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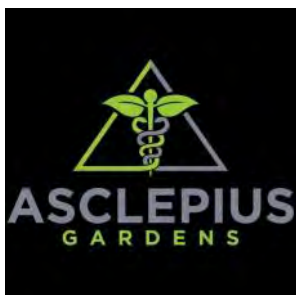
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## CITY EXTENDS MORATORIUM ON ADULT GAMING ARCADES, DESIGNATES NYE BUILDING A HISTORIC STRUCTURE



*City Public Safety Attorney Matt Magliaro has asked the state of Colorado to weigh in on the legalities of adult gaming arcades, like Tap In, above right.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Councilor Anthony Russo was absent, but the remaining members of the Montrose City Council were present for the regular meeting of Tuesday, Feb. 15. Youth City Council Representative Jasmine Hemenway was present as well.

Mayor Doug Glaspell called the meeting to order, Hemenway led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

### CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve minutes of the Jan. 31, 2022 special City Council meeting, the Feb. 1, 2022 regular City Council meeting, and [Continued pg 16](#)

## WITH OBVIOUS CONFLICT OF INTEREST, DRAGOO RESIGNS FROM HOSPITAL BOARD

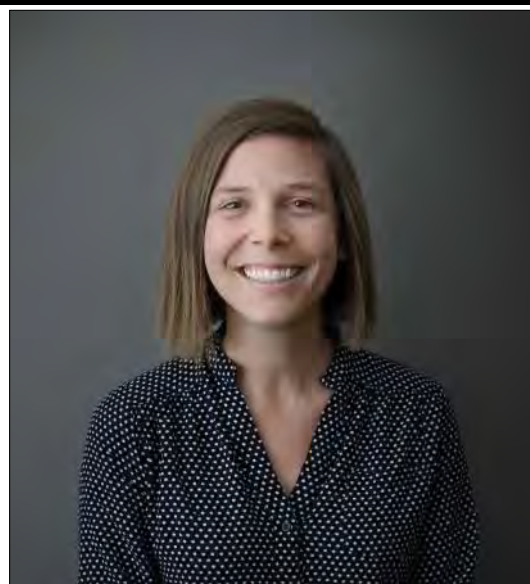
By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-During the week of Feb. 9, 2022, the community learned of two new medical centers slated for the City of Montrose.

On Feb. 10, the Montrose Regional Health (MRH) Board of Directors publicly announced a new 80,000 square foot Ambulatory Care Center would be built adjacent to Target and Hobby Lobby, near the intersection of South Townsend and Rio Grand Avenue. Construction will begin in the third quarter of 2022 and will be completed by the fourth quarter of 2023. This facility will be located on the south side of Montrose.

In a Feb. 9 news release posted on the Colorado Outdoors website and immediately circulated by the *Montrose Daily Press*, Developer David Dragoo announced the Colorado Outdoors Medical Center (COCM) project. The 50,000 square-foot facility will be built near the airport, in proximity to the proposed Fairfield by Marriott Hotel. No timeline was provided. The project backers are described as, "...a partnership between several private surgeon groups, a national specialty healthcare provider, and Colorado Outdoors." This facility will be located on the north side of Montrose.

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*On Feb. 12 Heidi Dragoo, wife of Colorado Outdoors Developer David Dragoo, resigned from the Montrose Regional Health Board of Directors. Dragoo's resignation coincides with the announcement of the two proposed medical centers which could compete for patients, as well as for community support. (MRH Board of Directors file photo).*

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### MEDICAL BUILDINGS DEBACLE: WHO KNEW WHAT AND WHEN?

*Editor:*

As reported in the MDP on February 11, 2022, article: "REGIONAL OUTPATIENT MEDICAL CENTER COMING TO COLORADO OUTDOORS".

In the same MDP edition it was announced that the "MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH TO BUILD AMBULATORY CARE CENTER".

Why is this important? The services provided by the Montrose Regional Health Hospital as a non-profit and its financial posture as a service organization to our community could be impacted?

Questions abound and require a full explanation?

How did the dual announcements on the same day come about?

Did anyone on the Montrose Health Hospital Board of Directors know of this pending deal in advance? If not, why not? or was the Board of MRH Hospital blindsided?

Did any public official including City Council Members know of the pending deal/announcement of the regional outpatient medical center coming to Colorado Outdoors in advance and was the public notified?

Were the required public hearings and notifications such as planning commissions meetings, City Council hearings and Council final approval with public input noticed or are they yet to come?

Were there any Colorado Outdoors MURA Members, (that is also made up of all city council members), notified in advance and are there, (taxpayer funded), awards to be funded or promised in advance of the MURA board approval and public notifications to the Colorado Outdoors project?

In my opinion the questions above are only the beginning of what needs to be asked. Our community has been provided the opportunity for constant care and indigent services by the non-profit MMH and now the MRHH since about 1946. There is a lot more to unpack here. The financial and provided services impact statements to Montrose need to come to light. Why all the secrecy and what's the deal here?

*Jim Anderson, Montrose*

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

### ZACH PACE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS RULED UNDETERMINED

*Editor:*

Chief Blaine Hall should get his facts straight but it just shows the lack of knowledge and care he has on this case. The coroner ruled Zach's death as undetermined.

Also, the police sat on the CBI evidence until finally we emailed and called enough they confirmed they did in fact have it. It was at least two months if not more that they had the CBI records before they closed the case. They just informed my brother in writing.

Sgt. English told us that he would be conducting follow up interviews after receipt of the CBI forensics. All of the promises from MPD have proven to be lies to push us off.

They have only made this more difficult since 2 1/2 years have gone by and we are basically starting from square one.

*Matt Pace, Montrose*

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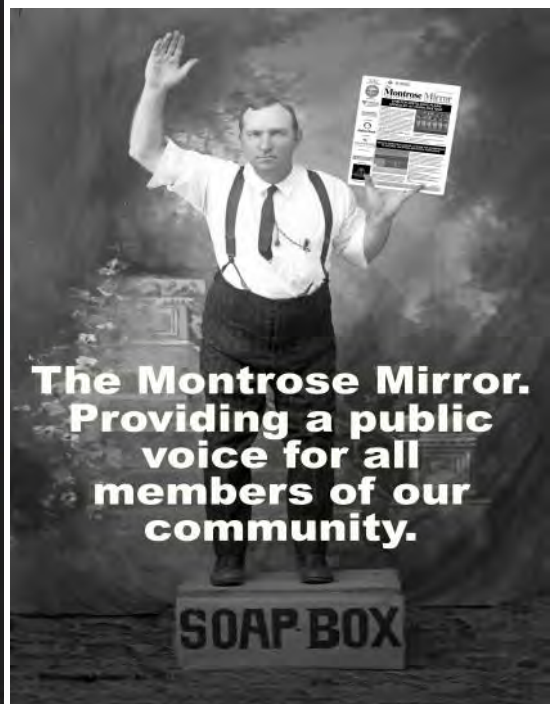
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additional sleeping room home is filled with charm and currently is the owner's residence. This space could easily convert to a catering kitchen, or a place for guests and family to rent and stay. A two car detached garage is on the property as is a large open pole barn with reclaimed benches from a local restaurant for additional seating. An additional historic horse barn could be converted into additional Air BnB spaces, and the current owner has plans to convert the old metal grainery into a drive through coffee stand. The Venue currently books several weddings per season and is already booked through October of 2022 hosting 13 weddings. Along with weddings this is the perfect venue for family reunions, business retreats, Holiday parties, and so much more. A new owner would have the benefit of the current owner staying on to train and help with the currently booked weddings, and help with tours of the venue, and keeping the grounds up. Any interested party is welcome to ask for the list of inclusions and exclusions. This is a beautifully maintained historic property located in a quant farming community in SW Colorado. Dreams can come true, and being a part of someone's special event is a heart felt moment that can never be equaled in any other profession. \$2,200,000 MLS#789938



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## WITH OBVIOUS CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, HEIDI DRAGOO STEPS DOWN FROM MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH BOARD *From pg 1*

On Feb. 12, Heidi Dragoo, wife of Colorado Outdoors developer David Dragoo, tendered her resignation as a member of the Montrose Regional Health Board of Directors. Ms. Dragoo has served on the regional hospital board since October 2017. Her resignation coincides with the announcement of the two proposed medical centers, which could compete for patients as well as for community support.

Montrose Regional Health Board of Directors Chair Dr. Kjersten Davis was asked if the board requested the resignation of Ms. Dragoo. Davis said, "It was a mutual agreement. It was the best for everyone." Every year, each of the nine-member board of directors for Montrose Regional Health is required to sign a Conflict-of-Interest statement.

Davis acknowledged the community confusion with the announcements of two new medical centers. She said, "We have been working on this [project] for a couple of years. We wanted every moving piece in place before we made an announcement. The last piece was the height vari-

ance [for the building] we needed from the city. We got that on Wednesday. We were so excited."

When asked about the Colorado Outdoors announcement Davis said, "We had no idea. We read it in the *Press*. We were very surprised and disappointed in the timing."

The Montrose Regional Health Board of Directors, which meets monthly, have yet to decide if vacated board seat will be filled now, or if they will wait to fill the vacancy through the normal election cycle, which would end in October.

On Feb. 15, a press release from the City of Montrose stated their support for both projects.

**Support for the MRH project**, "...the city staff approved building permit fee waivers while the city's Planning Commission approved a height variance for the building to help make the project a reality."

**Support for the COMC project**, "...the City of Montrose and the MURA (Montrose Urban Renewal Authority) have not committed any financial resources or incen-

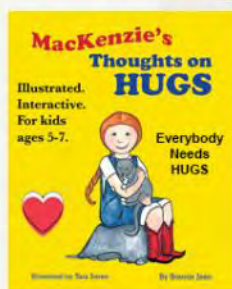
tives for this project. Additionally, the City of Montrose has not received any application for financial incentives from either the developer or the facility's management company."

City Manager Bill Bell is quoted in the press release, "There has been some confusion and misinformation following the recent public announcements of both healthcare related projects, stating that the City of Montrose has financial interests in either project, however, this is not the case." Bell requested citizens call him at 970-901-8580 if they have questions or email him at [wbell@cityofmontrose.org](mailto:wbell@cityofmontrose.org).

The City of Montrose has a vested financial interest in the success of the Colorado Outdoors development, which lies within the boundaries of the URA (Urban Renewal Area). All infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, horizontal improvements, etc.) within the URA is funded by MURA through promissory notes from the City of Montrose. The Feb. 16 monthly meeting of the MURA was postponed; an alternative date has yet to be announced.

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### CITY OFFICES CLOSED ON PRESIDENTS' DAY

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MONTROSE — City of Montrose offices will close in observance of Presidents' Day on Monday, Feb. 21, 2022.

City Hall, the Downtown Visitor Center, Municipal Court, Animal Shelter, Montrose Pavilion, and Public Works will all close in observance of the holiday.

Police Department offices will be closed but officers will be on duty and respond-

ing to calls. The Black Canyon Golf Course will remain open, but The Rusty Putter restaurant will be closed.

City residential trash customers who would normally receive service on Monday, Feb. 21, will instead be served on Tuesday, Feb. 22, and Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Monday customers located south of San Juan Avenue will be served Tuesday, Feb.

22. Monday customers residing north of San Juan Avenue will be served Wednesday, Feb. 23.

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"The Winter Policy Committee Meetings provide Club 20 members and the general public with the opportunity to learn about current issues and proposed policy changes that will impact the Western Slope," said Club 20 Executive Director, Christian Reece. "We are fortunate to have experts available in each of our policy areas who can guide our committees through discussions and help to develop actionable solutions."

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### PROGRAM: ELECTION PROCESS, SECURITY AND PRECINCT CHANGES

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REGIONAL-The League of Women Voters of the Uncompahgre Valley invites the public to join a Zoom program on, "Election Process, Election Security and Precinct Changes". The webinar will be held Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022 at Noon - 1 p.m. County Clerks and Records representing Delta (Teri Stephenson), Montrose (Tressa Guynes) and Ouray (Michelle Nauer) Counties will discuss the 2022 election season. Go to EVENTS on the LWV website for the zoom link at: <https://lww-uv.org>



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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## EMOTIONALLY CHARGED OR RESEARCH BASED – CONSIDER THE AUTHOR’S APPROACH AND DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH!

*Editor:*

In an editorial in the January 31, 2022 issue of The Montrose Mirror, the title itself says it all (“Don’t Try to Challenge a Writer’s Facts, Just Deflect”) as it clearly represents how Chanda Ouimet, Montrose, presents her own views. Facebook quote without noting the source – could it be a “far right” post? Alleging that a recent writer (WHO??) took issue with two conservative writers and attacked them but did not give Mirror readers the opportunity to view the post (link to it) to access the validity of her claim. Suggesting that the “Divider in Chief” slanders anyone in favor of election integrity. I don’t know of any American who doesn’t favor election integrity. Ensuring the integrity of our elections as well as the right to vote and having our votes count is the foundation of our democracy.

And here we go again speculating on whether or not Russia interfered with elections. And throwing out other issues without credible proof, e.g. crime, inflation, Build Back Better and being woke?? Everyone has the right to express their opinion whether the person’s position is clearly stated presenting factual information to support that position or whether the person presents their views in a manner that emotionally charges the audience reading it. For the latter, I encourage those reading these editorials to look beyond the views expressed rather than taking them at face value. Are they presenting their own views, because they have constructed them based on faulty information? Without substantiating their position with sources how would one have the opportunity to evaluate the reasoning behind the opinion?

After reading so many editorials that, to me, lean more toward trying to divide us with emotional rhetoric and name calling rather than providing information that helps us understand that person’s position, I chose to provide more background behind the views presented in this editorial

by her. I’ve also included links to the full content of my references and encourage you to look at these and other sources as well. Taking this additional step when we read the views of others, whether we agree or disagree with them, allows all of us to put aside emotional reactions, better understand opposing viewpoints, talk about our viewpoints in an atmosphere where we share sources, discuss relevancy, and move us toward mutual understanding by considering all sides of the issue.

Here are some things to consider regarding this editorial. Regarding the Voting Rights Act, this writer notes that the **bill** would **unconstitutionally** impose federal control of elections in all fifty states.

