in part, by a 2021 Colorado Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan grant funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and the NEH Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) initiative. The grant award will facilitate MMW's continued contributions to the humanities

in the state of Colorado.

MMW Founder, Richard Fike said, "We are incredibly lucky to have Kate working with us. Her considerable experience in the humanities made her the ideal candidate

to increase the visibility and growth of MMW. The board met with her several times to discuss new ideas and programs to promote the museum. We look forward to working with her."



Kate Burke. Courtesy photo.

HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS: OLATHE 'WESTERN ART SHOW' AT MCA

By Caryl A. Brown

OLATHE-Montrose Center for the Arts is exhibiting a student show, "Home is Where the Art is," all this month. The goal of the show is harnessing background knowledge around life on the farm and animals, and learning about the history and artists of the west. Students in grades Kindergarten

through 5th Grade learned about famous western artists like Frederick Remington and Georgia O'Keefe, and renowned photographers such as Edward Curtis and Ansel Adams. We read picture books such as *Through Georgia's Eyes*, *A Cow's Boy*, *Antsy Adams*, and parts of *The Ghost Town at Sundown*. The lovely picture book *Roundup Rodeo* was kindly donated by the talented author, Courtney Strand, and awarded to a student at our school in December. This exhibit is an extension of the same exhibit to honor and highlight the efforts and talents of Olathe Elementary Artists. Students drew and painted



Barns and sheep. Valeria Cano-Mendez.

western themed art such as barns, cows, cowboy and cowgirl self-portraits, and learned many art concepts in the process. Students were encouraged to add their own personal details, and drew with pastels or painted using tempera and watercolor paints. Students also enjoyed traditional songs, western style music and dances like *Funky Cowboy* and *Cotton Eye Joe*.

Art teacher, Caryl A. Brown, holds a BFA and a Med. in Literacy and is a practicing, exhibiting artist who is inspired to paint



Girl Wanted by Esmeralda Ramirez, 5th grade.



Silly Cow Painting by Tory Gray, 5th grade.

and share the beauty of the American West. She also thrives integrating literacy and culture into her lessons and bringing out the creative gifts in youth. Brown believes that both Art and Music should be a consistent part of every child's education. The Arts play vital roles in the emotional, intellectual and social development of youth.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

WAXLER NAMED TO CHADRON STATE COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S LIST

Special to Art & Sol

CHADRON, NE-- Chadron State College has announced the names of 324 students on the Fall 2021 President's List, with a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. To qualify, students must have completed 45 credit hours, be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, be seeking their first bachelor's degree, and have no incomplete grades during the semester. Hometowns listed reflect the student's preferred home address. -Alexandra Waxler of Montrose, Colo. Chadron State College, which was founded in 1911, is the only four-year, regionally accredited college in the western half of Nebraska. As a public institution with its roots in teacher education, Chadron State takes pride in its accessibility and affordability. Nearly 3,000 undergraduate, graduate and online students currently attend Chadron State and its curriculum has grown to offer programs and courses in more than 50 majors and endorsements and eight master's degree programs.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations

On **January 7, 2022**, the total number of patients hospitalized with a COVID-19 illness was **8**.



Unvaccinated



Fully vaccinated

8 Hospitalized

- 6 unvaccinated
- 2 vaccinated



3 in the ICU

- 2 unvaccinated
- 1 vaccinated



1 on Ventilators

- 1 unvaccinated
- 0 vaccinated



Total hospitalized with COVID during the timeframe 10-1-21 through 12-15-21 was **211**.

27.49% Vaccinated • 0.47% Partially Vaccinated
62.09% Not Vaccinated • 9.95% Unknown Vaccine Status



MONTROSE
REGIONAL HEALTH

"Rocky Mountain Cravings"

Carole Ann McKelvey, Food Editor



HIRO HITS THAT SPECIAL SUSHI SPOT

By Carole McKelvey

MONTROSE --Sometimes I marvel at the variety of good restaurants we're so lucky to have in this little town of Montrose. On just about any night of the week you can find a good steak, great pasta and stellar Mexican dishes. But sushi?

Yes, even sushi. So far from the sea.

The other evening my son suggested we might give our local Japanese restaurant, Hiro, another try. He was in the mood for sushi. Said he hadn't had it in a long time.

Me, I was just in the mood for going out to dinner with my son, Ian. Since my friend, Michael, stepped off the planet before Christmas I've been at odds.

So Ian's invitation was a joy. It was a cold and blustery January night and who wouldn't want a nice hot bowl of miso soup? (\$2.50) Great way to take off the chill. Umm, so is a sip of sake.

My son ordered a hot tea, cupping the heat in his hands.

Me, a nice little carafe of sake please, and warm it up please. And then, so many choices.

You know I don't like too spicy, and Ian asked me to order. You can blame me if the order wasn't going to blow your socks off.

