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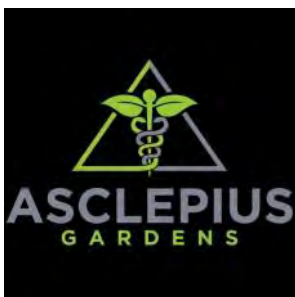
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Fresh News for Busy People!

TWO YEARS AFTER, STILL NO JUSTICE OR ANSWERS IN 2020 SHOOTING OF UNARMED MONTROSE MAN



A still from body camera footage of the 2020 shooting of Gage Lorentz, 25, by a Park Ranger shows Lorentz moments before he was killed.. Courtesy image.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The [website](#) dedicated to Gage Lorentz recalls a man who will remain forever 25, with the heartbreaking words, "On March, 21st 2020 a National Park Ranger, senselessly shot and killed Charles 'Gage' Lorentz, in Carlsbad Caverns National Park, NM."

Two years later, the arrival of spring brings not hope but more heartache for Gage's family, who have been granted no answers and no justice since his violent death.

The [body camera footage](#) of the incident has been released—with 26 crucial seconds missing—but no arrest has been made in Gage's murder. Still, it is clear from the

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DELAYED BY CYBER ATTACK, DMEA 2020 FORM 990 NOW POSTED ON WEBSITE

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Regular Meeting: The March 22 Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors meeting, held in the Black Canyon Board Room, was called to order at 3 p.m. All board members were present in-person.

DMEA co-op members are afforded an opportunity to speak during Member Comments, which for this meeting was scheduled for 5 p.m. There were no member comments.

During meetings the board of directors hear verbal summary reports of their monthly meetings and activities; however, neither the co-op membership nor the media have access to the written reports submitted for board approval.

The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening meeting



The number of changes to the Board of Directors the Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) required a new group photo. Following the professional photographer, a candid shot was taken for the Mirror. (L to R top) Damon Lockhart, Jacob Gray, Enno Heuscher, Kevin Williams, and Bill Patterson. (L to R bottom) Board President Kyle Martinez, Ken Watson, Vice President Stacia Cannon, and Jock Fleming. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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Photographer Deb Reimann snapped this picture last week, of teepee poles with a Cimarron Ridge backdrop at Ridgway State Park.



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MONTROSE-Culminating Women's History month of March, the Montrose County Historical Society presents Gail Saunders detailing the exploits of significant women in the Uncompahgre River valley at 7 pm. Wednesday, April 6 at Friendship Hall, Pioneer Room. Admission is free, the public is invited. Light refreshments may be available. Social distancing and COVID procedures are encouraged.

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Applicants are reminded that applying early allows for ample time to receive confirmation of their application and, in the case that they do experience any issues, for them to be resolved prior to the deadline. Hunters are encouraged to review the [2022 Colorado Big Game brochure](#) for all updated regulations related to this year's hunting seasons

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footage that Gage was standing still and trying to speak with National Park Service Ranger Robert Mitchell prior to being shot.

During a peaceful gathering held in his hometown of Montrose on March 19, 2022, Gage's family and friends expressed both sorrow and determination.

They also shared anger at the lack of accountability by the Federal government for their son's death, as well as the lack of

backup systems for body-worn camera footage.

Last week, we asked Gage's mother Kim what she misses most about her son.

"I miss his hugs," she said. "You know - the kind that makes you feel like everything is going to be alright. I miss my son's ability to keep us all centered.

"My boy had an amazing gift of *simple*. He had a way of helping all those around him by keeping things in perspective," Kim

said. "Don't make a mountain out of a molehill. Family and hard work was the fabric that made our boy unique. You'd be hard pressed to find a young man of 25 years old that enjoyed spending hours playing chess with his grandpa or playing games with his grandma. And talk about respect. Our boy had morals and respect, not only for his elders, but for all."

Gage attended Columbine Middle School and Montrose High School, she said, before graduating from Fruita Monument High School in 2013.

Anyone who knew Gage, knew his down to earth mentality. He loved the outdoors and respected nature, Kim said. "One of his ambitions in life was to work hard, buy some land, and start a wilderness camp for kids to have the opportunity to experience all that nature has to offer," she said. "Teach them skills such as knot tying, fishing...basically anything and everything outdoors."

Another one of Gage's heartfelt passions was mechanics. "He and his dad would spend countless hours, bonding and rebuilding multiple project vehicles," Kim said. "From a very young age, my boy would take things apart, just to figure out how they worked. He could pinpoint and problem-solve a mechanical issue like it was second nature. Brilliant.

"My son did not deserve to lose his life that day," she continued. "Ranger Mitchell clearly took the fight to our boy, provoked the altercation, and then took his life so the truth could not be told. No one is above the law. How can taking an unarmed, young man's life be justified?"

When paramedics arrived on the scene 22 minutes later, Gage still had a pulse, his mother said. By neglecting immediate emergency medical care that could have possibly saved his life, "Mitchell denied our son the chance to survive.

"Our boy had the will to live and hung on as long as he could," Kim said. "If only Mitchell would have acted within the means of a public servant and upheld the oath, Gage may still be with us today."

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Traffic Impacts

Work will take place, weather permitting, over the next two weeks, Mon.- Fri. from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Drivers will encounter full stops and lane closures. Flagging personnel will guide traffic through the work zone. Up to 15 minute delays are anticipated. A speed reduction of 40 MPH will be in place and motorists should slow down and use extreme caution when approaching and driving through the work zone. Travelers should allow themselves extra travel time and are urged to be aware of crews and heavy equipment.

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COLORADO'S DEMOCRAT LEGISLATORS VOTED YES TO MONTROSE BECOMING THE RED HAWKS, WHILE REPUBLICANS DID NOT

Editor:

One of the first challenges to race related mascot names was under Richard Nixon. The current movement was initiated by the Oneida Indian Nation Homelands on July 13, 2020, under Donald Trump. It is a nationwide grassroots campaign formed to end racial reference in mascots.

So, an absolute No to the printed comment that this is a Democrat tyranny to force a change and "they" are to blame for not accepting Red Hawks as new Montrose mascot. In fact (in case facts actually matter), the current CO Democrat legislators voted yes to Montrose becoming the Red Hawks, while the Republicans did not. Voting records are readily available, as

well as when certain movements, bills, and other life altering changes are initiated and more importantly by whom.

For all of us who "re-eat" certain vegetables, maybe we should have considered a name like Delta State University's Fighting Okra. Now, that has a common public identity.

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Mirror staff report

MONTROSE- Mirror staff reached out to City of Montrose officials last week to verify that reports that the City was in talks to purchase the former Wells Fargo Building at 400 East Main Street are correct. Upon reaching a member of Montrose City Council, Councilor J. David Reed informed us that there have been some discussions about purchasing the property. Still, "It's a real property matter," Reed said. At this point I am not at liberty to discuss it."

Following our inquiry, the City issued a news release on the planned purchase. The release provides additional details, noting that the City has decided to purchase the former Wells Fargo Bank building for \$1.5 million, and move City Hall operations from the current location at 433 South First Street in 2023. The purchase includes a parking lot on South Second Street. Following the acquisition, the City plans to move administrative operations into the building, which was completed in 1948 with major renovations and additions in 1962 and 1984.

The structure will need some minor asbestos abatement and roof repairs along with other improvements related to security, ADA accessibility, and public space alterations prior to occupation, City Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said in the news release. It is estimated that city operations will move to the Main Street location at the beginning of 2023. The release also states that City Council is considering options but has made no decisions, regarding the future use of the historic City Hall building on South First Street.



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The guidance provides an overview of compliance issues and regulatory best practices observed by the Division exam staff in examinations of investment advisers.

The staff published the guidance in response to the growing trend of advisers offering financial planning under an ongoing or continuous model, and the increasing need for advisers to review and enhance their compliance programs in this area. To view the regulatory guidance, [click here](#).

Examinations serve to protect investors by ensuring that advisers are following the Colorado laws and rules that govern them. The guidance is not meant to cover all compliance requirements. Investment advisers and their representatives are required to comply with all statutes and applicable rules. For Colorado securities regulations, see [Statutes and Rules](#).

The Division staff resources along with information on the examination process can be found on the Division's website at [For Firms and Industry Professionals](#).

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prayer, determination of a quorum, and approval of the consent agenda (Membership Report and Minutes from the February Regular Meeting of the Board).

Board Committee Reports

Finance-Audit-Rate Committee (FAR) – Ken Watson, Chair.

Watson said, “We met yesterday at 2 p.m. and discussed Deferred Revenue and Capital Credit Allocation. Gayle (Chief Financial Officer Gayle Gouker) explained the current parameters. We know what the rate structure will be for the next 10-years. This will be a hot topic at the board strategy session in April. In 2016 we deferred \$750,000 [adjustment in 2021]. For 2021 the staff recommend deferring an additional \$750,000 [status quo], so there are no sudden moves.”

Board Chair Kyle Martinez said, “This sets up the parameters for the future. What we are talking about is \$750,000 in last year’s revenue for the year 2021.”

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Alyssa Roberts said, “What we should keep in Deferred Revenue has a number of factors.” Generally speaking, the money in Deferred Revenue is a hedge against future rate increases. Passed unanimously.

Watson said, “In Capital Credit Allocation for prior years we used Existing Cost of Service for allocation. We [now] recommend the Revenue Model methodology for 2021 allocation.” Damon Lockhart said, “We will consider this every year.” Approved unanimously.

Watson said, “The Form 990 is a federal tax document that we normally review in November. But with the cyber-attack we did it yesterday. The 2020 Form 990 is posted on the website. It shows compensation for the board, salaries for the top 10 employees and the top five contractors. This is for transparency.”