1.The bills brought forward to the House and Senate were **NOT** the Voting Rights Act passed by Congress in 1965 and amended a number of times under both Democratic and Republican majorities (1970, 1975, 1982, 1992, and 2006.) They were proposed amendments to that Act. HR1, “For the People Act of 2021” was a proposed bill to amend the Act, was passed by the House and sent to the Senate. S.2747, “Freedom to Vote Act” was the Senate version of this proposed bill to amend the Voting Rights Act and was rejected by the Senate. If you read the reason Republicans voted against this Senate bill you will find that there is no reference to the proposed bill being unconstitutional nor any constitutional issues with respect to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

2.These proposed bills were not the only bills submitted to Congress since the 2006 amendment to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed by President George W Bush. It is the latest of several bills introduced in Congress after the Supreme Court in 2013 invalidated the Voting Rights Act’s coverage formula. In 2019, a Republican and Democrat introduced a bipartisan legislation proposing the coverage formula cover 13 states with a history of voter discrimination – Alabama, Georgia,

Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Arkansas, Arizona, California, New York and Virginia attempting to create a new coverage formula. See Wikipedia Amendments to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amendments\\_to\\_the\\_Voting\\_Rights\\_Act\\_of\\_1965](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amendments_to_the_Voting_Rights_Act_of_1965).

For more information on the provisions of HR1, For the People Act of 2021, see BallotPedia, [https://ballotpedia.org/HR1,\\_%22For\\_the\\_People\\_Act\\_of\\_2021%22](https://ballotpedia.org/HR1,_%22For_the_People_Act_of_2021%22) or read the entire bill at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116hr1eh/pdf/BILLS-116hr1eh.pdf>. Some provisions expanded voter registration and voting access, limited removing voters from voter rolls, and addressed troubling campaign finance provisions. The Senate (S.2747, Freedom to Vote Act, can be read in its entirety at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2747/text>) and focused on similar provisions.

3.The House and Senate bills were also an attempt to restore the federal government’s enforcement powers at the ballot box after several court decisions. One of those rulings impacted the Justice Department’s system for preapproving changes in jurisdictions with a history of discrimination thus allowing states to pass new restrictions on voting without any scrutiny. Another weakened the federal government’s legal authority to challenge discriminatory voting laws. See How the Voting Rights Act Came to Be and How It’s Changed, <https://www.npr.org/2021/08/26/1026457264/1965-voting-rights-act-supreme-court-john-lewis>.

4.The House and Senate have the right to pass bills that protect ALL of us against discriminatory practices that would impact our right to vote.

a. The Election Clause of the Constitution, article I, section 4, clause 1, as

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as affirmed by the Supreme Court, which provides Congress the authority to provide a complete code for CONGRESSIONAL elections with respect to the “power of Congress over Times, Places and Manner of congressional elections.” Justia US Law notes: “Framers understood the Elections Clause as a grant of authority to issue procedural regulations, and not as a source of power to dictate electoral outcomes, to favor or disfavor a class of candidates, or to evade important constitutional restraints.” <https://law.justia.com/constitution/us/article-1/18-congressional-power-to-regulate.html> Courts have distinguished state laws that go beyond “protection of the integrity and regularity of the election process,” and instead operate to disadvantage a particular class of candidate.

b. Voting rights are guaranteed by the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendment to the US Constitution. After a history of impeding certain individuals from voting, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was enacted. It was a landmark piece of FEDERAL legislation that prohibited discrimination in voting by prohibiting states and local government from imposing any voting rules that would deny or abridge the right of any citizen to vote on account of race or color or membership in a language minority group. There have been multiple amendments to this law sometimes to overturn Supreme Court cases. The act contains two types of provisions – general apply nationally and special apply to only certain states and local governments.

The Voting Rights Act (as amended) being discussed in the news is the federal legislation passed in 1965 to protect voter rights under the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution. The Justice Department has called this act “the most successful piece of civil rights legislation ever adopted by the United States Congress.” Bipartisan majorities in Congress have reauthorized this act five times and made modifications to address Court rulings. In 2006, then-President George W. Bush “lauded the law and pledged to defend it in court.” In the last few years, the Su-

preme Court, in two decisions spanning eight years, has upended the law’s core enforcement powers which has prompted some members of Congress to address these concerns by passing a bill in the House that they believed would protect the right of all to vote. See NPR article cited above, <https://www.npr.org/2021/08/26/1026457264/1965-voting-rights-act-supreme-court-john-lewis>. So, Congress does have the Constitutional right and responsibility to ensure our right to vote is protected through federal laws.

So, do some of these new State laws impact the integrity of the vote or impede the ability of people to vote? Read the legislation (<https://int.nyt.com/data/documenttools/georgia-sb-202/8f7976cadb0bcb56/full.pdf>) and read what multiple sources say and then decide for yourself. Here are some of the provisions The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, May 6, 2021, “What you need to know about the state’s voting access and restrictions,” article says about that State’s legislation:

- 1.It prohibits people from giving food and water to voter’s waiting to vote.
- 2.Mail ballot applications can’t be sent to registered voters – Colorado mails ballots to registered voters – very convenient!
- 3.Imposed strict forms of identification to receive and return mail ballots (many states (including Georgia previously) compare the signature on mail-in ballots to the voter’s registration record for validation.
- 4.Reduces the total number of drop boxes limiting access for largely populated jurisdictions.
- 5.Drop boxes must be located at official election offices and inside early voting locations limiting the hours they can be accessed and are only allowed during early voting periods. It limits weekday early voting to the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM with limited extended hours outside these hours.
- 6.If someone goes to the wrong precinct by accident, they will be turned away rather than being offered a provisional bal-

lot.

7.The State Election Board can investigate and replace local election officials. Election management, including decisions on disqualifying ballots and other eligibility, are made by county boards of election. The legislature (Republican-dominated body) appoints the chair and two members of this five-member board.

For an expanded view of the nationwide actions States have taken regarding voter regulations, you might want to read NPR’s article “Map: See Which States Have Restricted Voter Access, And Which States Have Expanded It,” <https://www.npr.org/2021/08/13/1026588142/map-see-which-states-have-restricted-voter-access-and-which-states-have-expanded>.

Finally, the comment that “Wallace, Connor, and everyone else who proclaimed ‘segregation forever’ were mainstream Democrats” – so????? She is correct regarding their party affiliation. Here is an interesting read by Vox on one view of how this transition took place – “How Republicans went from the party of Lincoln to the party of Trump, in 13 maps,” <https://www.vox.com/2016/7/20/12148750/republican-party-trump-lincoln>.

Here is some information I’ve read. The Republican party was originally founded in the mid-1800s to oppose immigration and the spread of slavery. The Democratic party was entrenched in the South and came to be a defender of a way of life – restoration of white supremacy. Up until after WW II, Democrats were so entrenched that Southern politicians typically couldn’t get elected unless they were Democrats. But when Democrat President Harry Truman introduced a pro-civil rights platform at his party’s 1948 convention a fraction walked out and held a separate convention in Birmingham, Alabama where they nominated Governor Strom Thurmond, a staunch opposer of civil rights, to run for President. The South still voted Democrat since it believed the Republican party was the party of Abraham Lincoln and Reconstruction. Some believe that when President Johnson signed the



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Civil Rights Act in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act in 1965, it resulted in the defection of Southern Democrats who then became Republicans. By the time Ronald Reagan became president in 1980, the Republican party's hold on white Southerners was firm.

But what's the point – is she suggesting that today's Democrats are against protecting voter rights like the predecessor Democrats named?

There are differing opinions on the message Biden intended when he referenced Connor and Wallace. **My perception** is that the author of this editorial felt Biden's comments were intended to suggest that those that voted against this bill supported the views of these individuals (segregation and discrimination.) A differing observation is that these two individuals were historically remembered for certain actions they took and that if Republi-

cans voted against this bill, they too may be remembered in history for their actions in rejecting what some Americans believe to be steps to maintain the power of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and to protect all American's voting rights. Delving into history, Connor is remembered for supporting white supremacy and denying civil rights to black citizens. Wallace is remembered for saying during his 1963 inaugural address after being elected governor of Alabama in 1962 that "Segregation now! Segregation tomorrow! Segregation forever!" He also supported policies of "Jim Crow" during the Civil Rights Movement. The most important thing is to read what was said and frame your own opinion! This link will take you to Biden's speech in Atlanta: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2022/01/11/remarks-by-president-biden-on-protecting-the->

[right-to-vote/](#).

In closing, I want to emphasize that I respect the position of all who take the time and energy to express their viewpoints, no matter what it is.

But I ask those that read these editorials to weigh the information – is it based on emotional rhetoric and meant to insight divisiveness and mistrust in our fellow Americans or does it support our freedom in a democracy to present differing opinions in a respectful manner presenting logical arguments with credible research to support those views?

And, take that next step by challenging what you read in the press and hear on television by doing your own research, reading all sides, and looking at reliable sources of information, and weighing everything to make your own decision on the truth of things.

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
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

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DELTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MAKES ARREST IN PAONIA DOUBLE HOMICIDE CASE

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-On Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, Delta County Sheriff's Office investigators, along with the Lemhi County Sheriff's Office in Salmon, Idaho, Idaho State Police, Colorado Bureau of Investigation and other Federal law enforcement partners executed a search warrant at a residence in Salmon, Idaho belonging to Mark Burns age 65.

Mark Burns was ultimately arrested and charged with the murder of Michael Arnold age 69 and Donna Gallegos age 65. Arnold and Gallegos were found deceased in their Paonia home on Black Bridge Rd east of Paonia on February 4, 2022 and the investigation revealed they had sustained multiple gunshot wounds. Sheriff Taylor would like to thank everyone involved in this case for their dedica-

tion and perseverance to collect and examine evidence and identify a suspect in these murders which lead them to the arrest of Mark Burns. Pictured is Mr. Burn's booking photo at the Delta County jail after he waived extradition from Idaho and was booked into the Delta County Jail on February 17, 2022.

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# CITY EXTENDS MORATORIUM ON ADULT GAMING ARCADES

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the [Feb. 1, 2022](#) regular City Council meeting, and the [Feb. 2, 2022](#) special City Council meeting

### RESOLUTION 2022-03

As previously discussed in work session, Council voted to adopt [Resolution 2022-03](#), authorizing the filing of a Community Development Block Grant application on behalf of Haven House, which will use the funds to expand its current facility at 4806 N. River Road in Olathe, adding additional low-income and transitional housing units and establishing a Colorado-licensed early childhood education program.

Haven House President Larry Frederickson expressed gratitude on behalf of the organization, "...It means a lot to Haven House, and it means a lot to the people we serve."

### RESOLUTION 2022-04

As previously discussed in work session, Council voted to approve [Resolution 2022-04](#), authorizing the City of Montrose Police Department to file a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant through the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice for a two-year grant totaling \$65,000, for the two-year lease of a Victim Services vehicle at \$11,000 (\$5,500 per year), \$54,000 (\$27,000 per year) for 49.09 percent of the full-time base salary of the Victim Advocate position for 2023-2024; authorizing a grant match of \$16,250 (\$8,125 per year); authorizing the Chief of Police to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required; and authorizing the City Manager, Chief of Police, and Finance Director to sign the grant application documents.

### ORDINANCE 2563-FIRST READING

Assistant City Attorney for Public Safety Matt Magliaro presented [Ordinance 2563](#), extending until Sept. 21, 2022 the city-wide temporary moratorium (previously scheduled to expire on March 20, 2022) to prohibit the establishment of any new or relocation of existing adult gaming arcade uses within the City limits of the City of Montrose; providing that the moratorium shall be in effect for a period which shall terminate at the earliest of the City's

adoption of an amendment to Title 4, Chapter 14 Adult Business Regulations, or the expiration of three hundred sixty-five (365) days from date of passage of Emergency Ordinance 2560; providing for legislative findings, intent, and purpose; providing for a revised definition of the use of adult gaming arcades for the purposes of this Ordinance; providing repealing clauses; and providing an effective date.

Magliaro also asked Council for express authority directing staff to communicate a formal request to the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Colorado to obtain a formal written AG opinion or at least written guidance on the legality of the gaming devices and mechanics of play offered to the public by the adult gaming arcade establishments under Colorado law, and whether a home rule municipality may lawfully enact a ban by ordinance and co-regulate in this area with the State.

Magliaro has done extensive research concerning Ordinance 2563, reaching out to district attorneys, municipal attorneys, agents, and officials on a local and statewide basis.

Council voted to adopt Resolution 2563 on First Reading.

### ORDINANCE 2577-FIRST READING

As previously [discussed](#) in two separate work sessions, Council voted to adopt [Ordinance 2577](#) on First Reading, updating Title 6 Chapter 1, Miscellaneous Offenses: repealing and recodifying Title 6 Chapter 1 Section 27 (6-1-27) only regarding underage possession of tobacco/cannabis and paraphernalia, adding Title 6 Chapter 1 Section 26 (6-1-26) regarding underage possession of tobacco and tobacco paraphernalia; repealing and replacing Title 6 Chapter 1 Section 27 (6-1-27) regarding underage possession of cannabis and cannabis paraphernalia.

### ORDINANCE 2579-FIRST READING

Councilor J. David Reed recused from consideration of [Ordinance 2579](#), as he provides legal representation to the owner/applicant. Deputy planner William Reis presented information on the Ordinance, which amends the zoning designation of

the Yocum Addition from R-2 Low Density District to R-3A Medium High-Density District.

Mike Serak of Developer [Real America Companies](#) spoke about the company and gave an overview of plans for the property. The Residences at Dry Cedar Creek are in the preliminary stages. Information is included in the meeting packet. The project will be adjacent to the Montrose Recreation Center with access from Ogden Road. A public meeting was held on Jan. 13 at the Rec Center and 27 individuals attended.

Commenting on the project was Adam Renfrow of Montrose, who expressed approval and satisfaction with the Real America development.

With Reed abstaining, Council voted to approve Ordinance 2579.

### ORDINANCE 2578 - FIRST READING

Planner William Reis presented [Ordinance 2578](#) on First Reading, updating Title 4, Chapter 15, Historic Preservation Regulations of the City of Montrose: Amending Title 4 Chapter 15 Section 2 (4-15-2) regarding the composition of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Council voted to adopt Ordinance 2578 on First Reading.