Well, you can't go wrong with a nicely made California roll, can you? (\$8) And, to add a little variety, how about we share a Philadelphia roll with that (fish and cream cheese) (\$10)? Both arrived freshly made with the typical sliced pickled ginger and spicy wasabi mustard. Hiro gives you a choice of regular or low-salt soy sauce. We shared the sushi dishes and both of us having smaller appetites, were quite satisfied with our delicious meal.

Oh, there is dessert but not tonight please.

Now Hiro has quite a menu to suit those of us who want variety or wish to, frankly, stuff our faces with yummy treats:

Lunch Specials, served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.:

Bento Box and Hibachi Express (\$11.99); Hiro lunch sushi plate (\$13.99) and Hiro lunch sashimi plate (\$14.99).

MODERN ROLL:

Montrose Roll, San Juan roll, Hiro roll (\$17.99); Black Canyon roll, Rocky Mountain roll, You're the man, and Crazy tuna (\$16.99); Dragon roll, Funky roll, Rainbow roll, Bali roll and spider roll, Sexy girl roll, Green River, Dynamite roll (\$15.99); Sunset roll, New York roll, Caterpillar roll, Colorado roll, Hawaiian roll, Rock n Roll roll, Vegas roll (\$14.99).

SUSHI NIGIRI OR SASHIMI:

Tuna, Smoked tuna, Salmon, Yellow Tail, Albacore, Red Snapper, Octopus Nigiri, squid nigiri, shrimp, crab or Masago nigiri, 2 pcs (\$6); or have Eel nigiri, (\$7).

REGULAR CLASSIC ROLLS (10)

Avocado, cucumber, sweet potatoe roll (\$6); Tuna, Salmon, Yellow Tail, vegetable roll (\$7); California, Boston, Spicy tuna, Spicy crab roll (\$8); Eel & Alaskan roll (\$9); There's also the Philadelphia roll for \$10 and a special Hamachi Kama Yellow Tail Corral/Neck for \$13.99.

SOUP:

Clear Onion Soup and Miso Soup, \$2.50

APPETIZER:

Edamame, Harumaki Spring roll (2) (\$6.99); Spicy Edamame, Agedashi tofu, Takoyaki Octopus meatball (4) (\$7.99); Gyoza dumpling (6), Chicken (2) (\$8.99) and Shrimp (2) tempura appetizer (\$8.99);

Soft Shell Crab Tempura (\$10.99).

Think I'll try that next time.

FRIED RICE

Vegetable

Fried, chicken fried rice

(\$12.99);

Steak fried rice (\$13.99) and Shrimp fried rice (\$14.99).

TEMPURA:

Tempura vegetable, Tempura tofu & vegetable dinner (\$14.99); Tempura chicken & vegetable dinner or Tempura chicken

Katsu (\$15.99) and Tempura Shrimp & vegetable dinner (\$16.99).

TERIYAKI:

Teriyaki Tofu (\$15.99); Teriyaki Chicken (\$16.99); Teriyaki Shrimp or Salmon (\$18.99) and Teriyaki steak, (\$19.99).

BOWLS:

Tuna, Salmon or Beef Hiro Bowl (\$13.99);

HIBACHI DINNER:

Hibachi Tofu (\$16.99); Hibachi Chicken

(\$18.99); Hibachi Steak or Shrimp or Salmon (\$19.99);

Hibachi Scallop (\$23.99); Hibachi Filet Mignon (\$28.99);

NOODLES

Yakisoba or Ramen noodle soup (\$12.99);

Tempura Udon (\$14.99);

If you want to add sides those run from \$3.99 to 4.99.

DESSERT

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FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

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

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

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

www.fpcmontrose.com
In Transition-Currently: Howard Davidson
 Merle Bierma
Worship Service times: 9:30AM, Student Worship at 6PM

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

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

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

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

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

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

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

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

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

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation:

Southern Baptist

Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

Office hours: Varies

Contact information:

phone number: 970-275-7026

email: 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)

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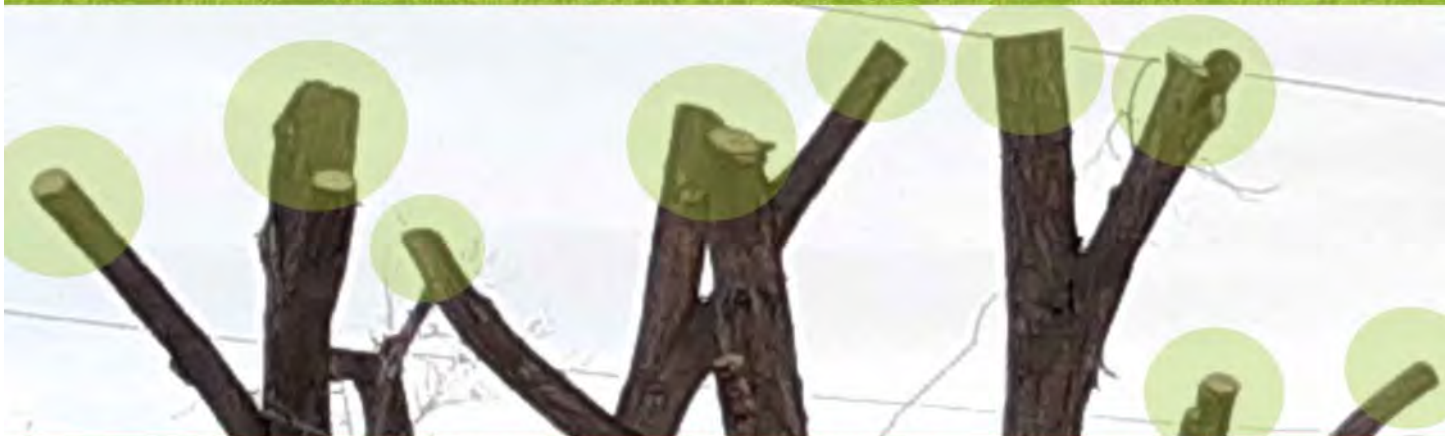
Worship service times