Engineering – Construction – Energy Services Committee – Stacia Cannon, Chair.

Cannon said, “We did not meet. I have no report.”

Member Relations Committee – Bill



Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Directors begin all of their regular meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening meeting prayer. Photo by Gail Marvel.

Patterson, Chair.

Patterson said, “We did not meet in March. Our next meeting is April 8th.”

Executive Committee – Kyle Martinez, Chair.

Martinez said, “We met twice, February 28th and March 18th. We went over index changes to the Policy Index, consolidating and cleaning up some of our policies.” Index Policy Changes approved unanimously.

The board dealt with the Board Policies updates one at a time. Jock Fleming questioned whether what was described as “clean-up in policies” were actually changes in policies. Fleming said, “Jeff [Jeff Hurd, Attorney] have you gone over these changes?” Hurd stated he had not read the changes, but he felt comfortable with the recommendations from CEO Roberts.

Fleming noted he would approve some of the changes with the caveat they were first subject to legal review by the attorney. Jacob Gray pointed out various formatting changes that needed to be cor-

rected.

Policy 304 (Whistleblower), became Policy 104.

Approved unanimously pending legal review.

Policy 116 (Political Activities), became Policy 115.

Approved unanimously pending legal review.

Policy 114 (Board Self-Evaluation), became Policy 113.

Approved unanimously.

Policy 113 (Board Committees) was tabled.

The board will consider during the strategic planning meeting in April.

Non-Privileged CEO Report – Alyssa Roberts, CEO.

Spark Sessions are community events that give co-op membership an opportunity to interact with the DMEA leadership team. Roberts said, “We held the first Spark Session in Delta. It was a pretty good turn-out. The call-wait time has been improved. In April the Read office will be

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will be open one-day a week." Also included in Robert's report were kudos for the DMEA communication team for numerous awards they received from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRCA), the status of the scholarship program, and that applications for the upcoming DMEA Board of Directors election are coming in.

Patterson asked about the trees and how many crews they have for vegetation control. He said, "It looks like they are doing a good job." Roberts said, "We have just one crew. There are no plans to eliminate that [program]."

Kevin Williams said, "At the Spark Sessions, are you getting questions [from members]?" Roberts said, "Yes. The two main topics are about Elevate and the solar projects in Delta County."

System Average Interruption Index (SAIDI) Report – Alyssa Roberts, CEO.

Roberts said, "There was one near-miss at Olathe Co-Op. A build was taking place within 10 feet of a line. A broken insulator caused a two-and-a-half-hour outage for 3,000 customers."

Roberts asked if the SAIDI report could be included in her CEO report, rather than being listed as a separate item on the agenda. The board agreed that future SAIDI reports could be combined with the CEO report.

Financial Report with Variance Report – Gayle Gouker, CFO.

Gouker said, "The January financials are in your packet." Gouker explained the redesigned look for the financial reports and gave a brief overview of debt service, long-term debt, and lines of credit. To align with her methodology, Gouker converted one monthly board financial report to a yearly report. However, that change met with resistance from Cannon and Fleming, who wanted adjustments reported on a monthly basis. The report will be submitted to the board monthly.

On the topic of tier ratios Fleming said,

"These are getting closer to our comfort zone." Gouker said, "I have no discomfort with any of the ratios."

Non-Privileged Legal Report – Jeff Hurd, Attorney.

Hurd said, "There is no new litigation. If it is not contested, the Tri-State Open Access matter could be settled and implemented by May 1st. We could see some refund from Tri-State." Hurd noted that there have been some questions on how DMEA is organized and governed. He said, "We are organized under Article 55, but we are governed by Article 56. This gives us some flexibility."

Representative Reports

Western United Electrical Supply (WUES) Report – Jock Fleming.

Fleming said, "We didn't meet."

Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA) Report – Damon Lockhart.

Lockhart said, "We are meeting tomorrow. I sent material out early with legislative updates. There are three or four boilerplate things. There is a bill, basically hiking trails under transmission lines and landowners giving up any private right for the trails. It will not affect any private property."

Conference, Webinar, etc. Attendance Reports

Cannon, Patterson, Williams, and Gray reported on their recent conferences and webinars. Cannon highlighted information she learned concerning today's mental health issues within organizations, memberships, and communities. The issue will have more consideration during the strategic planning session in April.

Informational Item:

COO Approved Information Request per Policy 701 Update – Tim Vigil, COO.

Vigil said, "This is the first request, a subdivision for Matt Miles. This is the start of something very beneficial to us [sharing information prior to development]. River Meadows is a test case."

Scheduled meetings

The next regular meeting board meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. on April 19, 2022.

Executive Session

-Privileged CEO Report

-Privileged Legal Reports: Corporate, Litigation, and Regulatory Matters.

The agenda had no action items following the Executive Session

Executive Session Summary – Amy Taylor, Executive Assistant.

In an email Taylor summarized the executive session:

She said, "Upon motion from Director Watson, seconded by Director Williams, the board unanimously approved to enter executive session at 4:53 p.m. to review a privileged CEO report and a privileged legal report regarding corporate, litigation, and regulatory matters.

Director Gray exited executive session at 4:55 p.m. during a board discussion on power supply matters as part of the CEO report. Director Gray re-entered executive session at 5:58 p.m. Upon motion from Director Watson, seconded by Director Patterson, the board unanimously approved to exit executive session at 6:33 p.m. With no further business to discuss, the board adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m."

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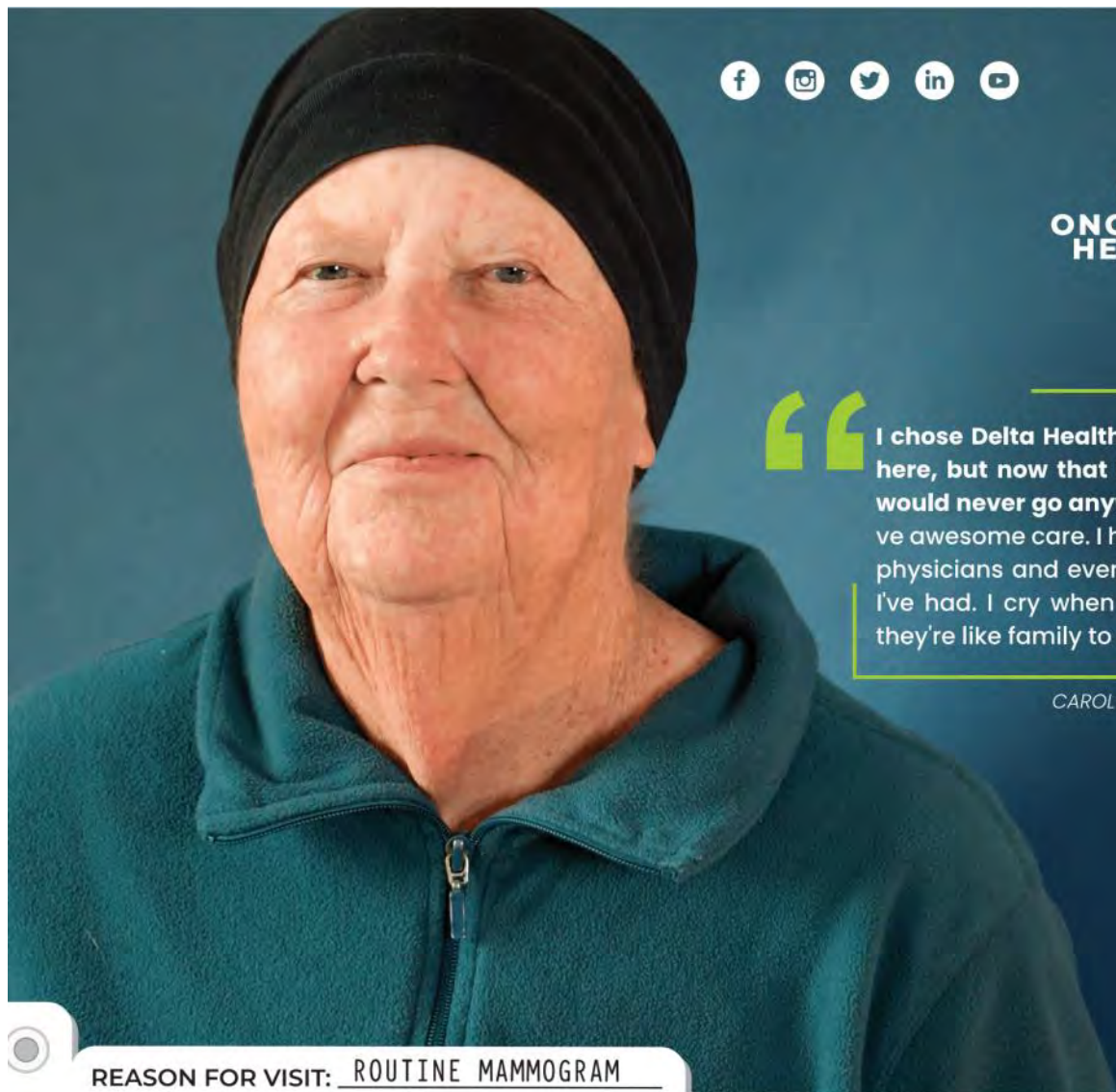
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VISTA STUDENTS TAKE CLASSES IN EMS, EMR



Paramedic Fidel Garcia of Professional EMS Education, left, is teaching professional EMS and EMR classes to students at the Vista Charter School.



Vista students practice loading a "patient" into an ambulance at the school.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose secondary students have a new option when it comes to preparing for a career in emergency medicine. Vista Charter School launched its Emergency Medical Services program in January, with six-week blocks of classes taught by Fidel Garcia of Professional EMS Education.