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION BYLAWS

Council voted to approve [Historic Preservation Commission Bylaws](#) as presented.

### ORDINANCE 2580 FIRST READING

Council voted to adopt [Ordinance 2580](#) on first reading, designating the S.H. Nye Building, 428 E Main Street, Montrose, Colorado, as a City of Montrose Historic Property.

*Background-The [Historic Preservation Commission application](#) prepared by Reis notes that "Samuel Huntington Nye was born on Sept. 26, 1848, in Pittsford, New York.*

*He grew into adulthood there and reportedly went to Denver in 1878 but was enumerated in the 1880 census living with his parents on their farm. He was one of the earliest settlers in the Uncompahgre Valley and homesteaded a 160-acre parcel along the Uncompahgre River about two miles*



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south of Olathe along River Road just south of Herman Road. When Montrose County was established, he was appointed by the governor of Colorado as one of the first three County Commissioners, along with A. E. Buddecke and O. D. Loutsenhizer, on March 12, 1883. Nye is credited with being the first to grow fruit trees in Montrose County. He is known to have had a 20-acre orchard of pears, cherries, and apples and also grew potatoes and oats."

The application includes detailed information on the history of the Nye Building. "...In January 1909, it was reported that Nye had purchased two lots from the Odd Fellows on Main Street for \$6,560 and planned to build a two-story building there that spring (Montrose Daily Press, January 19, 1909:1). The 50-x-125-ft. building with a 30-x-60-ft. basement at the rear was designed by John H. Antrobus. The downstairs had two large storefronts separated by a central stairway to the second floor. The contract to construct the building went to W. C. Boyer and Charles Hawkins of Grand Junction. The dollar amount was not publicized, but it was believed to be over \$15,000...The contract to construct the building was signed in April 1909, and preparations were immediately made to begin. Waterlines were in place by early May and excavations for the foundation underway by mid-June. The first load of brick from the Buckley Brick & Tile Company arrived later in June. The brick was the first order of brick from the new Buckley brick plant in Montrose. Brick laying began in July...After disputes with the contractor, Nye accepted the building as complete in early February 1910 (Montrose Daily

Press, February 12, 1910:3)."

## BUCKLEY/LIONS PARK IRRIGATION REPLACEMENT CONTRACT RECOMMENDATION

Councilor J. David Reed recused from consideration and left the room due to an attorney-client relationship. Council voted without Reed to approve the [award of a contract to Stryker and Company, Inc.](#) in the amount of \$802,073.74 for the Buckley/Lions Irrigation Replacement Project.

The matter was previously discussed in work session. Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said that trees will be replaced as needed.

## STAFF REPORTS

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the [Sales Use & Excise Tax Report for December](#).

Wittenberg also presented the [Fourth Quarter Budget Review](#). The audit process is in full swing, Wittenberg said. "Hoping to have that back to you soon."

Hemenway presented an update on the activities of the Youth Council. "Recently we had a presentation given by two representatives from the Montrose High School," she said. "Where we discussed putting into a system where we could create space...an area or space for students who are going into college and out of high school, to learn where they could go and how to sign up for colleges, as well as work and jobs they can go to after school."

The presentation also focused on the high school's efforts to promote college readiness, and programs that offer internship opportunities and ICAP career planning, she said. Upcoming Youth Council activities include a clothing drive for homeless

youth in Montrose, "We hope to find an area where we can donate it to and disperse it into the community as well," Hemenway said.

Youth Council is planning to clean up along the river for Earth Week, and to adopt a roadway for cleanup.

Councilor Barbara Bynum said the free forum in the Cascade Room at Colorado Mesa University is back in swing from 8 to 9am on Wednesdays.

Community Program Specialist Ross Valdez said that there will be a Latinx Citizens Police Academy on April 12, 19 and 16. Topics will include interacting with the police, sexual abuse, domestic violence, mental health, and drug use. Food, interpretation services, and childcare will be provided.

"We are hoping that our Latinx community will be able to join us." Valdez repeated the message in Spanish. Register by calling 970-240-1471.

Police Chief Blaine Hall said there was a Police Hiring event set for Feb. 19. In addition to vehicles and equipment a large selection of Montrose police officers would be present to discuss careers.

Mayor Glaspell asked if age would be a barrier if he and Councilor Bynum wanted to take the class.

"Age is absolutely not a problem, Mr. Mayor," Hall said.

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank said, "If I apply, can I get past the whole running thing?"

"Why are you putting me on the spot?" Hall said, "For you sir, we'll do an extra 440."

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

# COLORADO OUTDOORS MEDICAL CENTER IS A BAD IDEA FOR MONTROSE

*Editor:*

I was confused when I learned that two new outpatient medical facilities had announced their plans “coincidentally” on the same day. But when Heidi Dragoo resigned from our hospital board to “avoid the perception of a conflict of interest” my confusion changed to deep concern.

Montrose Regional Health board president Kjersten Davis was quoted as saying that this is an “unfortunate circumstance”, that two competing facilities will “hurt the community”, that Colorado Outdoors Medical Center will threaten MRH’s “status as a local, independent hospital”, and that she is worried that “the pie isn’t big enough to divide two ways”. I totally agree with her.

I have served on our hospital board for a total of sixteen years albeit my service was so long ago that I’m no longer in the loop with current hospital affairs. However there are certain basic principles of county hospital operations that don’t change. MRH is and always has been a not for profit institution.

Usually competition is a good thing but only if the playing field is level. As a non-profit MRH treats everyone that presents through their doors regardless of type of treatment needed or ability to pay. Not so for facilities like the proposed COMC. They will offer treatment only for lines of care that are profitable and to patients that can pay. They will siphon off the cream of medical services and leave

the charity and indigent care to MRH.

County hospitals like MRH have struggled for many years to remain independent. There are large for profit healthcare groups in Denver and Salt Lake City that would love to swoop in and take over our hospital. If that happens they too will concentrate on the bottom line cutting less profitable lines of care and turning away patients that can’t prove an ability to pay. Obstetrics has always been an unprofitable department in hospitals and many for profit healthcare facilities no longer have delivery rooms. This is just one example of what could happen if MRH can’t remain financially sustainable.

As founder of Colorado Outdoors David Dragoo has consistently touted that he supports our local economy and wants only the best for our community. Dr. Mary Vader said that the “optics of the situation trouble her”. They trouble me too. But even if we give Mr. and Mrs. Dragoo the benefit of the doubt regarding their involvement in this “coincidence”, I would ask that they reconsider their support for COMC. To them I would say please use whatever influence you have to stop this project. A competing medical facility at this time is definitely not in the best interest of our citizens or overall healthcare in Montrose. We need to keep Montrose Regional Health a strong, viable, independent hospital.

Thank you for taking time to consider my concerns.

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Elizabeth Garner is the Colorado State Demographer and has directed the State Demography Office in the Department of Local Affairs since 2004. Elizabeth travels the state talking with Coloradans about social and economic conditions that are brought about by population shifts. The State Demography Office applies an understanding of demographic trends to changes in a range of areas including the state's economy, workforce, education, housing, migration, and rural populations.

Elizabeth has over 25 years of experience analyzing population and economic trends in Colorado. Her current research agenda involves examining Census 2020 results, demographic impacts from COVID-19, housing supply and demand, and aging.

Elizabeth is an economist and received her B.A. in Business at the University of San Diego and her masters in Agricultural and Resource Economics at Colorado State University. Elizabeth was born and raised in



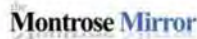
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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### GMUG USED VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT ONLINE AUCTION

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests is offering the public an opportunity to purchase used government vehicles from an online used vehicle and equipment auction scheduled for Feb. 25 through March 4, 2022. It is standard procedure for the Forest Service to sell used fleet vehicles. This auction is open to all members of the public. A total of 10 items including pickup trucks, a house trailer, belly dump and trailer dump will be sold to the highest bidder through an auction on the General Services Administration (GSA) website.

"People will have an opportunity to look at the vehicles ahead of time so they are ready to put in their bids during the auction," said Paul Azevedo, GMUG Fleet Manager. "These vehicle auctions require a lot of pre-planning and we are excited to be able to offer an online option as an alternative to previous used vehicle auctions."

Potential bidders can inspect the vehicles at 1560 H 50 road, across the highway from Guthrie's Flooring in Delta, CO from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday through March 4. Viewing is not available Thursdays-Sundays.

For internet auction vehicle viewing and information, go to <https://gsaauctions.gov/gsaauctions/> and view the instructions, registration and payment information. For questions about individual vehicles contact the Fleet Management Office at (970) 874-6109.

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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## CPW WARNS OF SEASONAL RESTRICTIONS ON SHED ANTLER COLLECTION

### *Special to the Mirror*

**FAIRPLAY**— To protect wintering big-game animals and sage grouse species, Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds the public that the collection of shed antlers on all public lands west of I-25 is prohibited from Jan. 1 through April 30.

This closure, in place since 2018, is intended to protect wintering animals from unnecessary human disturbance during the late winter months when ungulate body condition is at its worst.

Big game and sage grouse species live in a basic survival mode during the winter when food is scarce. If forced to move and burn calories unnecessarily, wildlife can lose vital energy stores that they put on in the summer and fall to help last them until the spring green-up.

In addition to the statewide restrictions, additional special regulations are also in place for the Gunnison Basin. In Game Management Units 54, 55, 66, 67 and 551, it is illegal to search for or possess antlers and horns on public lands between legal sunset and 10 a.m. from May 1 through May 15.

Shed antler collecting has become very popular. The interest in personal and commercial collection has led to a substantial increase in the number of people searching for antlers across big-game winter range in Colorado. The seasonal prohibition applies to both commercial and personal collectors.

It is not just those out there looking to find shed antlers that can stress wintering wildlife either. Carpenter encourages those participating in all forms of winter recreation that if you see wildlife, give them a wide berth.

"When you are out there in the winter time, you don't want to disturb the animals," he said. "You don't want to go up close to them, get close-up pictures, you don't want to make them walk away from what they are doing. Go the other way if you can. They are most vulnerable this time of year."

Wildlife officers and biologists continue to educate the public about the negative impacts to wildlife caused by irresponsible shed collection and winter recreational activity. Violators of these regulations may

face a \$137 fine per violation, in addition to separate fines for illegal possession of each shed antler and the five license suspension points that are assessed for each violation. In addition, apart from the shed collection rules, harassing wildlife remains illegal and CPW officers will cite individuals for vio-

lating this regulation, too. Harassing wildlife includes a \$137 fine that also carries 10 license suspension points.

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### TIMBERLINE BANK WELCOMES NEW CHIEF CREDIT OFFICER

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nounced a new  
Chief Credit  
Officer at the

Grand Junction Headquarters location. On Feb. 1, 2022, Timberline Bank announced Aaron Miller as the Chief Credit Officer (CCO) for Timberline Bank.

Miller brings 22 years of previous experience in the finance industry in both lending and branch management. Miller's educational background in Business Finance and Graduate Degree from the University of Colorado- School of Banking provides a solid foundation for his role as CCO.

"We are happy to add Aaron's experience and knowledge to our team to help take us to the next level of banking" said Co-CEO, Jim Pedersen.

"With Timberline's continued growth and success, stepping into this new role will direct focus on and improve efficiencies throughout the entire loan process," said Miller.

The addition of Miller to the team is an added value resource for Timberline Bank and their communities. Miller comes to Timberline from a larger financial institution, allowing him to share perspectives in various banking aspects.

"I'm excited to share my past experiences with my new coworkers and be a part of Timberline's future success," said Miller.

Timberline Bank welcomes Miller to the team as he begins this new adventure.

For more information about Timberline Bank, contact us at info@timberlinebank.com or call (970)-683-5560. Our focus has been and always will be on the Communities We Serve!



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~ Tonya Maddox

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. DO NOT GIVE UP OR GIVE IN

*Editor:*

The last several weeks it seems that the majority of opinions in the MONTROSE MIRROR are letters blaming everything and anything they feel is wrong - on the Democrats - on Biden - on the liberals. I don't agree with everything the Democrats or Biden does, but right now I'm having a hard time finding anything I can agree with from the Republicans.

I felt both anger and a feeling of incredulous dismay when I read opinions that it is the Democrats who are the "insurrectionists" and not the rioters who stormed our Nation's Capitol on January 6th. This was an attack on democracy. Although the Capitol was not burned down like the British did during the War of 1812, this was an even more grievous act in that it was carried out by American citizens brought on by the encouragement, and then later the failure to act to stop the insurrection, by a president who legally lost the election in 2020. A man who refuses to admit he lost. A man who has fought against a peaceful transfer of power. A man who took a cache of classified documents to Mar-A-Lago. A man whose accounting firm of over ten years has called his financial statements unreliable and dumped him as a client.

Another writer wrote that the liberals should move to some place like China, North Korea, or Iran (Personally, I wish that writer had offered Canada, New Zealand, Australia or Tahiti). Is that writer saying that because people don't agree with them, our country only belongs to right-wing Republicans?

I am not going to regurgitate all the ongoing rants and ravings with the exception of one. A writer wrote that Trump was the greatest president ever. I guess one can make this statement since history is not supposed to be taught anymore. But, here goes, a little history.

Abraham Lincoln fought with all his might, including giving his life, to preserve the Union and end slavery. Theodore Roo-

sevelt recognized the importance of our public lands (national parks, national forests, wildlife refuges, national monuments, etc.) and used his "Bully Pulpit" to bring down capitalistic monopolies that prayed upon the working families. Franklin Delano Roosevelt brought about democratic socialism to end 'The Great Depression'. Yes, democratic socialism means Medicare, Social Security, interstate highways, transportation infrastructures, libraries, police departments to name a few; it does not mean communism. Lyndon Baines Johnson, knowing his decision would infuriate and turn the Southern Democrats against him, still moved forward with civil rights and voting rights reforms. Tell us one thing the former, twice impeached president ever accomplished, not for him, but for the American people.

Two Republicans, who are on the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger, were recently censured by the RNC. These two voted over 90% of the time on policies backed by the former president. Yet because they speak out about the January 6th Insurrection, they are censured? Even a former conservative federal judge, J. Michael Luttig, called this "nonsense" and "utter madness" calling it "the definition of failed leadership".

Democracy. To paraphrase historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, democracy is the right of the people to elect their leaders. Very simple.