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?

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

2022 MINISTERIAL SCHOOL BEGINS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Applications for the next three-year program to study for the minis-

try are now available from the Spiritual Development Institute, the school of the Spiritual Awareness Center. This in-depth

program prepares the student for entering any branch of ministry with a firm foundation in spiritual education, ethics, and commitment to service. Upon graduation students may apply for ordination through the Spiritual Awareness Center.

Classes will be online utilizing email, Zoom meetings, and discussions. Students are expected to submit weekly homework assignments. The application deadline is January 21 with classes beginning the first week of February.

"This is a great study program for those people who have been called to serve as a minister to others," said Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, Dean of the Spiritual Development Institute. "The classes are designed to broaden the student's understanding of the nature of spirituality, the basic beliefs of the world's religions, what it means to be a disciple, and the ethics of ministry, among other important subjects."

Class information is available at www.spiritaware.org under the Spiritual Development Institute. A nonrefundable fee of \$10 is required with the application, together with a resume, and two letters of recommendation. Call Rev. Dr. Macdonald at 970-252-0908 for more information on how to apply.

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For additional regional testing sites, please visit www.montrosecountyjic.com
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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](#). Meetings will be on the 1st Wednesday of each month (January – May). 10am-11:30am in the downstairs meeting hall of Cedar Creek Church, 222 S. Townsend and S. 3rd. enter through the side door on S. 3rd St. Hope to meet you there! Contact Patti 951-544-6289 if you have questions.

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

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

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

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

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

MONTROSE ALTRUSA-1st Tuesday of the month Program meeting; 2nd Tuesday of the month committee meeting; 3rd Tuesday of the month Business meeting. Meetings are held at the Hampton Inn conference room at Noon.

MONTHLY

Jan.3-14- The City of Montrose's annual Christmas tree pickup service begins Monday, Jan. 3, and will run through Friday, Jan. 14. Place trees behind the curb in front of homes for pick up. . Trees must be put out by Wednesday, Jan. 12. There is no charge for this service. For more information or to request a pick-up, please contact City of Montrose Public Works at 970.240.1480.

Jan. 10-Monday Jan. 10 at 5:30pm CitizensClimateLobby.org meets at Montrose Library meeting room. New hope for Mother Earth.info 970.765.9095.

Jan.13-The American Red Cross of Western Colorado is hosting an in-person Disaster Action Team Training Academy from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022 at the Montrose County Library Community Room 320 South 2nd Street. For more information on how to get signed up for this opportunity to help your neighbors, please contact josh-ua.stewart@redcross.org.

Jan. 28-Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery presents *Residual Roots: An Art Exhibit by Cie*. The Artist Reception will be Friday evening, Jan. 28, 2022. One-of-a-kind handcrafted Wood Art pieces will be on display for viewing and purchase. Exhibit overview and Q&A session with Cie will be part of Artist Reception festivities. Wine and refreshments will be provided. Lanoue Dubois Winery will pour wines at the Artist Reception. Individuals must be 21+ years of age with a valid I.D. to consume alcohol. Special Acoustic Performance by You Knew Me When. Doors open at 6 PM. Street parking is available.

LIVE MUSIC ROUNDUP: WEEK OF JAN. 10

By Paul Arbogast

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

- Friday, Jan 14, 10 PM – Tim + Richard

Cruisers, Grand Mesa (Orchard Mesa):

- Friday, Jan 14, 9 PM - Tankerays

Grand Mesa Arts & Events Center, Cedaredge:

- Saturday, Jan 15, 7 PM - David Starr /w Erik Stucky

Horsefly Brewery:

- Wednesday, Jan 12, 6:30 PM – Open Mic Night

Mesa Theater, Grand Junction:

- Saturday, Jan 15, 7 PM - Marbin

Skorz, Grand Junction:

- Friday, Jan 14, 9 PM – Union of None

Two Rivers Tavern, Grand Junction:

- Saturday, Jan 15, 9 PM – Union of None

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