With classes in Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Emergency Medical Response (EMR), Vista students with an interest in the health care industry have a head start when it comes to entering the profession.

Garcia said that every student he has ever taught who earned an EMT designation has gone on to build a career in the health care field.

So far, nine students have enrolled in each of the first two classes, Garcia said. "They're doing a great job," he said of the Vista students.

"They're having fun and they're motivated to take the next step."

In addition to building life skills, the program serves as a launching pad to the field of medicine.

"They're starting careers in health care,"

said Garcia, who has logged more than 20 years as a full-time ambulance technician as well as a flight paramedic, along with 25 years of teaching students across the country.

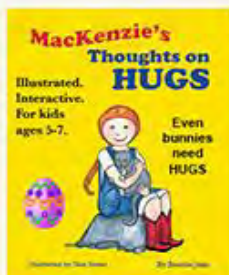
Garcia started his company, Professional EMS Education, in 2005.

"This is a great starting point to be able to move in any realm of medicine," he said.

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CEDAR POINT HEALTH SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT TO JOIN MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH IN DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMBULATORY CARE CENTER

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MONTROSE-Cedar Point Health has signed a letter of intent to join Montrose Regional Health in the development of an Ambulatory Care Center on the south end of Montrose (adjacent Hobby Lobby). We desire to share a couple of key reasons for doing so.

First and foremost, our goal is to improve the overall care experience of our patients. Cedar Point Health currently has three different primary care locations in Montrose. Maintaining three locations is challenging. We are less efficient and effective than we will be when we are under one roof. When in a building together, we will be able to maximize the experience for our patients by improving care coordination, standardizing our service offerings, and adding new services to evolve with ongoing healthcare reform. In collaboration with Montrose Regional Health, we will be able to break down barriers to care and reduce inconveniences. This will truly be a highly-efficient, comprehensive, one-stop-shop healthcare experience.

Cedar Point Health is embracing a forward-thinking model that looks to improve the quality of care for our patients while minimizing costs. Services such as imaging and surgery offered in an outpatient setting are often 30-50 percent less expensive without sacrificing any quality.

We have begun to collaborate more extensively with our insurance partners to evaluate patient data. We learn how to better intervene and manage chronic diseases while maximizing preventive care intended to catch disease such as cancer early. Robust technology which helps extract meaningful information from large sets of patient data, will empower our teams to identify at-risk patients and intervene before the conditions worsen. As we do, we will be able to reduce morbidity, improve our patients' health, and reduce health care spending. Our health care teams made up of care providers, nurses, medical assistants, and patient services specialists, will be able to communicate, coordinate, and facilitate care more freely in a space designed specifically for this type of experience. We plan to make care more convenient and improve outcomes for our patients.

Second, we support our local community hospital. We evaluated the possibility of building our own facility and assessed the

possibility of other partnerships, but we desire to ensure the long-term stability of Montrose Regional Health. The introduction of competitors will have consequences to our local community and health care system. To the degree that competitors can rally support behind their projects will determine the magnitude of impact. In other small towns, community hospitals have been forced to succumb to large health care systems which tend to take jobs, resources, and decision-making out of the local community. We strive to preserve the uniquely great system we have to the benefit of our friends, families and neighbors. We hope others follow our lead.

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dous number of benefits; especially when that rural community is nestled in a valley amidst beautiful mountain ranges and mesas.

However, traditionally rural communities struggle to provide adequate, up-to-date health care services. But not Montrose. We are fortunate.


We at Cedar Point Health will continue to provide compassionate quality care to each and every one of our patients. We are ecstatic to do that in collaboration with Montrose Regional Health in a beautiful new building, specifically constructed to maximize the patient care experience.


As we embark on this project, we solicit your support and welcome your feedback.

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE LAUNCHES NEW BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC INDICATOR DASHBOARD

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COLORADO-The Colorado Secretary of State's Office, in conjunction with the University of Colorado Leeds School of Business, has launched a new online resource that will provide updated monthly information on key economic statistics and trends that impact the State.

The [Colorado Business and Economic Indicator Dashboard](#) (CBEI Dashboard) provides monthly summaries of business filing statistics from the Secretary of State's Office as well as other relevant economic

metrics such as employment, wages, prices, and state GDP.

The CBEI Dashboard will be a monthly compendium of the quarterly [Economic Indicators Report](#), produced by the Secretary of the State's Office and Leeds Business Research Division. The CBEI Dashboard offers a user-friendly interface with charts and tables on multiple tabs that are easy to navigate as well as interactive filters and tooltips designed to provide relevant data efficiently.

The CBEI Dashboard includes key eco-

nomics metrics such as:

- New business filings
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RE-1J BOARD OF EDUCATION HEARS UPDATE ON MASTER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN



Property Services Director Philip Bailey answered questions during presentation of the RE-1J Facilities Master Plan.

By Caitlin Switzer

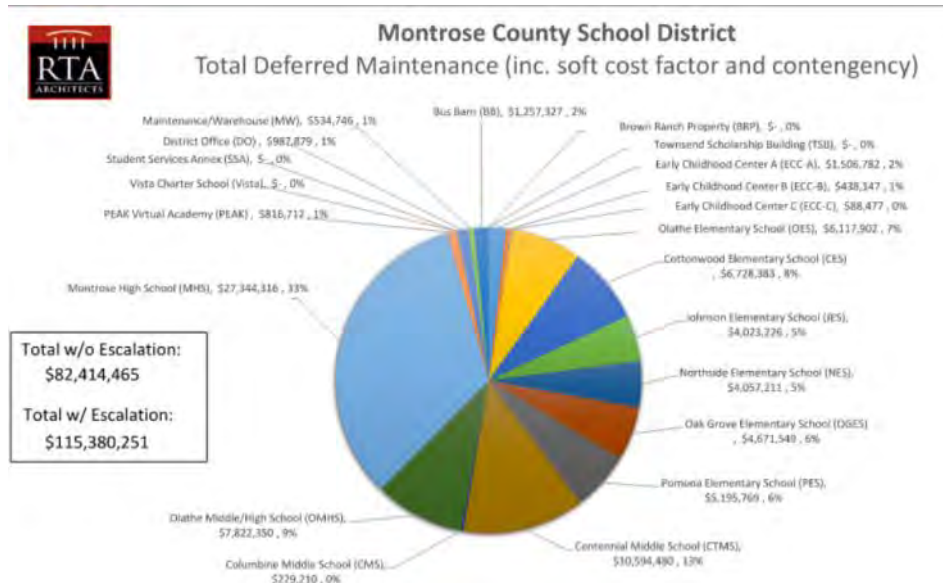
MONTROSE-The Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled work session on Tuesday, March 22.

Those present included RE-1J Board President Sarah Fishing, Board Vice President Jeff Bachman, District B Director Jacob Suppes, District C Director Alice Murphy, District D Director Tom West, and District F Director Eric Kelley. District G Director Stephen Bush was absent. Fishing opened the session and led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

RE-1J staff and directors heard a detailed update on the draft of the [District's Master Capital Improvements Plan](#). The finalized plan will be accessible as a dedicated web site as well as in pdf format, and will support data-driven decision making. Consultant Ken Gregg of RTA Architects was present to review the details of the plan, and RE-1J Property Services Director Philip Bailey was in attendance to facilitate the discussion and answer questions.

The plan provides specific data on all district facilities; the web site can be continuously updated as circumstances dictate.



RTA Architects Courtesy graphic.

Presently the district has \$115,380,251 in deferred maintenance with escalation factored in, according to the Master Capital Improvements Plan. Deferred maintenance without escalation is \$82,414,465.

Gregg gave an overview of the process, and discussed priorities, projected costs, and implementation strategies. A planning advisory team met seven times, "It was a very interactive process," Gregg said.

Following Gregg's presentation, RE-1J Superintendent Carrie Stephenson called for general discussion, and directors shared thoughts and asked questions.

Bailey said that the Master Capital Improvements Plan is a good tool for him and for the community and will provide a solid foundation for grant applications. Priorities outlined in the plan include:

1. Maintenance and Safety
2. Expand ECC Program
3. Plan to Replace Montrose High School
4. Elementary School Capacity and Facility Condition

5. Expand Peak Academy

6. Improvements at Olathe Middle High School

7. Improvements at Centennial Middle School

To read the plan in full, visit [the project web site](#).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following presentation of the Master Capital Improvements Plan and prior to adjournment, the Board of Education moved into executive session per C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(a), to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of a real, personal, or other property interest.

Along with Board of Education directors the executive session included Stephenson, Bailey, Gregg, Brian Calhoun of RTA Architects, Executive Director of Operations James Pavlich, Academic Services Director Jessica Beller, Director of Finance Emily Imus, Early Childhood Center Director Penny Harris, and Secretary to the Board of Education Laurie Laird.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

DON CORAM HAS DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS FOR COLORADO

Editor:

Recent letters by Dee Laird, Ed Henrie, and others have used guesses and misrepresentations of questionable data to support their statements in a sort of war against Don Coram. For instance, they cite a publication called "VOTE SMART FACTS MATTER" which lists Coram's voting record as less than conservative based only on the titles of legislative bills. Laird, et al, cite the Cannabis Law Report, which has phrases such as "isn't the first", "told this reporter", and "believed," to suggest that Mr. Coram has used personal influence for personal gain. Their letters infer that he has broken the law (guilt by innuendo) Political Courage indicates that if you review their on line report you will find "who Coram really is." The authors of those publications are unknown, but their intent is clearly to denigrate Don Coram.

Don is taken to task for not attending the Republican caucus. I don't blame him. I have attended it twice. The meetings were chaotic and, in my opinion, were set up to

favor the Party's preselected favorites.