Look at our very own state of Colorado. We have made it extremely easy to register and to vote. You can vote at a polling place, drop off your ballot in a voting box, or mail in your ballot. You'll even receive a text or email message that your ballot was received and counted. Plus, you can register on the same day you vote.

Voter fraud? Best example of voter fraud is to look north to Mesa County. There Tina Peters, Republican county clerk, al-

lowed the password to the voting machines be made available to an unauthorized individual.

Plus, in a previous election, she left several hundreds of ballots to sit in a box outside her office. This fine example of an elected official is now running for Colorado Secretary of State.

Yet several states across our Nation are passing laws to insure that many people will be prevented or restricted from voting. Our soldiers stood guard outside polling booths in Iraq to insure the Iraqis the freedom and safety to vote. Remember these proud people displaying their purple thumbs showing they voted? So if the Republicans really want to go back in time, why don't they just return to when only white males holding property could vote? Such as it was in the 1700s. Sorry, history again.

I am also discouraged and troubled by those writers who asked to be taken off the list to receive the MONTROSE MIRROR, as they were sickened by what they labeled as persistent tirades from a consistent group of people that spew hate and vile. Instead, flood the MONTROSE MIRROR with your thoughts, your feelings to counteract the severe right-wing fringe that currently over-run the opinion section. Those writers are doing nothing to make things better in our country.

So if you disagree with the group that submit their views most every week, write your own letter to the editor. Speak out for democracy. Speak out for making our Nation and Colorado a better place to live, raise kids and grandkids, work or retire, and recreate. Protect the right to vote. Protect our public lands. Speak out. Speak the truth. Let your voice be heard. Do not give up or give in.

Our Nation began as an experiment in governing. A democracy, as Lincoln said at Gettysburg, "to be governed of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

*Jon Sering, Montrose*



## CITY COUNCIL LOOKS AT CODE REVISIONS FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING



Montrose City Council met for a regularly scheduled work session on Monday, Feb. 14.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council met for a regularly scheduled work session on Monday, Feb. 14. All councilors were present except for Anthony Russo; Mayor Doug Glaspell opened the work session.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### Municipal Code Revisions for Supportive Housing

Community Engagement Specialist Ross Valdez presented Municipal Code Revisions for Supportive Housing. The revisions were also discussed in a previous work session.

*Background-* A memo from Valdez to Council states that the revisions are intended to increase solutions available to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness and who have a barrier to employment and housing stability by allowing supportive housing as a conditional use in the following zoning districts: OR Office-Residential District, B-3 General Commercial District, I-1 Light Industrial District, and I-2 General Commercial District... Occupancy of supportive housing is intended to be long term with stays of 30 consecutive days or more.

Councilor Barbara Bynum asked who makes the final decisions on conditional uses, "...is that decided by staff, or planning commission, or council?"

Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler

said that conditional use applications would go before the Planning Commission in a public hearing and would not come before Council except in the event of a de novo hearing or an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision.

Councilor J. David Reed asked about efforts made to notify the public of the proposed revisions.

Valdez said, "I have reached out to different groups that are concerned, non-profits, individuals that are concerned about housing in Montrose and I have let them know...but there hasn't been public noticing specifically for this."

The revisions are the result of different groups that are considering different supportive housing projects reaching out to the city, Valdez said. "...This is a response to a need that's been demonstrated by community members that are working with these different families and individuals."

Reed said, "But the actual first public noticing will be when we publish...a notice for first reading."

"Yes," Valdez said.

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank said that some of the definitions are very well worded this time and are more clear. "When we do bring this out before the public it's going to be a lot less confusing. Very Good job."

Mayor Doug Glaspell said that the revisions

were well done and asked if the matter would be publicly noticed when it comes before council for approval.

Any code changes must be published seven days before the meeting, City Clerk Lisa Del Piccolo said.

City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said that the City has retained Attorney Gerald Dahl for land use consultation, and that Assistant City Attorney Chris Dowsey has worked on the code modifications as well.

#### Pavement Marking Contract Extension

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid presented a proposed contract extension for Stripe a Lot.

*Background-* A memo from Scheid to Council states, "The contract that City Staff is recommending to extend with Stripe a Lot began in 2021 after an RFP was issued and Stripe a Lot was awarded the pavement marking scope for 2021. The scope for 2022 has remained very similar to 2021, except that some of the material type has been adjusted to utilize a higher performing epoxy in areas that traffic counts are becoming higher. Stripe a Lot has submitted a letter from their supplier documenting an increase in raw material cost from 2021 to 2022, this letter is attached in this packet. Stripe a Lot is proposing a 10 percent increase to the City from 2021 rates."

#### Niagara-Hillcrest Roundabout Design Contract Award

City Engineer Scott Murphy discussed the Niagara-Hillcrest Roundabout professional design services contract award to Felsburg, Holt, and Ullevig in the amount of \$183,422.50 for completion of design studies and civil design associated with the Niagara-Hillcrest Roundabout Project. The City is beginning the property acquisition process.

*Background-* A memo from Murphy to Council states, "The City of Montrose performed a traffic study of the Hillcrest Drive corridor between Miami and Niagara Roads in early 2016. Based on the results of this study and in response to citizen requests, the City has elected to install roundabouts along this corridor to address capacity and safety issues at each of its

## CITY COUNCIL LOOKS AT CODE REVISIONS FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

*From previous pg*

each of its minor arterial intersections (Miami, Sunnyside, and Niagara). Since completion of this study, roundabouts have been constructed at Hillcrest's intersections with Sunnyside and Miami Roads. The Niagara and Hillcrest intersection is currently controlled as a four-way stop. A...traffic study performed in 2021 indicated that the intersection is approaching capacity and could experience unacceptable levels of service in the foreseeable future due to continued and accelerating traffic growth in the area...the City is looking to design and perform property acquisitions for a roundabout at this intersection in 2022."

### 1628 East Oak Grove right of Way Dedication

Murphy discussed the 1628 East Oak Grove Right of Way Dedication (Lot 1, Replat of McKinley Subdivision, Amendment No. 1). The property purchased by the City several years ago will be important to a future roundabout. "This project initially will just be a three-way stop," Murphy said, "But as traffic volumes get larger, and as development occurs...that will really be the impetus to make this a roundabout at a later date...long range, we need to clean up the property on this corner while we own it."

### Townsend utility replacements and the Woodgate Realignment Project.

Murphy gave an update on the Townsend utility replacements and the Woodgate Realignment Project.

"The Townsend utility replacements...the largest chunk of that has been the water-line work," Murphy said. "...all of the main line water has been constructed between Fifth Street and then south of 12<sup>th</sup> Street...for the most part we're able to run that new line completely independently of the old..."

Manholes will be completed concurrently with work to be performed by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT.)

"Some of the challenges that we've been encountering...there's a lot of unknown water lines, unknown sewer lines, interconnected lines...that's some of the oldest parts of the system...another issue we have run into is mapping...some of these

valves are 70 years old...I could go on and on."

The project is unique and challenging, Murphy said, noting that the project area south of 12<sup>th</sup> Street near Starvin Arvin's restaurant included a number of left-handed valves.

"We're very excited to fix it...I think we're over the hump...our crews are tirelessly

operating hundreds of valves to try and stay ahead of this..."

The Woodgate realignment has been paused as third-party utility providers relocate a utility cabinet.

### Council Staff/Comments

With no further comments from Council or staff, "We'll cancel the rest of the day," Glaspell said.

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### REGION 10, MONTROSE COUNTY, AND PARTNERS SECURE \$1.7 MILLION GRANT FOR NEW OLATHE INNOVATION CENTER

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE— Region 10, Montrose County, and supporting partners are proud to announce the award of a \$1.7 million Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. This grant will help support an innovation center in Olathe that will focus on the value-added agriculture manufacturing as well as food and beverage businesses.

“Region 10 has been working with the Olathe community for several years to improve economic opportunities,” said Region 10 Executive Director Michelle Haynes. “We are pleased to be able to begin this exciting new program in Olathe, as we expand the current programming in Small Business Development and Business Loan Fund to provide additional support for small business owners. This investment in the community will have both short and long-term impacts, providing new opportunities for community members to start and grow their businesses.”

“This project is the ultimate partnership,” said Commissioner Sue Hansen. “From contributions by both Delta and Montrose counties as well as additional partners to the rent-free building opportunity from the Montrose County Housing Authority . . . this amount of cooperation will make a lasting positive impact on the development of both small business owners and the youth of Olathe and the region.”

Montrose County Housing Authority has a 6,500 square vacant building in Olathe

that will become the home of this project. The building will be renovated to meet the needs of the new project. Once improvements are completed at the building in Olathe, there will be a commercial kitchen available for rent to cottage industries and food-based businesses. There will also be a hub where businesses can rent space at scaled rates and participate in incubator and accelerator programming to grow overall.

Additionally, there are plans to include a makerspace and 3D printer to support innovation and technology. Businesses and start-ups will also be offered incubator-like services to support their formation and growth. Targeted businesses include food producers/packagers, caterers, food trucks, and other food related businesses. The RISE program provides funding to create and augment high-wage jobs, accelerate the formation of new businesses, support industry clusters and maximize the use of local productive assets in eligible low-income rural areas.

“The goal of this facility is to create a one-stop-shop for business support and development,” said Delta County Administrator Robbie LeValley. “We saw the value for not only Delta County but also for the entire region. Having this type of business development resource in our area is a big win.”

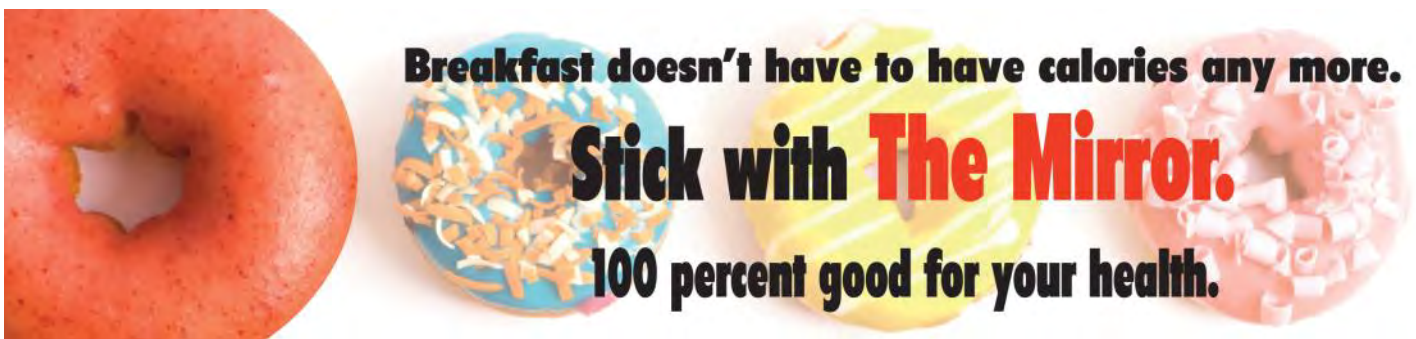
Matching funds for the grant will be provided by Montrose County (\$160,000), Region 10 (\$160,000), Delta County (\$40,000), Town of Olathe (\$20,000), and

Bank of Colorado (\$15,000). Additionally, the estimated value of the long-term rent donated by the Montrose County Housing Authority is \$168,000. The project is community-driven and includes several partners, including: Region 10, the Town of Olathe, Montrose and Delta Counties, Making Olathe Better (MOB), Technical College of the Rockies (TCR), Colorado State University (CSU), Valley Food Partnership (VFP), Conexion Coworking Space, Olathe Business Hub, the Montrose County Housing Authority (MCHA), and Bank of Colorado.

“Building strong rural economies is a foundation principle for future community success. USDA-Rural Development offers funding to support innovative approaches which promote resource development within rural communities. This funding is intended to open the door to new economic opportunities in Delta and Montrose and to help entrepreneurs ‘grow their own’ and offer economic pathways which appeal to people who desire to live and work in these areas,” said USDA Rural Development Director Armando Valdez. USDA

Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas.

For more information in Colorado, visit [www.rd.usda.gov/co](http://www.rd.usda.gov/co). For more information on this project and Region 10, please visit: <https://region10.net/>.







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# MONTROSE COUNTY WRITTEN 4-H BEE ESSAY

## WIN HIVE BOXES TO GET YOU STARTED IN BEE KEEPING

### Submission Deadline: March 18, 2022

*Essay Topic: Immunity: Threats to Bee Colonies and Methods to Defend Against the Threats.*

Honey bee colonies have developed many ways to stay healthy. Their immune responses range from behaviors such as grooming to using materials such as propolis, a plant-derived substance bees coat on the interior of a hive for antimicrobial purposes.

Even the gut of the honey bee contains beneficial bacteria to help the bee stay healthy. In your essay, NAME AT LEAST TWO THREATS (a parasite such as Varroa, a pathogen such as a virus, a predators such as a bear, etc.) to honey bee colonies and then discuss the methods colonies use to defend against the threats.

Put on Your Thinking Cap!

An essential judging criterion is the scope of research you put forth in developing the ideas behind your essay—accounting for 40% of your score.

The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources and the variety of the sources are all evaluated. Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Note that “honeybee” is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.

Eligibility:

The 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition is open to any active 4-H Club members only. Registration for new members is currently open and ends April 31st, 2022.

Awards:

The author of the highest scoring essay will win a bee hive set up and the essays will be published in the Montrose Mirror. Essays will also be framed and displayed at the Montrose County Fair. Questions? Contact Katie Alexander SAM Extension Agent 970-249-3935

Essay requirements

-Essay must be typewritten or computer-generated on single-sided pages and formatted following standard manuscript format using double-spaced type and 12pt font in legible font face.

-Essay must encompass the designated topic in 750 to 1,000 words. Word count does not include sources, works cited or the writer's biographical statement.

-All factual statements and interview references must be cited in a “sources” or “bibliography” list.

-Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research, 40%; (b) accuracy, 30%; (c) creativity, 10%;

(d) conciseness, 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic, 10%.

Please include a brief biographical statement of the writer including mailing address, email address and phone number. Deadline for submission: March 18, 2022 - Drop off at the Montrose County Extension Office

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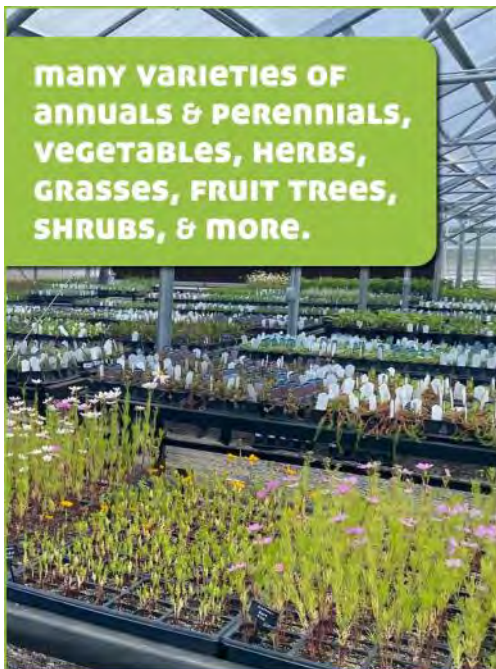
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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## DEMS PLAN TO USE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS TO KEEP DRUG ADDICTS ADDICTED

*Editor;*

Remember just recently when it was reported the Biden administration was spending a \$30 million grant to provide drug addicts with crack pipes among other "supplies"? And did you realize how quickly that news disappeared? And did you notice how Joe Biden's press secretary, the master of typical Democrat deceitful misinformation, Jen Psaki, immediately jumped to the lectern to disclaim the crack pipe revelation?

Maybe we shouldn't be surprised that Democrats have discovered another group they can single out for special attention and accommodations---- drug addicts. Yup, the details are out. The Biden administration is planning on funding a grant program to fund "smoking kits", syringes, and safe-sex kits, among other "supplies" for supposedly advancing "racial equity" and provide support for "under-served drug addict communities! They are also considering "safe injection sites" for heroin addicts! In a person's wildest dreams it would be impossible to concoct such fantasies! But this is just the beginning! This grant will begin in May and will provide funds(our tax money!) to nonprofits and local governments to "help make drug use safer for addicts." A HHS spokesman revealed there would be "safe" non-glass smoking pipes in the kits, explaining that they could be used to smoke crack cocaine, crystal meth and any other illicit substance. It was explained non-glass pipes were preferred because the typical glass pipes commonly used create risk of infectious diseases through cuts and sores. (goodness, how awful!). Of course the masters of deception Democrats claim they are not spending \$30 million to furnish crack pipes for addicts. Well, that

blunt statement alone is actually true. But the \$30 million is not just for pipes. The crack pipes are included in the long list of "supplies" and goodies the addicts get. Sadly, this funding is from the American Rescue Plan of 2021. That plan is also called the COVID-19 Stimulus package and was only designed to speed up America's recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. But instead, Democrats are planning on using that money to help drug addicts stay addicted! The American rescue plan was not designed to accommodate drug addicts by furnishing the following free "equipment and supplies" to assist in their drug addiction:

Infectious disease testing kits (HIV, etc), FDA-approved overdose reversal medication, safe sex kits, & condoms, safe smoking kits(pipes) and supplies, screening for infectious diseases (HIV, sexually transmitted infections, viral hepatitis), substance test kits, including test strips for fentanyl and other synthetic drugs, syringes to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases, vaccination services for hepatitis A and B, wound care management supplies etc. If they were just half smart they would just say "no".

While drug thugs crossing the border are disguised as needy migrants or even unaccompanied minors, once in, they are provided bus and airplane tickets free (your tax money again!) to destinations across the United States. Are you ready for them in your community? In some cases, charities, largely taxpayer funded (there go your taxes again!), pay for the tickets. And then they are given cellphones and other items (your tax money again!) to start their journey north to your city. So while Democrats are fearmongering about

COVID-19, public health is permitting itself to be weaponized by the political Left. They leave our borders wide open to allow drugs in from Biden's business partner, China. It's a disgrace our vice president, kacklin' Kamala made the trip all the way to Germany just to play the tough-gal role in threatening Russia with extremely tough sanctions if they cross Ukraine's border, but Kamala refuses to be concerned about illegals crossing America's borders bringing in drugs!

No sanctions there! Democrats can't be bothered with the real drug pandemic that kills all its victims, wrecks families and destroys lives. Americans die and our law enforcement officers are exposed to those drugs, many times unknowingly, to the same drugs that kill the addicted.

Yes, this whole Biden administration is sticking to what we've seen for decades: Democrats stand against our law enforcement, choose power politics over principled policies, and use the Leftist-compliant news media to promote their, "Never let a good crisis go to waste", philosophy.

So what sense did it make to have had Americans locked up, out of work and socially distanced and masked for over a year while they leave our borders open to unAmerican, unemployed, untested, unvaccinated, unvetted, and unlimited illegal invaders sick with endless diseases? These Democrats responsible for all this destruction of America's well-being and sovereignty have got more loose screws than a hardware store in an earthquake!

And the scariest part is their inept and bungling miscarriage of leadership impostor in the White House has his finger on the nuclear button!

*Jerry Bartholome, Montrose*



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH HAS BEEN BLINDSIDED BY MURA *City Council supposed to do what is best for community, not MURA*

*Editor:*

I thought I lived in Montrose Colorado not in a pit of snakes and vipers. The front page of the Montrose Daily Press (MDP) proved me not only wrong but demonstrably so!

I will refer to Montrose Hospital as MMH, the name I have known it by for 22 years. MMH apparently has planned on opening an out-patient clinic on the south edge of town. This idea was 'floated' several years ago but was put on hold because it was not feasible at that time. Apparently recent studies showed that such an ambulatory care facility could be profitable in its recently announced size and capacity. I would opine that if Montrose could support a larger facility than the planned 80,000 square feet, Nex-Core Group, the hospital's partner in the endeavor would have added a few more thousand square feet. They did not.

But MURA, Montrose's very own 'urban renewal project' and apparently the fount of all knowledge regarding municipal development, thinks otherwise. They came forward with a previously unknown plan to have their very own "Colorado Outdoors Medical Center" (COMC), something not even mentioned in their planning, having it pop out in the MDP just coincidentally on the day of the MMH announcement. With a statement that the supporters (buyers) of this private, for profit COMC are still unpublished. As they used to say on the TV program 'Laugh-in', "How convenient!" A never mentioned Medical Center suddenly appears with no visible means of support.

Competition in the United States has generally been deemed a good thing. But in the medical industry not so much. Montrose Memorial Hospital ---(MMH if you will; I will because I am not used to their new name) Our hospital, probably the best and most valuable service that Montrose has to offer; the winner of numerous accolades and awards; the source of large amounts of charitable giving for scholarships and indigent care has been "blindsided" by profiteers. People who just want to sell a lot in what amounts to a commercial subdivision. Montrose Memorial Hospital directly employs around 800 of our neighbors, provides working facilities for over 100 doctors and how many others who owe their employ-

ment MMH on the fringes. When all these direct or indirect employees are added up, it is most likely the largest employer in town and it provides service and income to EVERYBODY, not to just a sector.

But MMH has been BLINDSIDED by MURA. Now MURA is not really what it says it is. The city council foisted the idea off on its board that they could use an Urban Renewal Law to "renew" that barren desert land down by the river. In no sense of the word or the law was this urban renewal. There was no crime abatement in it nor was there any slum clearance involved. The land was empty desert! MURA is simply a means to allow to take city funds and reserves to make a development with it. But that has been done and the city has spent some \$15,000,000 or so helping a developer to sell his lots. Five years of city cash outflow and what is there to show for it? One business moved from town to MURA; another proposes to do so with an \$800,000 loan (gift) from the city in a year; an almost empty 'strip mall' and the promise of a Fairfield INN made five years ago and which has not done anything to prove it is coming to Montrose.

MURA and the city council, the city manager four 'extras' for the appearance of credibility. The city council is sworn (SUPPOSED) to do what is best for the community---NOT WHAT IS BEST FOR MURA. My opinion is that squandering \$15 million dollars facilitating the sale of privately owned lots instead of rebuilding roads, bridges, domestic water systems, canals and parks is not in the 'best interest' of anyone except the developer. But in this case, as with several others that I will mention, council has chosen to keep their civic obligations foremost OUT OF THEIR BEHAVIOR. Faced with the MURA development, which has never been in the city's best interest, MURA is flopping around like a dying fish as they have taken two businesses from town and brought NO BUSINESSES to town from anywhere else. So far they have blown \$15 million plus taking two businesses from downtown.

Five years, two businesses and a 'strip mall'. Two businesses to MURA and two empty rentals in Montrose. All subsidized by the taxpayers of Montrose several of whom paid the city council taxes to help them have to

have empty rentals. Not good. Certainly not what was promised by MURA five years ago. And now to top that off MURA wants to compete with our hospital (just to sell a lot at Colorado Outdoors).

Now it appears that the Montrose Hospital, which seems to be well underway in its Montrose Regional Health ambulatory care center, is to have the legs cut out from under its feasibility study by these 'johnny-cum-lately' MURAITES who may have been planning this 'coup' all along, possibly with inside information. Is this true? Or is it just my imagination that the MURA announcement was 'pushed into the spotlight' so as not to be upstaged? Just how much planning has really been done by MURA? And why, without consulting with the hospital, have they proposed a medical related facility? By the way, just how many occupants of their COMC will come from rental space downtown?

Montrose Colorado is too small a town to tolerate this backbiting backstabbing behavior for long. I don't know who the supposed physicians are that are trying to join the ranks of big business by fostering this 2<sup>nd</sup> clinic, but whoever they are they should remember the Black Canyon Surgical Center which only exists to this day is because when the doctors failed to make that perform, the hospital bailed that debacle out and now owns 51% of it.

It is only afloat because the failed physician-businessmen were bailed out by the very organization they wished to screw. The hospital with its not-for-profit status is the only way it could float.

It is time for the citizens of Montrose, if they care about their fair city, to protect the good things that they have.

Object to these disloyal activities of MURA and your city council. Object to MURA claiming that they will bring business to Montrose, when they only (so far) have moved businesses from our downtown. They sure have not done it yet. Citizens, look, listen and think about what is happening and help put an end to it. City elections are coming up. Vote for NO incumbents and begin to take in interest in how your town is being cleaned by the city council.

*Bill Bennett, Montrose*



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CRIME STOPPERS ALERT: HELP SOLVE TRAILER THEFT



*Courtesy photos Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers.*

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. and the Montrose County Sheriff's Office are seeking the help of citizens to identify and locate the person(s) who took an 18 or 20 foot long PJ 83x bumper-pull trailer from the area of Kiowa Road and 5800 Road, County of Montrose, Colorado.

Between the dates of Feb. 18, 2022, and Feb. 19, 2022, an unknown individual(s) reportedly took a black pull-behind trailer parked near the above intersection. The trailer is heavily customized to include an

8,000lb Warn brand winch with welded-on custom mounting bracket and battery, and modified rear ramp with angle-iron reinforcements.

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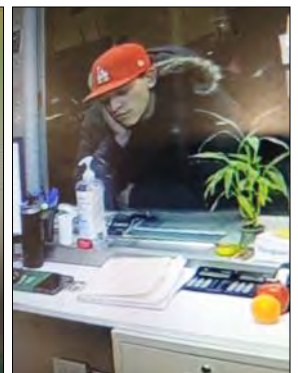
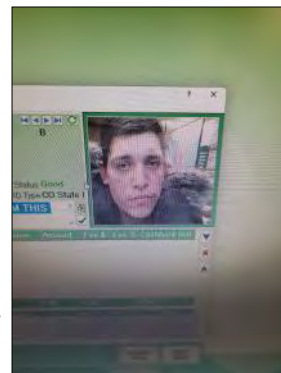
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### HELP LOCATE SUSPECT IN CHECK FRAUD

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Montrose Police Department needs assistance from the public in identifying the person in the attached photographs. The individual in the photographs entered Dinero Rapido located at 612 East Main Street on Feb. 15, 2022, at around 6:20 p.m. He was wearing a black jacket, grey colored jeans, a red baseball cap, and red training shoes. He attempted to cash a fraudulent check at the business using identification belonging to a different person, then ran from police when they arrived. The male entered a white Jeep Cherokee occupied by two other persons. The vehicle drove out of a nearby parking lot at speed while a police officer was holding onto the passenger side door

handle. We would request the public's assistance in identifying the male in the photographs as well as the occupants of the Jeep. Anyone with information about this crime or the identity of the perpetrator(s) or any other crimes may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500, use the free mobile app P3 Tips, or provide information via [P3tips.com](https://www.p3tips.com). Crime Stoppers wants your information, not your identity. If the Tip results in an arrest, the Tipster may receive a cash award. For additional information, please view our Facebook page, [Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers](https://www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers).



*Axon body camera photos. Courtesy photos.*

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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### JAMES SINCLAIR DENTON

*Oct. 9, 1947- Nov. 3, 2021*



JAMES SINCLAIR DENTON passed away on Nov. 3, 2021 in Montrose, Colorado. James ("Jim") was born Oct. 9, 1947 in Bowling Green, Kentucky to David Alan Denton and Mildred Sinclair Denton.

Jim grew up in Kentucky, graduating from Waggener High School and the University of Louisville. His interests in youth included theater performance and baseball.

His career included positions in Marketing with Brown Forman and Kentucky Fried Chicken, and later Real Estate and Consulting. He moved his family west in the mid-1970s, and lived in Colorado and Arizona, raising four children with his former spouse, Anita Garrison.

Jim is survived by his brother, David Denton, sons Jay, Ashley, and Kevin and their spouses Kim, Becky and Lynelle, daughter Kelly Collins and spouse Jon, 16 grand-children and 2 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents.

A private ceremony for family is planned.

### TERRY SCHOONOVER

*September 2, 1944-February 12, 2022*

TERRY SCHOONOVER, 77, passed away peacefully on the 12th day of February 2022 at his home in Montrose, Colorado. Terry was born on the 2nd day of September 1944 in Montrose, Colorado to Earl and Alice Schoonover. He spent his childhood years in California and joined the military straight out of high school at the age of 17. Terry was a proud veteran and was extremely honored to have served his country and be a part of the 82nd airborne. After years of service, he resided in California until 1975 when he, his previous wife Kay, and their three children Darrin, Michelle, and Stephanie were able to move back to his hometown, Montrose. In 1983 he and Kay welcomed a fourth child, Pam, in their family with whom he had a very close bond. Terry then decided to follow in his father's footsteps to pursue a career in plumbing. A career that transformed into a well-known, successful business, known as "Mr. Plumber." Darrin also followed in his footsteps as a plumber since the age of 12 working hand in hand with his Dad.