Laird, et al also criticizes Don for "reaching across the aisle". Yes, he does! If anyone believes that a worthwhile bill is likely to achieve approval without some compromise between both parties, that person is out of touch with reality. A consensus, with lots of give-and-take, has always been a hallmark of our government. Failing to "reach across the aisle" may often create government in total deadlock, and then no one wins.

I do not doubt that Lauren Boebert is a fine person, and there are many people who seem to enjoy the notoriety she has achieved. But it has come with a price. For example, at the recent State of the Nation address, she sat in the back of the room and loudly hooted, showing her disrespect for our Government and bringing shame to her office of Congressional Representative. Her behaviors have not only alienated Democrats, but also some members of her own party. That alienation makes it difficult to get anything valuable done for

her constituents, to say nothing of the nation.

In summary, if you live in the Montrose area and don't know who Mr. Coram is, I encourage you to do your homework and form your own opinions.

He is a local business owner, a past rodeo competitor, a rancher, and a local state office holder who was raised on the Western Slope. He maintains the values of a rural, grass-roots, solid American viewpoint.

I believe that Don Coram, as an elected representative, has already demonstrated the ability to achieve success for Colorado and is a better choice for Congressional office than anyone else in the running. His history of real accomplishment, his awesome work ethic, and his ability to work productively with others make him the finest candidate in the race. Ask around-you'll find that Don has the support of many area residents who have signed his recent petition.

Bill Cunningham, Montrose

WITH THE INMATES RUNNING THE ASYLUM SINCE BIDEN'S INAUGURATION, ANYTHING IS NOW POSSIBLE

Editor:

Well, that's interesting. A front-page Montrose Daily Press article (3/17) on high gas prices, but no mention of Biden's disastrous energy policies? A person semi-detached from reality might conclude from that article that gas prices aren't as bad as they seem. After all, per the MDP, even though gas prices are high, they are stabilized at the moment, and, when adjusted for inflation, today's prices aren't as high as they were fourteen years ago – yet. Gas prices dramatically increased in the last month due to the Ukraine invasion, but have stabilized -- for now. So, relax.

A fair and balanced reporting would have included all of the story. The article is correct in saying that Putin's invasion is responsible for price increases, but over the past year and prior to the invasion, Biden's energy policies delivered even bigger price hikes – an inconvenient truth fully understood by most American people. Biden is

now feebly attempting to shift blame for the price increases away from his own decisions. Those policies not only dramatically increased gas prices pre-invasion, but more significantly gave Putin financial resources to invade Ukraine. Anyone with a sense of reality knows that when you give the Russians the weapon of energy, they are going to use it. The media clearly has no intention of being truthful about anything Biden does.

Gas price increases in 2008 came at the tail-end of a decade-long energy crisis. Surging demand from developing economies, stagnant production, and Middle East tension caused oil prices to steadily climb during the 2000's. Today's gas prices, however, are totally self-inflicted in a year's time by Biden's lead-from-behind policies, including discouraging domestic production and begging some of our worst enemies for more oil rather than increasing our own output. Our energy independence could be restored today, but Biden is

still committed to his "green energy" pipe dream that means strangling U.S. energy. Reality to Biden is forcing the poor and middle class to buy \$40,000 electric vehicles powered by the rare flammable pollutant, lithium. @#!\$

As an optimist, I am not usually swayed by what the "experts" say, but if you want some financial experts' opinions, check out the recent articles in "Fortune" predicting gas prices exceeding \$5 per gallon over the next six months and a likelihood of recession and stagflation (which couples low growth and high inflation). You can believe what you want, but with the inmates running the asylum since Biden's inauguration, anything is now possible. You can also decide for yourselves whether the MDP is reluctant to report about Biden's failures but seems more than happy to attack Boebert at every opportunity, and how fair and balanced their reporting is.

Chanda Ouimet, Montrose

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

BIDENS GETTING RICH WITH PAYOFFS FROM THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS

Editor;

President Trump just held another huge rally in Georgia last Saturday and it was said to be the biggest yet in Georgia. What a pleasure it was to watch a sea of tens of thousands of peaceful and America-loving people enjoying encouraging words from a president who placed America first. We didn't have to watch a riot with people pumping their America-hating signs and fists in the air, people burning down stores, fighting, injuring and killing police officers and then hearing about our dense vice president, Kacklin' Kamala bailing them out of jail! And just recently it was announced Ivanka Trump founded a national hunger relief program to send one million meals to Ukrainian refugees at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Have any Democrats helped out?

We now have an imposter occupant in the White House whose only interest is enriching his self and his family patronizing Communist China to acquire rare minerals and metals in order to accommodate the radical, scientifically unproven climate emergency hoax. The "climate emergency" idea started in the 1970s when climate activists using faulty science believed it was their job to "save the planet". They predicted an ice age would destroy the planet with no signs of warming until 2015. Well, that didn't happen. So then they changed their story and said global "warming" and the resultant rise in the sea levels would destroy the planet. That one didn't work either, so decades later they changed their rant and decided to call it "climate change". So now they don't have to keep changing their story when it rains or snows. Leftists like to take ideas that sound good and push them to the extreme to gain political power and get rich. For instance, those who the famous Rush Limbaugh referred to as the "environmental wackos" in the Democrat party want you to believe that electric cars are the answer to all your environmental wishes. But that just shows how much they don't know. First, if you asked them "what

is a battery?", they would probably answer something like, "well, it holds electricity". Well yeah, it does, but where does that electricity that fills the battery come from? After all, a battery does not produce the electricity, it only stores electricity if it is put in there from another source. But what source? Well, making electricity is a very complicated process and the wackos' only suggestion is wind and solar power, but how are you going to charge the mammoth EV battery on a cloudy day with no wind? And can you imagine the waiting line to charge one battery on that day when each one takes hours to charge? They also require numerous natural resources and chemicals to manufacture at many different levels and various factories. For instance, electricity is now produced primarily by coal for now (there's that dirty word Democrats loathe!), uranium, natural gas-powered plants, or diesel-fueled generators. So, for the Democrats to rant hysterically that electric cars are the answer to cleaning up the air they are either lying to you or they are living in a stupor. Since forty percent of the electricity generated in the U.S. is from coal-fired plants, isn't it safe to say then that forty percent of the electric vehicles on the road are indirectly coal-powered? So to say they are zero-emission vehicles is not at all true! Common sense reveals it takes the same amount of energy to move a five-thousand-pound gasoline-driven vehicle a mile as it does a five-thousand-pound electric vehicle.

So the question is what produced the electricity to charge the battery to power the electric vehicle? Well, inside the battery are numerous toxic (uh-oh, can't have that!) heavy metals like lithium-ion, nickel-metal oxide, and nickel-cadmium. So, for those drooling about the phony "green" revolution, let's look at that typical EV battery. It weighs one thousand pounds. Yes, it contains 25 pounds of lithium, 60 pounds of nickel, 44 pounds of manganese, 30 pounds cobalt, 200 pounds of copper

and 400 pounds of aluminum, steel, and plastic. And inside it contains over 6,000 individual lithium-ion cells. Now, if you are an opponent of mining you won't want to hear that for each EV auto battery they process 25,000 pounds of brine for the lithium, 30,000 pounds of ore for the cobalt, 5,000 pounds of ore for the nickel, and 25,000 pounds of ore for the copper. All totaled, 500,000 pounds of earth is dug up for just one EV battery even though you might hate the miners! Wonder how this sounds so far to the radical "Earth First" crowd who are probably the first ones clamoring for one of these "environmentally-friendly" cars? But we're not done yet! Sixty-eight percent of the world's cobalt, a significant part of a battery, comes from the Congo. And as reported before, we can thank Hunter Biden and his father Joe for their corruption in selling an American-operated African cobalt mine in the Republic of Congo to the Chinese Communists! It's no wonder or secret now why Biden won't stand up to Communist China on any issue. Now, thanks to the corruption of the Bidens, we have to buy our cobalt from Communist China! It's true, truth is stranger than fiction! To make matters worse those cobalt mines have no pollution controls and they employ children who die from handling those toxic materials. So why doesn't Biden and his Democrat environmental fanatics criticize China for THEIR environmental policies? Because the Bidens are getting rich with payoffs from the Chinese Communists for this and many other lucrative deals, that's why. So shouldn't this send the radical environmentalists into a tantrum? Nope, not as long as their ideology is benefiting and the right people are getting rich.

"If a political party does not have its foundation in the determination to advance a cause that is right and moral, then it is not a political party. It is a conspiracy to seize power." --- President Dwight D. Eisenhower, March 6, 1956

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BEST PREDICTION OF UNCOMPAGHRE RIVER PEAK FLOW WILL EARN STAND-UP PADDLE BOARD PACKAGE – ATLASTA SOLAR CENTER, SOL PADDLE BOARDS, JACK'S PLASTIC WELDING, ALPACKA RAFTS, CKS ONLINE CONTRIBUTE PRIZES TO SUPPORT WATERSHED RESTORATION

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REGIONAL-The Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP) is challenging anyone who has ever floated on, stepped foot in or driven over the Uncompahgre River to predict when it will hit its peak flow this May or June. The scenic river will reach its maximum natural flows above the Ridgway Reservoir for 2022, when runoff from snowmelt from the San Juan Mountains is at its greatest. For the second year, people can win prizes by entering a prediction of the river's peak flow date and time in the Uncompahgre River Classic.