Terry and Kay had the privilege of having four children together and sharing 18 years of marriage before separation. On the 2nd day of December 1995 Terry married the true love of his life Kelly. She too brought a stepchild, Daniel Castle into the marriage.

The two of them loved to spend time traveling to various places and making memories together. They also loved spending time with friends and family. They enjoyed an amazing 26+ years of marriage together. Throughout his years Terry built many strong relationships with the community. Terry was an extraordinary man who was well-known for his generosity and ornery sense of humor. He will be missed greatly by many family members, friends, and business associates.

The biggest pride and joy of Terry's was caring and providing for his family, and it was something he took very seriously. He was the go-to for many friends and family members for he always welcomed with warm open arms, offering his words of wisdom.

Terry is survived by his wife Kelly Schoonover, Son Darrin Schoonover, Daughter Pam Schoonover (Luis Castillo), Daughter Michelle (Wayne) Davids, Stepson Daniel (Crystal) Castle, sister Vicki and her children. His grandchildren include Blake Schoonover, Tiffany (Justin) Warr, Jennifer (Buck) Fife, Michael Thalman, Brandon (Emily) Brown, and Danica Castle as well as 8 Great Grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents Earl and Alice Schoonover, and his Stepdaughter Stephanie Robertson Schoonover.





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# ART & SOL

## The Sacred Gift of Birthdays



By Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald

MONTROSE- As we grow older, birthdays are often regarded as something we want to forget. We don't want to think about growing older, especially after we reach a certain age. Our culture wants us to stay young forever, but no matter how hard we try, we cannot stay at one particular age or go back to an earlier age.

When we are young, we look forward to birthdays – presents, cake, ice cream, friends, and family. At the half-century mark of our fiftieth birthday, however, we begin to realize that we really are aging. There isn't anything we can do to stop the years from adding up. We want to ignore and hide our birthdays.

But birthdays are not something to moan and groan about or ignore or hide away. Birthdays are true celebrations to experience and enjoy because they are a sacred gift to us from the Divine Spirit. Menachem Mendel Schneerson said, "Because

time itself is like a spiral, something special happens on your birthday each year. The same energy God invested in you at your birth is present once again." What an inspiring thought to urge us to look at birthdays in a new way!

When we spend so much time trying to avoid our birthdays, we miss experiencing that special energy that was present at our birth. We should be opening our hearts on our special day to remember and feel God's Love. All day long we should be smiling and filled with joy that we are a special child of God, who created us to be us.

Dr Seuss said it best, "Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you." Birthdays are for celebrating the "you-ness" in you.

We can also look on our birthdays as our own personal new year celebration. "The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate," said

Oprah Winfrey. Starting a new year is a great event to celebrate. We are renewed in spirit. We feel more alive. And the gifts of the Spirit begin expressing through us as compassion, joy, and happiness in new ways. Every year adds experience and wisdom to our life, and we grow more into our true self able to more fully express our spiritual gifts that are so important to the world.

Abraham Lincoln made a profound statement about birthdays. "And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." Birthdays are a great time to reflect on how you have lived the previous year. Were you kind and loving? Did you help your neighbor? Did you treat yourself and others with respect? Did you grow spiritually? It's a time to think about how and what you want to change for a better life in your coming year. Birthdays are a sacred gift for reflection.

Birthdays are not just a time for others to celebrate you, but a perfect time for you to celebrate yourself. Every person could write a book about his or her life and it would be a best seller. We learn so much during our lifetime, make big mistakes, find love, and find ourselves. Celebrating the best in us is certainly cause for celebration, but so is celebrating how we came through the hard times and what we learned. Birthdays are a perfect time to

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# THE SACRED GIFT OF BIRTHDAYS

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celebrate the spark of God in you.

Birthdays can also be fun occasions, a time to laugh and share with family and friends. Birthdays connect the generations and strengthen the family. They give us common ground on which to smile, tell family stories, sing and dance together. As we welcome a new life born into our family, let us also appreciate our Elders.

Every birthday brings a new wisdom to share with the family. Let us learn to listen

to the wisdom of our Elders.

I know this year I will be especially open to the special spiritual energy that was present at my birth. I want to feel God's Love surrounding me on my birthday. I want to celebrate the "me-ness" in me. I want to reflect on my past year and realize some new goals for my new year.

I want to celebrate with family and friends and remember how much love we share.

To all of you who are celebrating birthdays in 2022, I share this birthday wish from Debasish Mridha: "Today you have added another candle of knowledge and wisdom to your life.

May it give you the power to enlighten the whole world."

And remember the wise words from that wonderful lady, Betty White, who almost made it to 100, "The older you get, the better you get, unless you're a banana."

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## LIVE MUSIC ROUNDUP: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21

By Paul Arbogast

### **Gemini Beer Company (Grand Junction):**

- Friday, Feb 5, 10 PM – David Abad/Sarah Aguilera/Ryan Harrison

### **Horsefly Brewery:**

Wednesday, Feb 23, 6:30 PM – Open Mic Night

- Saturday, Feb 26 – Josh Bunker

### **Mesa Theater, Grand Junction:**

- Wednesday, Feb 23, 8 PM – The Green w/ Kezmandi

### **Palisade Brewing Company, Palisade:**

- Sunday, Feb 27, 4 PM –

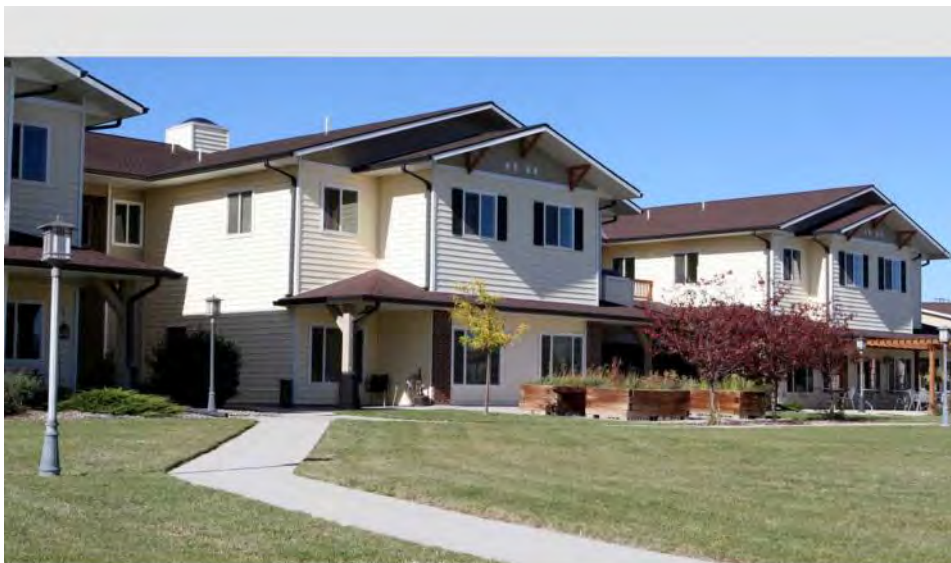
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### **Sherbino, Ridgway:**

- Friday, Feb 25, 10 PM – Joint Point

### **Upstairs at Precedence:**

- Friday, Feb 25, 7 PM – Tim Veazey and Friends



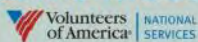
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# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

## FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

**Denomination:** Church of the Nazarene  
**Address:** 705 South 12th Street  
**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday 9 am- Noon and by Appointment  
**Contact Information:** Office Phone 970 249-9213, [mncfirst@gmail.com](mailto:mncfirst@gmail.com), [www.montrosenazarenechurch.org](http://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](mailto:info@fpcmontrose.com)

[www.fpcmontrose.com](http://www.fpcmontrose.com)  
**In Transition-Currently:** Howard Davidson  
 Merle Bierma  
**Worship Service times:** 9:30AM, Student Worship at 6PM

*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](mailto:office@montroseumc.org)

[montroseumc.org](http://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](http://www.RosemontBaptist.org)  
 email: [office@rosemontbaptist.org](mailto: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](mailto:arlyn@spiritaware.org), [www.spiritaware.org](http://www.spiritaware.org)  
**Name of current pastor:** Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, Senior Minister; Rev. Catharine Gates, Associate Minister. Spiritual counseling available.  
**Worship service times:** Unity Service at 11 a.m., Adult Discussion at 9:30 a.m., Quiet Meditation at 10:30 a.m.

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



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### SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

**Denomination affiliation:**

Southern Baptist

**Address:** 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

**Office hours:** Varies

**Contact information:**

phone number: 970-275-7026

email: [summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com](mailto:summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com)

website: [www.summitchurchmontrose.org](http://www.summitchurchmontrose.org)

**Name of current Senior Pastor:** John De-

Sario

**Worship service times:** Sunday Worship is at 9 am followed by a time of fellowship and snacks. Wednesday evening Prayer and Discipleship (a book study) Prayer 5:45-6:15pm, Discipleship 6:30-7:30pm, childcare provided up to 5th grade. 6th graders on up are welcome and encouraged to attend the book study "Fundamentals of the Faith"

*Summit Church Montrose is a new church*

*plant that preaches the Word of God, reaches the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equips Christians to serve the Lord. Summit Church has people of all ages! We have families with children (babies, school aged, recent high school and college graduates) There are retired couples and widows. During the Sunday sermon we offer teaching for children ages birth to Kindergarten, in a kid friendly room called Base Camp.*

### 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](mailto:info@vbcmontrose.org); website: [vbcmontrose.org](http://vbcmontrose.org)

**Current Pastor:** Roland Kassales

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

*Victory Baptist Church exists to exalt God, edify saints, and evangelize the lost. Demographics: Victory Baptist serves everyone with age-appropriate classes, groups, and activities. Families with children make up the majority of VBC with young adults, singles, middle-aged couples, and seniors comprising the rest.*

#### Church Directory

#### Mirror Editorial Staff

MONTROSE-As a way of serving the faith community in Montrose, the Montrose Mirror is in the process of establishing a Church Directory. If your congregation or fellowship would like to be included in the directory, please supply the following in-

formation to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

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### REMAINING CALM IN AN ANGRY WORLD: HOW SOME COPE

*Special to the Mirror*

**REGIONAL**—While working at a hospital in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Susannah Goad said she has observed people becoming increasingly strained.

"I feel like people are in pain, very stressed out, don't know what to do [or] to turn." She recounts a difficult time when a patient lashed out angrily at her, questioning her ability to do her job, after she had asked him to clarify something on his medical chart.

Goad defuses such situations by remembering and applying Bible principles and finds helpful advice on [jw.org](http://jw.org). One of the articles she finds particularly useful is How to Deal With Stress. "I consider it really important

... to work on [Christian qualities] like humility, patience, kindness, self-control [and] empathy. ... [They] help in daily life and my workplace."

After a year of pandemic isolation, Tampa, Florida, resident Gary Bagwell emerged finally to enjoy a "luxury" he longed for — a haircut. Sitting in the chair for the first time in 18 months, he relaxed and settled in for a little pampering.

When his barber asked a fellow stylist to make change for a \$20 bill Bagwell was paying with, the burly coworker reacted with a barrage of stinging expletives and repeatedly punched the barber, once in the face then ten blows to his head.

In an instant, the peace that Bagwell hoped for turned to panic.

"I've never seen such bizarre behavior in my life," said Bagwell. "I think people today are much more on edge."

In fact, a Gallup Poll found higher levels of stress, sadness, anger and worry in 2020 than ever before at any point in the organization's global tracking.

Whether victim or observer, an encounter with aggressive or angry behavior can catch anyone off guard. Experts say remaining calm is key to ensuring that a pre-



*Susannah Goad of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, takes time regularly to study her Bible and read encouraging articles on [jw.org](http://jw.org). Courtesy photo.*

carious situation doesn't escalate. Cody Mitts, a licensed counselor offering anger management therapy in Denver, states: "A lot more people are seeking out support of their anger.

[They] are looking for healthy ways to express their anger right now."

Bagwell agrees. "Inserting myself into a volatile situation like this would only make matters worse," he said, citing practical advice he was grateful to have recalled from his congregation meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Frontline workers, airline personnel, educators and others can attest to a trend of increased aggression, even becoming targets.

For fire inspector Roy La Grone of Grand Rapids, Michigan, such volatile situations have posed a particular challenge. "I've had a hard time controlling my anger since I was a kid," he acknowledged.

After a four-month medical leave that ended in early 2021, he was anxious to return to work. On his first day back, he

made a simple suggestion to the owner of the factory he was inspecting. In a split second, the man erupted into a verbal rant riddled with profanities.

To La Grone, the walk of 150 feet to reach the exit door felt like an eternity. The business owner followed him, yelling the entire way, while the office staff stared in stunned disbelief.

"I did everything that I could to try to calm him down," said La Grone. "I didn't overreact because I've learned that that type of behavior does not help the situation."

Over the years, La Grone said he has worked hard to minimize his temper. He said that resources from [jw.org](http://jw.org), the official website of Jehovah's Witnesses, were particularly useful in dealing with stress, controlling his anger and remaining calm rather than becoming provoked.

"Imitating the good examples of others and applying Bible principles has helped me to remain calm when under pressure," he said.



# YOUR BRAIN ON NATURE – SELF CONTROL



**By Lauren Hall Ruddell, Ph.D. Courtesy photo.**

*Greetings Mirrorites!*

This has been a brutal winter for our nation, and now we are emerging. But the transition from crisis to wholeness will not be seamless. America's schools are struggling, and for good reason.

*In a Waldorf, Md., high school, a school resource officer was assaulted as three separate fights unfolded in the hallways and one spilled into the student parking lot. And in a large fight at a high school outside Columbus, Ohio, nine teachers were injured and seven students were charged with aggravated riot.*

"School violence has risen to levels that we haven't seen quite frankly," said Mo Canady, executive director of the National Association of School Resource Officers. "I don't think it took a genius to see this coming." (From Washington Post article by Meckler and Strauss, October 2021).