The Classic is a fundraising activity of the UWP, a Ouray County nonprofit dedicated to watershed protection, restoration and education activities. The Uncompahgre River flows from the headwaters above Silverton through Ouray, Ridgway, Montrose, Olathe and Delta until it joins the Gunnison River to flow into the Colorado River. The upper reaches of the Uncompahgre support wildlife, agriculture, recreational activities, commercial operations, and other uses, but the water quality is damaged by metals from abandoned mines and threatened by climate change and population growth.

Educating people about the river's ecology, such as seasonal changes and the impact of drought, is one of UWP's goals with the Uncompahgre River Classic. Another goal is to thank river lovers and watershed stewards for their knowledge of the Uncompahgre, by rewarding them with river toys and gear from regional small businesses. Atlasta Solar Center of Grand Junction and Montrose paid for the



The Uncompahgre River. Courtesy photo.

grand prize package valued at \$1,358, a Carbon GalaXy SOLtrain Inflatable Paddle Board, leash, paddle and bag from Telluride-based Sol Paddle Boards.

"At Atlasta Solar Center, we're very community centered. On the Western Slope, we have a very strong sense of community, so our company wants to do anything we can to foster that sense of community," said Marketing Manager Matt Fowler. "Not only our customers but also our employees live, work and play on the Western Slope. They are the folks who will be out and enjoying the rivers and the natural resources we are so fortunate to have here, so we want to do as much as we can to protect those resources."

The second place prize valued at \$430 is a Paco Grande Pad and collapsible bucket bag from Jack's Plastic Welding of Aztec,

N.M. The third place prize is a \$150 Gift Card and tote bag from Alpaca Raft of Mancos, Colo., fourth place prize is a \$100 Gift Card from CKS Online of Steamboat Springs, Colo., and fifth place prize is a Ridgway RiverFest shirt and Yeti Mug.

Peak flow prediction entry forms can be purchased for \$10 per prediction or \$25 for four predictions. The deadline for entries is May 1, the peak flow is expected to happen between May 2 and June 24, and the prize winners will be announced on June 25 at the Ridgway RiverFest.

Information and entry forms for the Uncompahgre River Classic are at <https://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/2022-uncompahgre-river-classic/>. Inquiries can be directed to tan-ya@uncompahgrewatershed.org or 970-310-3235.



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MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH – HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES FOR OVER 70 YEARS!



Jeff Mengenhausen.
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By Jeff Mengenhausen, CEO, Montrose Regional Health
MONTROSE-
Montrose Regional Health (MRH) is a non-profit hospital whose mission is to provide healthcare services to our communities with excellent service, compassion, and

fiscal responsibility. We have been serving the people in our area for more than 70 years and are the only hospital in the state of Colorado to be recognized seven years in a row as a Top 100 Rural Hospital in the country. We employ over 700 caregivers and work closely with 100 providers who all live and raise their families and invest in this community. MRH provides compassionate care to anyone who comes through our doors, regardless of their ability to pay for their services. In 2021, MRH provided \$26.5 million in community benefit to support patients in our community. I am so proud to lead this incredible organization and look forward to great things in our future.

We are excited to open the next chapter in healthcare by building an Ambulatory Care Center (ACC) and partnering with your local care providers. MRH has the fiscal responsibility to ensure healthcare services are provided to our communities for the next 50, 75, 100 years. Therefore, decisions made today carefully consider the very long-term impact on services to our patients for future years. We have a different point of view on how the medical clinic being proposed by the national firm QHR in the Colorado Outdoors area will affect Montrose Regional Health and your care providers. Since QHR is a **for-profit entity**, they need to generate revenue to

support their national shareholders. Are they going to accept every patient regardless of their ability to pay? Are they going to be here to support the local events, give back through a health fair, support your children's sports' team? What is their motive for coming to Montrose?

The issue clearly is an instance of two entities with different profit objectives competing for the same patient. We agree that large healthcare systems and national firms are very attracted to Montrose because of the growth opportunities and our beautiful area. This is one of the reasons a large national firm like QHR is now trying to compete with your local community hospital. MRH is focused on building our Ambulatory Care Center and working with our local care providers and physicians to take the healthcare environment in Montrose to the next level. The ACC will help keep other competitors out of area which would financially hurt the hospital and other local providers. Montrose Regional Health provides some services lines that operate at a net loss and others that cover the costs of the non-revenue producing areas. QHR can choose to offer only the services that receive the highest reimbursement and gather those patients to make a profit, while we need all of the services to properly care for our communities.

Another concern is staffing two facilities. Currently MRH has more than 90 job openings. The pandemic has had huge impact on the shortage of nurses, respiratory therapists, and many other healthcare professionals. People have left these positions nationwide due to stress and work-life balance and Montrose is feeling the effects of this. It will be almost impossible to staff two facilities in addition to the hospital. In addition, this could fragment and be destructive to our top-notch medical staff. MRH and QHR will be competing for the same patients which dilutes everyone's market share and abil-

ity to be successful.

Montrose Regional Health analyzed the market opportunities, patient demands and payor trends. Based on this analysis, we designed an ambulatory care center to meet the demands of our communities and to decrease healthcare costs, improve convenience and patient experience. We are working closely with the Denver company NexCore, who specializes in developing healthcare buildings. The building will generate real estate taxes and increase the use of utilities which will benefit the city. By having the help of a developer build the ACC, it allows the hospital to keep our financial resources and focus on updating the main hospital campus and our aging facilities.

As a non-profit hospital, our revenue doesn't go to shareholders in another state: we reinvest that into care here in Montrose, for you. Montrose Regional Health has grown since our inception in 1950, always seeking to grow responsibly as our community grows – such as establishing cardiology care in 2000, the San Juan Cancer Center in 2006, our Joint Replacement Center in 2009, and our advanced lung health services at our Montrose Lung & Sleep Center in 2021. Each service we grow has allowed our community to receive their care here instead of spending their resources traveling to Grand Junction or Denver for care.

MRH provides over \$55 Million in salaries each year which is a huge economic driver in our community. With an outside organization focusing on mainly profitable services, there will be fewer resources available to invest into bringing new services to Montrose and the region for our patients.

Our communities deserve the best care and advanced treatments possible. For the sake of the health of our communities, let's continue to keep resources local. Our patient and families are why we are here for you, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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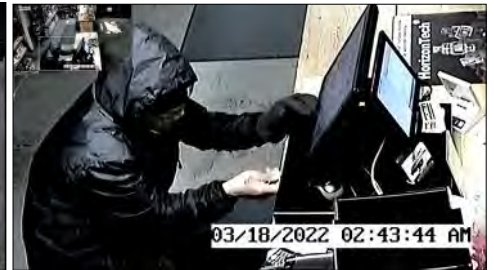
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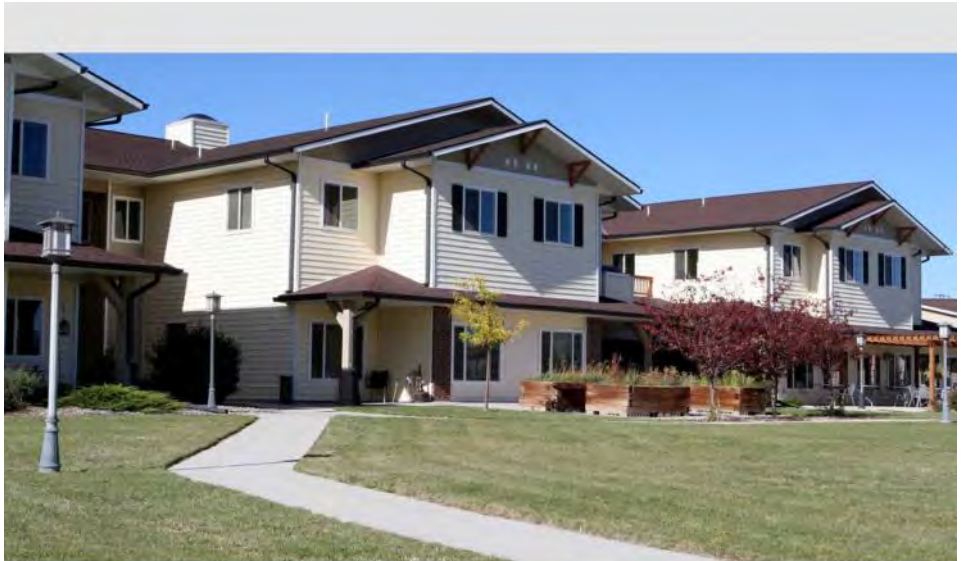
MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. and the Montrose Police Department are seeking the help of citizens to identify and locate the person(s) who broke into Smokin' in the Rockies at 820 N Townsend Avenue in the early hours of 3/18/2022, stealing money and merchandise. Included are photos of the involved subjects.

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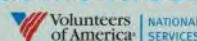
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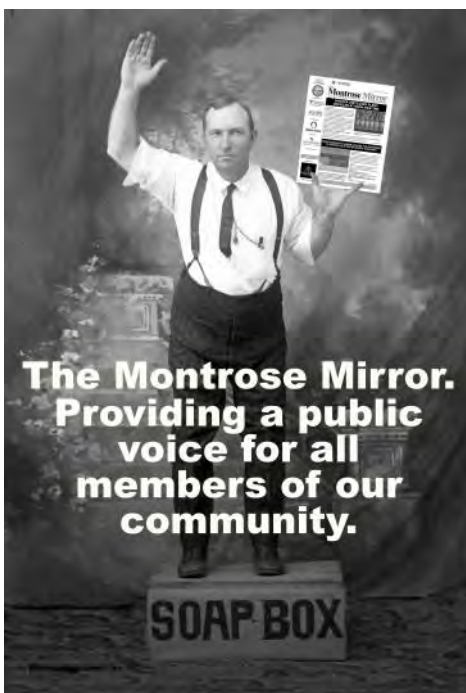
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Successful Wedding and Event Venue located in Western Colorado. Original home and barn were constructed in 1910. The barn was recently and lovingly saved and structurally improved, yet the vintage feel was kept in tact. The barn has updated electrical, with a new concrete floor and plenty of room for tables, and photo ops. There is plenty of room for a bartender station, with the original work bench top. Outside is a large WeatherPort™ canopy to expand outdoor seating. All of this is situated on 12.5 acres with a pressurized irrigation sprinkler system, and views of beautiful sunsets that create that special feeling any couple will remember and treasure forever. Special touches are thoughtfully in place to enhance the venue experience. Imagine a chandelier that lowers and raises to create a perfect ambiance for the special moment, of announcements, photos, first dance or that special kiss. There is also a manufactured home currently used as the Bride's room which can also be used as an Air BnB. This is a 1,448 sq ft home built in 2001. Also included on the property is a building site, and RV hook-up to expand the flexibility of the property. The original 3 bedroom plus

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 quiet 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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CRIME STOPPERS ALERT: HELP LOCATE SUSPECT IN TRUCK & TRAILER THEFT



The Montrose Police Department is looking for assistance in finding a 2016 Chevrolet 2500, Silver in color, Diesel truck. Crime Stoppers courtesy photo.

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MONTROSE-The Montrose Police Department is looking for assistance in finding a 2016 Chevrolet 2500, Silver in color, Diesel truck. Additionally, a trailer was stolen, which is described as 2020 PJ brand, 14-foot, double axel, tan in color, gooseneck dump trailer with a hydraulic dump. The vehicle and trailer were stolen on 03/19/2022 at 0639 hours from a residence here in Montrose. The vehicle was seen in the Grand Junction area on 03/21/2022, with fictitious plates (Colorado: CHC741). The vehicle was seen today, 03/22/2022, in Olathe. Witness said that the suspect and driver of the vehicle is a short Hispanic male. No other information is to be provided. Looking for any information that would help identify a suspect and locate the vehicle and trailer. Included with this news release is a picture.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

CEDAR POINT HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENT IS GREAT NEWS FOR MONTROSE

Editor:

Did you hear the band playing, and the crowds cheering with the announcement by Cedar Point Health ,CEO Cory Phillips, that Cedar Point Health is to join our MRH hospital's new ambulatory center that is coming soon to better service our medical community? Mr. Cory Phillips says it all in the MDP Announcement article: " We're really excited to collaborate with the hospital . It's going to be a better coordinated ,integrated care for our patients, and we think after evaluating a lot of different perspectives and considerations, that supporting our local community hospital is the way to go," Phillips said. There were additional supporting quotes in the article by others from the medical services community.

To sum it up, our medical community, doctor's , the hospital and patients in large numbers have and are continuing to come together in a way that Montrose has never seen before to better serve and preserve our hospital and the services it provides to all patients 24/7/365.

How can we help? This is a big deal for our community. I hope everyone in the medical community, hospital staff, and all of us as patients will support "our" Montrose Regional Hospital by proudly being partners by participating with the winning team members and the medical services they provide, thereby putting Montrose first .

There is great news in Montrose city, spelled with a capital M.

Jim Anderson, Montrose

CITIZENS OF MONTROSE, UNITE! VOTE 'EM OUT

Editor:

It is long past time for Montrose to unite and to get some real change in the city council. Sure, there are only two seats with challengers but if we unite and toss those incumbents out, and if very few people cast ballots to the two unchallenged seats, we will be well on our way. Just look at what your council has done for you. Nothing, just nothing. They have followed their own idea of what Montrose should be and ignored your comments and suggestions almost to the letter. That is not what they are for. But this is what they are.

Just look at the Colorado Outdoors MURA. In truth how many of our fellow townspeople were for that extravagant, wasteful and unjustified drain of over \$15,000,000 tax dollars dumped by profli-

gate spendthrifts into a huge dark hole of municipal waste. No, nobody wanted that desert acreage developed. It was not a slum or a crime ridden area. It was done virtually unilaterally by the council and the city manager for the "good of Montrose," my butt.

A friggin strip mall across from the jail. What an attraction? For whom, the jailbirds.

And then we had two of the councilors take it upon themselves to either have money voted to a family member or to arrange for a concert and through their ignorance or negligence run a businesswoman, a member of the community, out of the business which was her livelihood. Who got Divots? **THE CITY ? Or a relative or friend?**

Are these two (and how many more) lined

up to follow Mr. Coram's lead in doing public business for their own purposes and benefit from their elected office? Is the city council in the past and presently a training ground for future legislators? It is time to clean out the government agencies, elected and otherwise, of Montrose. Let's get a city council that operates for the best interests, the betterment, and the wellbeing of the city of Montrose--- you and me---and not just for the benefit of family members and golfing buddies. Let's clean it up and clean it out NOW! The Montrose city council needs a dose of VOTER Elax and it needs it soon. LEAVE INCUMBANTS VOTE BLANK and set Montrose up for the house cleaning that is coming and coming. Consider Voting for Ulibarri and Arbogast.

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The Museum of the Mountain West is partnering with Fort Uncompahgre and the Ute Museum this summer for a series of plein air painting and photography sessions along the Old Spanish Trail. An Art Show and Sale follows in September hosted by the Museum of the Mountain West and Ute Museum. Opening reception, Saturday, September 3rd, 4-7 pm.

The event is a joint fundraiser and will have national coverage.

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COLORADO EMPLOYMENT SITUATION – FEBRUARY 2022

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DENVER-The Colorado Division of Labor and Employment has released Household and Establishment survey data for February.

Household survey data

According to the survey of households, Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.0 percent in February from 4.2 percent, as revised, in January. Colorado's unemployment rate of 4.0 percent marks the lowest level since it was 2.8 percent in February 2020. The national unemployment rate also declined two-tenths of a percentage point from January to 3.8 percent.

Other highlights from the household survey:

Colorado's labor force grew by 11,600 in February to 3,199,000. The share of Coloradans participating in the labor force improved to 68.7 percent last month, the highest rate since March 2020. The state continues to experience a faster rate of recovery in the participation rate than the U.S.

The number of individuals employed in Colorado increased by 17,100 in February to 3,072,200, which represents 66.0 percent of the state's 16+ population. Colorado's employment-to-population ratio has nearly returned to pre-pandemic levels. The Colorado counties with the highest unemployment rates in February were: Huerfano (7.2%), Pueblo (6.1%), Fremont (5.8%), Rio Grande (5.6%), and Las Animas (5.5%). County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted and are directly comparable to Colorado's February unadjusted rate of 4.0 percent.

Establishment survey data

Employers in Colorado added 14,100 non-farm payroll jobs from January to February for a total of 2,826,900 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. Private sector payroll jobs increased 13,700 and government rose by 400. After the February gain of 14,100, Colorado has fully recovered the total nonfarm jobs lost in early 2020. Over the past 22 months, the state has added 381,800 nonfarm pay-

roll jobs, compared to losses totaling 374,500 in March and April 2020. That translates to a job recovery rate of 101.9 percent, which exceeds the U.S. rate of 90.4 percent. Since May 2020, Colorado's

private sector has grown by 383,300 jobs, compared to declines of 358,800 in early 2020. That translates to a job recovery rate of 106.8 percent and outpaces the U.S. rate of 93.2 percent.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

CALLIE ANN RYSER May 25, 1937-March 16, 2022



CALLIE ANN RYSER, 84 passed away on March 16, 2022 at the Hope West Hospice in Grand Junction. Callie was preceded in death by Parents, Hartwell (Cut) and Mertie White, Her twin sister Polly Ryser Shiflet and Maxine Ivy, Brothers, Sgt. James Hardy (Son) White killed in Vietnam and Hartwell W. (Buddy) White, and her children Sandra D Franks and Terry L Parker, their father James Parker along with her granddaughter Dana Franks Woods.

Callie was born in Jonesville, LA May 25th, 1937, to Hartwell (Cut) and Mertie White. She was raised on a small family farm. In

her early years, she picked cotton with her dad and siblings. Callie and children lived in Natchez Ms until she met Norman Ryser in 1979 and they married in 1980. They moved to the Spring Creek area where she learned to use a riding lawn mower and loved gardening. She was an amazing southern cook and her home was always immaculate. Callie loved feeding horses and mules even though she was afraid of them, she would stand behind the fence to make sure they stayed in their own stalls. Norman tried many times to get her to ride and she always refused, even though she sat on a horse one time.

Callie and Norman loved hunting, camping and family get-togethers. On Friday afternoon of a planned camping weekend, Callie would have the camper ready to go when Norman came home from work.

Callie was always ready to take care of anyone who was sick or hurt. Her table was a place where friends and families would get together for coffee many a morning. Callie was a member of Montrose Christian Church. Callie is survived by her husband Norman G Ryser of 41 years of marriage with five stepchildren, Teri (Larry) Reed, Cathy (Gary) Wehmeyer, Christa (Darin) Johnson, Jeffrey (Amanda) Ryser, Jennifer (Ben) Truscott. Son in Law George Ray Franks and Daughter in Law Jenny L Parker. Callie had many grandchildren, Kristy Franks Cooley (Tony), Lance

Franks (Cindy), Harvey Lane Parker (Kristi) and Terry Hunter Parker (Jenna). Amy (Jamey) Reed, James (Lindsay) Reed, Dustin (Ashley) Reed, Heath (Sara) McCombs, Jesse (Jenna) McCombs, Josh (Stacy) Johnson, Jordan (Mallory) Johnson, Zachary (Lindsey) Johnson, Maranda (Spencer) Ryser, Brianne (Aaron) Brassard, Jacob Ryser, Jeffrey (Carissa) Ronzio, Cole (Jessica) Ronzio, Elijah Truscott.