Students are edgy and angry, confused and discouraged. Although this too shall pass, for right now the demands on educators have exceeded the breaking point, as they have for other frontline workers. As we lucky folk in this part of Colorado have a remedy at our fingertips, I dedicate this article to getting outside to help ourselves and our children find their bearings again, and begin to rebuild personal resources such as self-control. Impulsive anger is



deadly for kids and teens, their families, and society.

Impulsivity refers to the inability to delay gratification and is associated with the choice of a smaller immediate reward over a larger, delayed reward. An individual who is considered 'impulsive' will likely be impulsive across various situations (i.e., impulsivity is not limited to one context or situation). An impulse shopper is likely to be an impulse substance user, an impulse over-eater, or an impulse punch thrower. When self-control is lacking or feels too difficult or unrewarding, major life consequences can result, from addiction to academic failure. College students with high self-control have better psychological adjustment, better interpersonal relationships, and better performance on achievement related tasks (Tangney, Baumeister, & Boone, 2004), and self-control appears to be a better predictor of academic performance than even intelligence (Duckworth & Seligman, 2006).

We know that mood is improved in pleasing natural environments. Ironically, positive mood has sometimes been shown to elicit more impulsive decision-making. For instance, in the field of eating behavior, it has been shown that images of delicious food do improve mood but also increase

impulsivity. Images of natural scenes induce a positive mood and reduce impulsivity, because the end goals are different. A pleasantly activated person salivating at the dessert counter might want to seize the chocolate éclair and make it their very own, but we seldom want to seize a pastoral scene. The desire for immersion differs in goal attainment from desire to possess to a desire to be there, and thus affects different portions of the brain. This may be why a few years ago researchers found that exposure to scenes of natural environments resulted in reduced impulsivity, while viewing scenes of built environments and geometric shapes resulted in higher levels of impulsive decision-making.

This leads back to the problems of school violence. Because so many of the students who are most at risk for acts of impulsive violence on fellow students, teachers, or staff are also the ones who have backslid the most through school lockdowns, the natural impulse is to rush these kids into the classroom and cram as much into their unready heads as possible, in order to minimize the academic damage. Understandable but horribly misguided. The stresses of COVID have left many people feeling adrift and angry at a world gone crazy. Teenagers, whose brains are still

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# YOUR BRAIN ON NATURE – SELF CONTROL

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developing, have experienced tremendous stress and anxiety and to propel them into an enclosed classroom setting and expect exemplary behavior is lunacy.

It appears as though school lockdowns may have had an unexpected benefit for some home bound children doing remote learning. Recently, British education researchers surveyed parents about changes in their child's perceived connection to nature. Fifty-five percent of parent respondents reported a change in their child's connection to nature. The most commonly referenced reasons given by parents for increased connection to nature were as follows: the child's increased enjoyment of nature, the child's increased awareness or interest in nature, and *having more time to spend outdoors*.

One parent, as part of a response that encapsulated all three of these themes, shared that... "Our lives have slowed down and so we notice the tiny things, the growth in plants from one day to the next. It has been a very weird headspace, viral Armageddon on our doorsteps but simple quiet beauty of the natural world in our back garden." These parents correctly noted that dosage matters. Some parents reported a weakening of the connection. One parent said that their child's connection to nature decreased because of "... less opportunity to visit places like farms, wildlife centers etc. and even places which involve being outdoors and enjoying nature...this has affected her mental health I feel."

I propose a new education paradigm for these bizarre times. We should not return

to a pre-pandemic academic structure, but rather take a beat and learn from what the pandemic has taught us all. For successful school re-entry, new experiential learning programs need to be offered that get the kids out of the classroom and into nature via internships or youth programs modeled after 4-H or FFA, or at least get them into the school garden or greenhouses. This activity should come as early in the school day as possible, to allow students to decompress from any home stressors, and prepare their brains for cooperative learning and social interactions throughout the rest of the day.

A 2019 University of Illinois study found that time in nature creates a calmer, quieter, and safer setting for learning; fosters warmer, more cooperative relations among students; and affords more creative, more exploratory forms of play. This information should be used to build back better schools that support increased free play in a safe, green outdoor setting, rather than further severing edgy, at-risk students from an environment they need in an effort to get those students caught back up in the 3 Rs at all costs. For times like these, citizenship may be more important than scholastic aptitude.

This has yet to be tested systematically in the US, but research on prison inmates indicates that regular exposure to digital nature had psychological, self-control and citizenship benefits. In Utah, inmates in an intensive management unit could watch a nature video for 45 minutes a day in the "blue room" during their exercise time.

Videos ranged from underwater scenes to

forest landscapes to desert biomes to outer space panoramas.

After watching the videos, both participating inmates and prison staff reported a change in the prisoners' behaviors. "Even though they weren't going in nature and they weren't handling plants and animals and soil, just watching these nature videos was able to calm them," the principle researcher stated. "The nature project helps me think clearer to know there is so much more beauty in this world than this prison," one inmate wrote. "When I first went into the Blue Room, I was like, 'Wow, how beautiful this world is.'"

Inmates stated they felt calmer after watching the videos, and those feelings lasted for hours afterward. The videos also improved their relationships with staff members and guards. Prison staff were initially skeptical that the experiment would have any impact, but after one year reported that inmates who watched the nature videos several times a week committed significantly fewer violent infractions than other inmates.

School boards and administrators may also be skeptical about nature interventions, and of course there are mandated educational standards to meet. But I submit that those standards can be set aside occasionally in favor of peaceful, nurturing school settings that create better human beings, not just better educated ones.

Here's hoping that all of you folks get outside this month whenever the weather permits. And as always, questions and comments answered at [agescapesnow@gmail.com](mailto:agescapesnow@gmail.com).

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## DUO BALDO TO PERFORM AT DELTA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

### *Special to Art & Sol*

DELTA-Do you have a case of the “Winter Blahs”? If so, the Delta-Montrose Community Concert Association has just the perfect cure for you.

The musical comedy team Duo Baldo is renowned violinist Brad Repp and pianist/actor Aldo Gentileschi.

Their critically acclaimed performances combine virtuosic playing, theatrical humor, and pop culture, performing well

known melodies from Brahms, Vivaldi, Gershwin, and Monti. The melodies are familiar, and the unexpected humor is delightful. Based in Italy, Duo Baldo made their debut with Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli in 2004.

Violinist Brad Repp has appeared as violin soloist with Jose Carreras. He performs on a 1736 Testore violin.

Aldo Gentileschi performs on a Baldwin Grand piano. Duo Baldo will entertain au-

diences on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, at 7 PM at the Delta Performing Arts Center, 822 Grand Avenue. Doors will open at 6 PM. Sold at the door, single concert admission for Adults is \$20/\$5 for Students under 12. Season Tickets are also available for \$45/Adults; \$15/Student; \$95/Family. Masks will be required at this Concert. For more ticket information please contact Bob Brown, 970-835-4480, or Connie Pittenger, 970-249-4308.

## COVID-19 Hospitalizations

On **February 18, 2022**, the total number of patients hospitalized with a COVID-19 illness was **4**.



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### 4 Hospitalized

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- 0 vaccinated
- 0 vaccinated & boosted



### 0 in the ICU

- 0 unvaccinated
- 0 vaccinated
- 0 vaccinated & boosted

### 0 on Ventilators

- 0 unvaccinated
- 0 vaccinated
- 0 vaccinated & boosted

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL 2021-2022 HONOR ROLL 1ST SEMESTER

**The following students were named to the Honor Roll for the 1st Semester 2021-2022 School year at Montrose High School. To be eligible for Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least five classes and earn a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.74.**

### 9th Grade

Diana Alatorre-Guardado, Yaretzi Barron, Joseph Benitez, Paige Beretta, Brayden Brown, Brody Cooling, Gabriel Fleetwood, Sofia Fuentes, Hailey Geary, Christopher Gonzalez-Muniz, Connor Gregory-Clutts, Hunter Gurule, Matthew Hafen, Chassity Hallacy, Hayden Hensley, Kayden Huggett, Brekin Hutto, Victor Ibarra-Sanchez, Kaston Kail, Dayanara Marquez, River Martinez, Aidan Paider, Katie Pariseau, Jonathan Ramirez, Aidan Safken, Shayla Saunders, Porter Smith, Evelyn Tagle-Rueda, Walter Talamantes, Aprielle Trujillo, Victoria Valdez-Chavez, and Ariana Wilkes.

### 10th Grade

Jiovanni Aguirre, Daniel Alcazar, Karinna Bogarin, Kenzie Bush, Bailey Cheezum, Kolton Cohick, Olivia Cook, Lesly Corrales-Lerma, Zander Dela-Rosa, Ivan Edstrom, Yareli Escarcega, Joaquin Eudave, Johann Farnese, Emma Gomez, Aleah Goodwin, Blake Griffin, Jadyn Hall, Annabelle Hawkins, Landon Herald-linville, Dylan Jessop, Zoey Kasamis, Jaxon Kattner, Caden Kay, Bridget Kingery, Alice Kirk-Sanchez, Savannah Kolb, Gabrielle Lewis, Nathan McWilliams, Laticia Mora, Arayah Mora, Easton Reiff, Amy Scriffiny, Breyana Shipley, Jeremiah Sowden, Cooper Steenburgen, Kathryn Story, Carson Swallow, Sierra Tafoya, Jericho Tosi, Katy Vanchaik, Danica Velasquez, Sean Welsh, Jack White and Austin Zimmer.

### 11th Grade

Kamron Alegria, Zachary Barton, Kennedy Britton, Quincy Cooling, Grace Davidson, Katherine Ensor, Benjamin Hafen, Lorelei Innarelli, Gwendolyn Kingery, Jeremiah Lange, Keyla Luna-Figueroa, Selene Marquez, Olvin Mejia-Bueso, Josiah Mora, Bryar Moss, Tashi Sherpa, Luca Smith,

Madison Strength, Talya Tabor, Jacqueline Valdez-Chavez, Jordan White and Gabriel Woodland.

### 12th Grade

Dominick Abeyta, Isaiah Alcazar, Luke Barney, Wesley Booher, Danielle Brueggeman, Leo Burton, Pragati Chaudhary, Caralea Cox, Titus Diaz-Ruiz, Kayla Dublak, Javier Esparza, Josiah Gaunt, Grace Gibson, Harrison Hall, Jacob Hanson,, Aiden Harrell, Blake Highland, Qwynn Huntley-Gross, Cynthia Juarez, Brianna Martinez, Madisen Matoush,, Dane McCoid, Ashley Ortega, Grace Pariseau, Victor Portillo, Melissa Portillo-Hernandez, Cody Proctor, Dusti Renick, Ethan Robertson, Nevaeh Rodriguez, Isabela Serrano, Makayla Shreeves, JayDee Skees, Madison Smith, ElijahTafoya, Justin Valdez, and Eric Williams.

**The following students were named to the Principal's Honor Roll for the 1st Semester 2021-2022 school year at Montrose High School. To be eligible for the Principal's Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least five classes, excluding pass/fail classes, and earn a grade point average of 3.75 and above. An asterisk denotes all A's.**

### 9th Grade

Paola Aguirre-Garcia, Fernanda Almanza-Garcia\*, Uliana Almanza-Mendez, John Beshoar, Meredith Cervantes\*, Bailey Christie\*, Lauren Clark\*, Maggie Cline, Maddison Coca\*, Paola Cortez-Suarez, Caroline Countryman, Amberly Craft\*, Maggie Cross\*, Olivia Dillon, Ellie Duncan\*, Ethan Efird, Georgia Ficco\*, Vivian Ficco\*, Hayden Fox\*, Cali Fulks\*, Taylor Gibson, Reagan Goodwin\*, Aidan Grijalva-Castro\*, Avjanna Gross\*, Diego Gutierrez-Garcia\*, Drake Hawkins\*, Charlotte Hellyer\*, Jasmine Hemenway, Isabella Horton, PaxtonHughes, Avery Kingsbury\*, Andrew Kistler\*, Elizabeth Kistler\*, Andrew Luquin\*, Aloera MacFarlane, Joshua Maddox, Parker Maestas, Baeli Minerich, Christopher Mock\*, Joshua Mott, Will Neuman\*, Ryan Nichols, Stephanie Nieves-

Ortiz, Cara Ogoe\*, Ethan Osorio\*, Leslie Owens\*, Jacqueline Padilla\*, Gabrielle Parkison, Jakai Pfifer\*, Grace Piquette\*, Elliotte Poore, Elizabeth Reed\*, Audrey Righter\*, Macayla Roberts, Cooper Ross\*, Nadia Selee, Marin Sharp\*, Ava Silverberg\*, Raymond Spradling, Dathan Stewart\*, Geovana Terrazas-Corona\*, Artemio Verdin\*, and Brooke Williams\*.

### 10th Grade

Giada Amundson, Hunter Barton, Austine Berry, Andie Blowers, Danika Bush\*, Chiara Coronado-Rosales, John Noel Cruz\*, Laeliana Delgado\*, Mia Duncan\*, Hayley Eldridge, Landon Farley, Sage Ferrell\*, Shandra Findley, Kenneth Flanders, John Flower, Samantha Noelle Go, Alyssa Grauburger, Brandon Grijalva-Castro, Briana Haddock\*, Yarisbell Hernandez-Serrano, Cutter Hudson, Carter Hughes, Jaxon Kelley\*, Jaxon Killen, Abigail Lambert\*, Natalie Lopez-Ramirez, Madison Lucero, James Maunakea\*, Libni Mendoza-Leon\*, Olivia Muzik, Rhyann Neary, Micah Nichols, Leonor Nieves-Chavez, Violet Noel, Olivia Palmer, Ashlee Petranovich\*, Gabriel Robertson\*, Reese Robillard, Rachel Robuck\*, Ilse Rosales\*, Kasheis Stakley\*, Kaden Tanner, Natalie Trask\*, Ellie Trenda, Tahlia Trevino\*, Kyle Ullmann, Christopher Vargas-Gomez\*, Eleanor Waldon\*, Colton Ward\*, Gage Wareham\*, Aubrielle Weaver\*, Sahara Weir, Tiffany Wu\*, and Melaina Yender\*.