Plus 37 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren, Ashlynn Cooley and Callies namesake Callie Robinson, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

The Ryser Family wants to extend a special appreciation to Scott Keene, Karen Jetley, Pat and Jewel Schottel and Brenda Walsh, Gerald and Cheryl Hammett, Bert and Betty Calhoun, John and MaryAnn Harris for all the love and support they have given to the family over the years. Norman wants to also thank Tandy and Michelle for their help in these last months.

With very special thanks and appreciation to Hope West Hospice Doctor, Nurses, CNA's and whole staff for the high care of compassion they gave to Callie and her family while she was under their care, especially Andrea and Missy. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hope West in Montrose, CO at 725 S. 4th Street Montrose, CO 81401. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. 970-249-2121.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

DAVID CELLA

December 24, 1929 - March 16, 2022



Dave Cella, loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend passed peacefully on March 16, 2022 at the age of 92 af-

ter a valiant fight with Alzheimers. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, and love of the outdoors.

Dave was born to Dave and Betty Cella on December 24, 1929 in Wallingford, Connecticut. After graduating high school, Dave attended UCONN, and completed his education at the Colorado School of Mines earning degrees in Mining Engineering and Petroleum Production Engineering. Following college he proudly served as a pilot in the US Navy during the Korean War. After his discharge from the Navy he worked for Dow Chemical Company as a petroleum engineer. Dave met his wife, Betty, in high school and they were happily married for 68 years. They raised four amaz-

ing children, Marc, Linda (Reggie), Kathy, and Mary (Barry).

They became the proud grandparents of 7 grandchildren, Adam, Aaron, Megan, William (Lesly), Mike (Sara), Marc (Mary), and Stefanie (Cole).

In addition to his passion for flying, Dave had many hobbies that included traveling, hunting, golfing, dancing, and playing cards. He is loved, and will be forever remembered by all who knew him.

Per Dave's wishes, there will be no funeral services. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Alzheimer's research (BrightFocus.org), Hope West Hospice, or another charity of your choice. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Mr. Cella's family.

BERNARD EDWARD DUFF

August 15, 1952- March 16, 2022

BERNARD EDWARD DUFF, 69, Montrose, Colorado passed away on March 16, 2022. Bernard was born in Barre, Vermont on August 15, 1952, to Mary E {Matthews} and Richard W Duff. He spent his childhood in Killingworth, Connecticut graduating from The Morgan School in Clinton, Connecticut.

Bernard Proudly served his country in the Army and was stationed in Germany. He was a Proud member of the NRA. Bernard was a welder, working for Timpkin Company in Broomfield, Colorado. He was an avid coin collector and enjoyed target shooting. Bernard never married.

Bernard is survived by his sister Sandra Nelson of Montrose. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard W and Mary E Duff.

Crippin Funeral Home and Crematory assisted the Family with arrangements. 970-249-2121.

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ART & SOL

THE WONDEROUS WORLD OF EGGS!

By Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald

MONTROSE-One of the most fascinating aspects of all of God's creation is the egg! All of life comes from some form of "egg." In the animal world, eggs are laid by the females of many different species of birds, reptiles, amphibians, a few mammals and fish. In some species, such as humans, the eggs are the beginning of an extraordinary internal process resulting in the birth of a baby. Yes, we too come from the wonderful world of eggs.

Because the egg is associated with the genesis of life, it has become a symbol for life. Eggs are also symbolic of fertility, hope, purity, light, prosperity, luck, renewal, rebirth, and resurrection. It is very lucky if you accidentally crack an egg in your kitchen and even luckier if you catch the egg before it hits the floor.

There are many world beliefs that teach the universe is a cosmic egg and the major god in ancient beliefs was born from that cosmic egg. For example, the sun god Ra of Egypt is said to have been born from the cosmic egg. The new space telescopes have shown us star nurseries where new stars are formed out of cosmic gases swirling into egg shapes. The structure of the earth has also been compared to the structure of a hard boiled egg with the yolk as the earth's core.

Scientists now agree the shape of the universe is more like an egg than a sphere.

How did our ancient ancestors know about the shape of the universe? Scientists now estimate that the end of the observable universe is 46 billion light years away. The universe is a wondrous, awesome gigantic egg!

Eggs have been eaten by humans since the dawn of time. (It is also said that humans learned how to weave by watching birds build nests.) Eggs are an excellent source of nutrition and are one of a few foods that contain natural Vitamin D. Eggs can be hard boiled, scrambled, fried, baked, shirred, poached, coddled, basted, deviled, or made into omelets. They are an essential ingredient for baking and certain holiday drinks and used by cooks all over the world to make delicious cultural dishes.

In religious practices, the egg has had an important role. In traditional beliefs, the egg symbolized spring and renewal. They were decorated and given as gifts at the spring equinox. Eggs were often buried with the dead to symbolize new life. In Christian customs, cathedrals often displayed decorated eggs as religious treasures, including the astonishing ostrich eggs. In Christianity, in medieval times, it was forbidden to eat eggs for the 40 days of Lent. Eggs were then served on Easter morning as a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus. Easter eggs became the symbol for



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resurrection. In Italy and other neighboring countries, hard boiled eggs are baked into braided loaves of bread to celebrate the resurrection and spring.

Eggs have also been used as diagnostic tools with a fresh egg cracked and the insides dropped on the part of the body in pain. The configuration of the egg on the body was then divined as to cause and cure. In our technological times, an "Easter egg" is an identifying image or message put into a video game, film, or other electronic media by the designer.

Humans have been decorating eggs for more than 2,500 years. The most beautifully decorated eggs are the ones designed by the Ukrainian women, called *krashanka* or *pysanky*. Vibrant reds, yellows and oranges, on a black background are used with the wax-resist method. They were eaten at the spring equinox to celebrate

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the rebirth of the Sun and return of the season of abundance. Some historians say that the custom of decorating and dyeing eggs was an attempt by early humans to color neutral eggs to match the colored eggs of some of the other birds. A variety of egg colors are found in the natural world: blue, gold, tan, aqua, brown, and speckled. Perhaps the most famous decorated eggs

are the Imperial Faberge eggs designed and made by Peter Carl Faberge and Company from 1885-1917. These jeweled eggs were commissioned by Russian Tsars Alexander III and Nicholas II as presents for their wives and mothers at Easter. Of the 52 with records, only 46 are accounted for, and the missing six are priceless. The most famous Imperial Faberge Egg, the Winter Egg of 1913, was worth \$12,000.

We come from cherished eggs and are born into a cosmic egg-shaped universe full of wonders shaped like eggs. This Easter, while you are enjoying hiding colored eggs for the children, eating a delicious brunch of egg dishes, snacking on deviled eggs and chocolate eggs, take a few minutes to express your gratitude to the Divine Spirit for this most important creation of the wondrous egg.

NATURAL INGREDIENTS FOR COLORING EASTER EGGS

Dyeing eggs using natural ingredients instead of the store bought kits is a fun activity for families and brings many surprises. Try these natural ways to dye eggs for Easter this year. Boil the eggs first and let them cool. These dyes are also boiled with their ingredients and then the cooled eggs immersed in the liquid. Natural dyes take a longer time to color the eggs (30 minutes plus) than the kit dyes. It's also fun to experiment using other natural ingredients.

Soft orange: a single yellow onion skin.

Vibrant orange: use more yellow onion skins.

Sunny bright yellow: one-half teaspoon of turmeric dissolved in a small amount of water.

Reddish-orange: one-half to one teaspoon of paprika and teaspoon of vinegar.

Pink: beet juice and vinegar.

Red: red onion skins

Blue: The outer leaves of red cabbage and vinegar. Allow the whole mixture to cool overnight. Be careful this dye scratches of the shell easily.

Purple: red wine.

Dark blue: blueberries.

Green – spinach leaves and vinegar.

Burnt orange or tan – 3 black tea bags, steeped until dark.

Darker tan - coffee

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

JA'NET DANIELO HEADLINING APRIL 5TH BARDIC TRAILS



Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE ... Poet Ja'net Danielo will be the featured reader for the Bardic Trails Zoom poetry webinar Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm (Mountain Time). A production of the Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Program and the Wilkinson Public Library, Bardic Trails is a free virtual poetry reading open to anyone who pre-registers.

Join us to celebrate National Poetry Month and listen to Ja'net share her words.

Register online at the Wilkinson Public Library to get the Zoom Link.

Go to telluridelibrary.org/events

At left, Poet Ja'net Danielo. Courtesy photo.

COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

2022-2023 COLORADO FISHING LICENSES AVAILABLE NOW

Special to the Mirror

DENVER – Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds anglers the 2022-2023 fishing season is officially upon us. The 2022-2023 fishing license is valid March 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. Regulations and pricing for annual, daily and multi-day

fishing licenses can be found in the [2022 Colorado Fishing Brochure](#). For individuals, ages 18 through 64, a \$10.59 [Habitat Stamp](#) is required with the first license purchase for the year.

Youth under age 16 can fish with one rod for free, and CPW provides opportunities

throughout the season to [learn how to fish](#).

Coloradans and nonresident visitors can purchase fishing licenses [online](#), by phone at 1-800-244-5613, at your [local CPW office](#) or at any of our hundreds of [authorized sales agents statewide](#).

CPW does not receive general tax dollars and fishing license sales support all statewide hatchery and fish-stocking operations. CPW stocks 90 million fish annually into waters throughout Colorado in order to ensure quality angling opportunities. From warmer waters to mountain streams, Colorado angling opportunities are world-renowned.