### 11th Grade

Adam Arellano, Javier Barrios-Orozco, Makayla Beaver, Connor Bell, Ciana Beller, Tatum Berry, William Beshoar, Logan Boyers, Gabriella Bratcher, Altan Brown, Gadiel Castillo\*, Kiersten Conrad, Yasmin Cornejo-Martin, Mauricio Coronado, Vance Couturier\*, Caitlyn Dillon\* David Dominguez, Kate Donohoe, Natasha Duncan\*, Torrie Eckerman, Jason English, Logan Files\*, Remlee Forest, Jose Garcia\*, Yensenia Gonzalez\*, Jonas Graff\*, Tyler Graves, Brooklynne Gurney, Olivia Gusman\*, Jennifer Gutierrez-Camacho, Kenadee Hadlock\*, Alise Hardie, Jacob



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Hawks, Natalie Hernandez, Bridget Hernandez, Grace Hotsenpiller, Trinity Huff, Claire Hunt, Sarah Imus, Jesus Jimenez, Andrew Jutten\*, Riley Kettell, Naomi Lee\*, Leonel Lopez, Alexis Ludwig, Mekhi Mangrum, Brett Manuel, Paola Marquez, Damaris Mendes, Lucero

### 11th Grade Continued

Mirele-Rodales, Isabella Montonati, Faith Moore, Lucas Motley, Luke Mott, Oliver Noel, Alyssa Oman, Kelsey Parra\*, Alexander Radovich\*, Edwin Ramos, Emily Raphael, Yaphet Reyes-Powell\*, Tyson Saunders\*, Benjamin Silverberg, Joseph Simo, Aaron Simpson, Andrew Spencer, Olilvia Steil, Brianna Stone\*, Clair Taylor, Abigail Tracey\*, Maria VanArsdale, Alicea Vigil\*, Samuel Walker, Jarett Whitcomb\*, and Colten Withee\*.

### 12th Grade

Ann Acevedo, Valentina Adorna, Diana Aguado, Grace Ancell, Charlie Andrade-Saenz, Ailianna Ayers, Iker Ayesta-Ferich\*, Caitlin Bailey, Kate Barnett, Liam Berryhill, Julia Beshoar\*, Brooks Blackford, Trystan Blundell Breanne Brasier, Chloe Brokering, Ashly Brown, Alayna Bustin\*, Mallory Carbutt\*, Alexia Chavez, James Cheezum, Paige Coddington\*, Josephine Coulter, Grace Cross, Gus Dwyer\*, Lara Edeker, Matteson Embrey, Annabelle Ensor, Aiyanna Fabian, Hallie Fenton, Taylor Foster, Bode Greiner\*, Austin Griffin\*, Lillian Hamilton\*, Sarah Hartman, Abby Hauptmann, Priscilla Hernandez, Collin Huffer, Aiden Hutto\*, Luke Hutto, Morgan Johnson, Jacob Kettell\*, Jaedyn Key\*, Shon LaBarr, Westley Lucero-Escalante, Zephaniah Luchavez, Julian MacFarlane, Rachel Maddox, Israel Marquez, Abigail Martin, Mia Martinez\*, Cullen Masterson, Gavin Maupin, Amy McCracken\*, Valerie Merritt\*, Siera Mihavetz\*, Gabriel Miller Madalyn Morin, Nathaniel Murphy, Megan Neubaumm\*, Kail Nichols\*, Josiah Nichols, Michael Nikolaev, Sarah Packard, Benjamin Perfors\*, Jake Peterson\*, Samantha Phillips, Savannah Piquette\*, Samuel Preston\*, Julian Ramos-Castillo, Alexis Ray, Jada Ray, Kelsey Rocco, Rodrigo Rosas-Almanza, Kamryn Rycenga, Siya Salunke,

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### WESTERN COLORADO SOIL HEALTH TEAM TO SPREAD DROUGHT RESILIENCY MESSAGE TO FARMERS AND RANCHERS AT REGIONAL CONFERENCE

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE – Commercial producers and gardeners in western Colorado and throughout the region are looking forward to the Soil health Conference being held in Montrose, Colorado on February 26th. The 12th annual conference has been given the theme, 'Drought Resiliency Through Soil Health'. With current drought conditions expected to continue throughout much of the Western US in the future, efficient water use will be a key component of this year's conference. Improving and maintaining soil health is key to efficient water use to ensure quality plant growth. WCSHC will hold a full day of workshops showing farmers, ranchers, producers, gardeners, and agency people how to apply soil health practices to their fields and rangeland.

Conference participants will hear from keynote speakers such as Dale Strickler, author and leader in the soil health movement, and Marlon Winger, USDA - Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Soil Health Specialist for Montana, Wyoming, Utah, and Idaho. Strickler is an agronomist for Green Cover Seed, the nation's leading cover crop specific seed company, based out of Bladen, NE. He has been growing cover crops since 1988 and has been experimenting with them ever since with increasingly impressive results, which he enjoys sharing through presentations and publications. Winger has over 25 years of experience with government agencies in several western states. Both speakers have extensive experience managing their own operations.

Dr. David Johnson, author and molecular biologist conducting research as Research Scientist at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM and the Center for Regenerative Agriculture and Resilient Systems at California State University, will be presenting a breakout session presentation on bioReactors from the main auditorium. Dr. Johnson works with growers, and re-

searchers from: Arizona State University, Texas A&M, California State University, Chico; University of North Texas, Colorado State University, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Globe-trotter Foundation, the Thornburg Foundation, The Howard Buffett Foundation and the Mighty-Arrow Family Foundation exploring paths to improve food security, reduce atmospheric CO2 concentrations, and increase farm and rangeland productivity and profitability through the development of beneficial soil microbial communities. Although Dr. Johnson will not be delivering his presentation in-person, he will be addressing the group via live-stream, projected in the Pavilion's auditorium and can answer questions.

Additional Breakout session topics include Economics of Soil Health, Drought Management through Soil Testing, 'Saving Tomorrow's Agricultural Resources' Program, Rangeland Soil Health, Carbon Market Opportunities for Farmers and Ranchers, Soil Health in Vertical Integration of Enterprises, Garden Soils, Water Savings Through Conservation Tillage, Soil Health in Irrigated and Dryland Agroecosystems, Regenerative Ag Problem Solving Strategies, and a local farmer panel.

Registration for the conference is \$55, walk-ins are welcome. The in-person conference will be held at the Montrose Pavilion. College Students can get a discounted ticket rate of \$20. High School students can receive a free registration. The WCSHC is also offering a virtual conference registration. The Virtual Conference registration provides you with a link to live-stream keynote presentations and the 3 break-out sessions that are presented from the main stage in the auditorium. While you will not be able to select from the breakout session options during the in-person conference, these sessions will be recorded and available following the event through the conference website for the rest of the year. Virtual conference tickets purchased after Feb. 23 will only receive

access to the session recording after the event and not the live-streamed conference link. To register,

please visit <https://www.westerncoloradosoilhealth.org/tickets.html>. Dale Strickler, Courtesy photo.



Montrose gardener, Katie Alexander, has attended the last several conferences. "I am really excited that Dale Strickler and Marlon Winger are featured speakers at this year's conference. They are two of the leaders and innovators in soil health. I always come away from the conferences enthused with new ideas to try in my garden" Katie said of the conference.

Reed Irwin, another past conference attendee said "Gardeners and small agriculture producers have an advantage in applying soil health principles. I use raised beds so I don't need to step in my planting areas. Major soil disturbance only occurs in each bed every four or five years when I dig potatoes or other root crops. I can mix in compost and more soil that year as needed but most years I don't do much soil disturbance." Irwin continued, "I plan my rotations of garden crops several years ahead and adjust cover and companion crops to nurse what is growing in the bed this year and help prepare for next year."

Dave Dearstyne, a retired Natural Resource Conservation Service soil scientist and local gardener has attended all of the previous conferences. He said "I can always find something to take home and use. The conferences also bring together people with different operations who have tried different approaches. Discussions during breaks often spark new ideas to take home."



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# MUSEUM OF THE MOUNTAIN WEST IS EXPANDING



*Interior display of historic town with businesses from the late 1800s and early 1900s. Courtesy photo*

By Kate Burke, Asst. Exec. Director

MONTROSE The Museum of the Mountain West plans a substantial expansion to the main museum building which houses indoor displays, a small gift shop, conference room/office, storage, and a maintenance shop. The new two-story, 50' by 24' addition will add more storage and a deck upstairs, and at the lower level: new ADA-accessible restrooms, offices and conference room, a larger gift shop and gallery area, and adjoining event and classroom space.

Fundraising activities are underway so that the expansion can be completed this

spring, before the visitor-intense, summer season begins. Classes, workshops, and student projects focusing on history are scheduled or planned. Ticketed events include an Australian storyteller and entertainer in April, Victorian Tea in May, Comedy night in June, and over the summer, weekend events with vendors and entertainment featuring farm and ranch, artifacts and antiques, western movies, narrow gauge railroading, and more.

If you haven't been out for a visit, please stop by and take a guided tour. With 28 historic buildings and over half-a million artifacts, it's no wonder this museum and

its founder, Richard Fike, are winning awards for preservation of the history of the American west.

Classes and events are all fundraisers. Please buy a ticket, sign up for a class, take a guided tour, or come in and make a major donation, for which you will receive special recognition.

Starting next week, future issues of the *Mirror* will honor the donors who have made substantial contributions toward our goal of \$60,000.

Watch the museum's website for education opportunities and event schedules.

[Museumofthemountainwest.org](http://Museumofthemountainwest.org).



## 1st Annual Victorian Tea

## Museum of the Mountain West

### Saturday, May 14, 1:30-4:00 pm

Doors open 1 pm for Vintage Shoppe, Bake Sale, pictures at Victorian Photo Booth

Tiny tea sandwiches, scones, pastries, jams & jellies. Live music, tea talk

Doorprize, Gifts for Best-Decorated Table, Best Costume.

Donated by Heirlooms for Hospice

Tea Tickets \$25. Reservation Required.

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**HEALTHY RHYTHM MUSIC SERIES PRESENTS**

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**FRIDAY MARCH 4TH, 2022**

HEALTHY RHYTHM ART GALLERY  
232 E MAIN ST, MONTROSE, CO  
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Advanced tickets = \$10  
Day of show = \$15  
Doors at 6:30pm  
Show starts at 7:00pm

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (January – May). 10am-11:30am in the downstairs meeting hall of Cedar Creek Church, 222 S. Townsend and S. 3<sup>rd</sup>. enter through the side door on S. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 of 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

**Feb. 21**-Business Networking Event, 5pm. Horsefly Brewing Company. Door prizes, drink specials, Hors d'oeuvres. Short program at 6pm with Don Martin, Patriot Business Services; "How the new Colorado Secure Savings Program law (SB-20-200) will affect all businesses with five or more employees." Starts and ends with door prizes!! Bring business cards. For more information [Don@PatriotBusiness.com](mailto:Don@PatriotBusiness.com). 970-273-3525.

**Feb.23**-The League of Women Voters of the Uncompahgre Valley invites the public to join a Zoom program on, "Election Process, Election Security and Precinct Changes". The webinar will be held Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022 at Noon - 1 p.m. County Clerks and Records representing Delta (Teri Stephenson), Montrose (Tressa Guynes) and Ouray (Michelle Nauer) Counties will discuss the 2022 election season. Go to EVENTS on the LWV website for the zoom link at: <https://lwv-uv.org>

**Feb. 26**-Western Colorado Soil Health Conference, Montrose Pavilion. 970-964-3582.

**Feb. 28**--Monday--1 p.m. Don Paulson, curator of the Ouray County Historical Museum, will speak on "Pioneer San Juan Mountain Clergy and Churches" at the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans on 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way. All are welcome to this program sponsored by the Montrose Genealogy Center.

**March 1**-Friday, March 1. 6-8 pm Paint & Sip at the Museum of the Mountain West. With Anne Hockenberry. [Sign up here](#).

**March 4-5**-Embracing Our Beauty is a Christian women's conference where we discover the glorious design of women that God originally intended. Registration is required. Tickets are \$50 for the two-day event and will be held at Clifton Christian Church. Featuring Staci Eldredge, who co-wrote Captivating, Unveiling the Mystery of a Women's Soul, with her husband. It has sold nearly 3 million copies. The Western Slope rural communities are often overlooked for events and educational opportunities. Face to Face Ministries' goal is to bring people together from rural Colorado to benefit from events such as this. Register@facetofaceministries.net

**March 4**-Chris Mullen and the One Takers at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery, 232 East Main Street. Advance \$10, Day of show \$15.

**March 7**-On Monday March 7 at 5:30pm, Citizens' Climate Lobby will hold its monthly meeting in person(masks) at Montrose library meeting room. CitizensClimateLobby.org is a nonpartisan, national, environmental group seeking avenues to mediate climate change. Short part of documentary how to reduce carbon footprint. All welcome- info 970-765-9095.

**March 14**-Monday, March 14.1 pm. Native American Art & Artifacts. Kate Burke History Series, with C.J. Bradford, Ute Museum. 1-3 pm. Montrose Senior Center at the Pavilion.

**March 16**-Wednesday, March 16. 1 pm. Shady Ladies and Saloons. With Kate Burke, at Blue Sage Center for the Arts, Paonia.

**March 19**-Come out to enjoy fun and inspiring films about outdoor adventure and conservation through the love of fly fishing, and support projects that protect and restore your local river. This year's venue is the Ouray County Event Center (22739 Highway 550) to provide lots of elbow room! Masks currently required – stay tuned for updates. 100 percent of proceeds go to the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership for maintenance and improvement of riparian areas, fish habitat and recreation areas. Sponsored by RIGS Fly Shop & Guide Service.

6:30-9 p.m. Doors open at 6. Tickets: \$25 online in advance; \$30 event day at the door. Online ticket purchase opens by Feb. 1. Ticket information: [info@fishrigs.com](mailto:info@fishrigs.com). More information: [uncompahgrewatershed.org/events](http://uncompahgrewatershed.org/events), [info@uncompahgrewatershed.org](mailto:info@uncompahgrewatershed.org), or 970-325-3010.



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## READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: LOCAL BEAUTY

*Below, Montrose Photographer Deb Reimann took this photo of red rock beauty in Escalante Canyon.*



*Above, Montrose resident Jim Elder captured this image during the recent full moon.*



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