Funding from fishing license sales may allow for additional public access, community angling grants and habitat improvements that better support our birds, fish and other small game. Whether you enjoy lure fishing, ice fishing or fly fishing, Colorado provides 27,000 miles of streams and more than 1,300 lakes and reservoirs. Fishing in Colorado provides the possibility of catching [35 species of warm-water and cold-water fish](#).

Fishing is a great activity to share with family and friends, and the perfect chance to get outside and enjoy Colorado's natural resources.

CPW fishing classes, events, seminars and tournaments are posted on the [Fishing News and Events](#) web page.

When planning your next fishing trip, download our [My CPW app](#). My CPW is the official mobile application for CPW's license and pass purchasing system, IPAWS, and it is available to all CPW customers (residents and nonresidents). My CPW makes purchasing CPW products even easier and allows customers to carry and show proof of purchase of many CPW annual and daily products directly from their phone.

Check out the [My CPW FAQ document](#) for more information or visit the [My CPW section on the CPW website](#).

The My CPW app can be downloaded from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). For more information about fishing in Colorado, visit the [CPW website](#).

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MIRROR IMAGES: ALTRUSA SPRING LUNCHEON



Scenes from the 32nd Annual Altrusa International of Montrose Spring Luncheon, March 26 at the Montrose Pavilion. This year's theme was Color My World. Photos by B. Switzer.



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MONTROSE-Montrose Dem's Deliver Corned Beef for Shepherd's Hand annual Saint Patty's Corned Beef Dinner. Pictured are Shepherd's Hand staffer Michael Richard and Phoebe Benziger, Co-Chair Community Outreach, Montrose County Democrats.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS WELCOMES NEW LEADERSHIP

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL—On Feb. 13, 2022, a local congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints welcomed new leadership. Landon Morgan was called to be the Bishop of the Uncompahgre Ward. Jeff Kay and Troy Davis were selected as counselors to complete the bishopric.

In the Church of Jesus Christ, bishoprics, composed of lay ministers, oversee congregations of local Saints. The Church calls congregations wards, and members attend together each Sunday to learn of and worship Jesus Christ. The Uncompahgre Ward has congregants from North Montrose, Olathe, and Delta—approximately 450 in total.

As lay ministers, each member of the bishopric has a career outside of their church service and maintain active family lives.

Bishop Landon Morgan married his wife Alexis in 2011, after meeting in Las Vegas. They are parents to three children. After completing his doctorate in physical therapy, Landon moved his family to Delta, where he was born. They enjoy spending time as a family, particularly doing home and yard projects.

Jeff and his wife, Brianne, have six young children and moved to Montrose after Jeff completed his service in the Army. Jeff is



Left to Right: Troy Davis (second counselor in Uncompahgre Ward Bishopric), Landon Morgan (Bishop), and Jeff Kay (first counselor).

also a Colorado native. He completed his undergraduate work at Brigham Young University and now works in the pathology department in the Montrose, Delta, and Gunnison hospitals.

Troy was born in Salt Lake City and married Holly Strohm in 2011. They have four children. Troy previously served in the Navy. He finds strength to his faith by

reading his scriptures each morning recognizes the power in pursuing a higher standard of living after some years of not attending church. The Church has six congregations in the Montrose, Olathe, and Delta communities. Church members were given the opportunity to show their support for this change and did so unanimously the day it was announced.

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FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

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

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

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

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

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

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

office@montroseumc.org, montroseumc.org
Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Lisa Petty
Worship service times: 8:15 am - Blended Service - Sanctuary & Virtual. 9:30 am - Contemporary Service - Sanctuary, 11:15 am - Traditional Service - Sanctuary
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 or without children, from diapers to dentures. Whenever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come discover hope, joy, peace, purpose.

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

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

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

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

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

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

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SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation:

Southern Baptist

Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

Office hours: Varies

Contact information:

phone number: 970-275-7026

email: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com

website: www.summitchurchmontrose.org

Name of current Senior Pastor: John De-

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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; website: vbcmontrose.org

Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

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

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

Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

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

formation to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES RETURNING TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS *After Two Years Virtual, Congregations Will Meet Together Again Beginning April 1*

Special to Art & Sol

WORLDWIDE-All congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses across the world are being encouraged to begin holding in-person meetings during the week of April 1.

"I've been attending meetings for 40 years," said Donny Quintana of Denver, Colorado. "Getting back to meetings is important to me." While Quintana appreciates being able to see his friends and family in the congregation virtually over the past two years, he says, "There is nothing better than seeing them in person, being able to see a smile, being able to have a handshake and even to hug each other."

For most of the last two years, buildings for worship have remained closed globally due to the risks associated with meeting in person. Jehovah's Witnesses in the U.S. also suspended their public ministry on March 20, 2020. Since that time, they have carried on their ministry through letters and phone calls while holding twice-weekly meetings in a virtual format. Average attendance at these meetings exceeded 1.5 million each week in the U.S., even though there are fewer than 1.3 million Jehovah's Witnesses in some 13,000 congregations.

"There is a collective shout of joy among Jehovah's Witnesses around the world right now," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. Spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "While we have prospered in many ways as individuals and congregations using technology to bring us together, nothing can adequately replace being together in person. We have longed for this moment for the better part of two years."

The move back to in-person meetings coincides with two global events being held in all 120,000 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses. The first is a special lecture scheduled in most congregations for



Jehovah's Witnesses ceased all in-person meetings and activities in March 2020, switching to virtual platforms. This April 1, 2022, they will resume in-person meetings throughout the entire world. Courtesy photo.

April 10, 2022, entitled, "Where Can You Find Real Hope?" Additionally, the annual commemoration of the death of Jesus Christ will be held on April 15, 2022, the very day he sacrificed his life 1,989 years ago. Both of these gatherings will be held in person at local Kingdom Halls with live speakers. No collections are ever taken.

"The timing of resuming in-person meetings could not be better," said Hendriks. "Bringing everyone back together for these special events will have a powerful effect on the worldwide congregation." Guidelines for holding "hybrid" meetings have been sent to all congregations in the United States. Over the past six months, many Kingdom Halls have been equipped with the required technology to hold a productive meeting that allows for in-person and remote attendees, all of whom can participate in the discussions. A pilot program was held in October and November in countries around the world to assess how this could be done most effectively.

The lessons learned in these pilot meetings have helped form the plan for moving forward with reopening all Kingdom Halls, where the law permits.

"It has been heartwarming to see the peace and unity among Jehovah's Wit-



nesses during this very divisive time," said Hendriks. "We know resuming in-person meetings will bring us even closer together. We're anxious to see one another again."

"Having a personal, [in-person] conversation is going to be more beneficial to us," agreed Donny Quintana. "It will definitely bring us closer together than ever before!"

As of now, Jehovah's Witnesses have no plans to resume their public ministry, though their "alternative" ministry continues. In fact, since the start of the pandemic through November 2021 in the U.S. alone, Jehovah's Witnesses spent more than 400 million hours in virtual Bible studies, writing letters of comfort to their neighbors and making phone calls. They have released 77 new language translations of the Bible and held two global virtual conventions in more than 500 languages.

"No time was wasted in the past two years," said Hendriks. "Our congregants have been busy and productive helping each other and their neighbors through this most challenging time. That's what love and unity are all about."

For more information on Jehovah's Witnesses go to jw.org.

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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 SCHEDULE

Winter Market-Centennial Plaza 10 am – 1 pm-March 19, April 2, April 16, April 30

Summer Market Dates:-Every Saturday May-October 29 9 am – 1 pm

Holiday Market Dates: First three Saturdays of November and December-10am-1pm

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

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

MONTHLY

March 28- Monday -1 p.m. Local genealogist Beverly Woodard will speak on "Getting Ready for the 1950 Census" at the Warrior Resource Center/Welcome Home Alliance on 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way. All are welcome to this program sponsored by the Montrose Genealogy Center.

April 6-Culminating Women's History month of March, the Montrose County Historical Society presents Gail Saunders detailing the exploits of significant women in the Uncompahgre River valley at 7 pm. Wednesday, April 6 at Friendship Hall, Pioneer Room. Admission is free, the public is invited. Light refreshments may be available. Social distancing and COVID procedures are encouraged.

April 10-Free Concert "Music of Stage and Screen" on Sunday, April 10, 2022, 3pm Montrose Pavilion. Join Us!! Relax and enjoy your favorite musicals and theatre productions. Tickets not required. <https://montroseband.com/concert-schedule>

April 11-Citizensclimatelobby.org holds its monthly meeting Monday, April 11 at 5:30pm, in the Montrose library meeting room. Short documentary on how to reduce your carbon footprint, All Welcome (970) 765-9095 for info.

April 18-Monday, April 18. 1 pm. Senior Center. History of the Mountain West. Kate Burke History series. With Jim Wendt, Museum of the Mountain West. At Montrose Senior Center at the Pavilion.

April 29-Friday, April 29. 6-8 pm. Wonders from Down Under. With Paul Taylor, Australian Storyteller & Didgeridoo Player. At Museum of the Mountain West.

April 29-Celebrate with us as we reflect on 52 years of practical nursing in Delta! Drop by Friday, April 29, 2-5pm. Technical College of the Rockies Enterprise Room (1765 US Highway 50, Delta).

May 9-Monday, May 9. 1 pm. Peace Parks of Africa. Kate Burke History Series. With guest from Peace Parks. At Montrose Senior Center at the Pavilion.

May 14-Saturday, May 14. 1-4 pm. 1st Annual Victorian High Tea. By invitation. At Museum of the Mountain West.

May 22-Montrose High School Graduation Ceremony, 3:30pm Montrose Community Stadium (Football Field).



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MHS NJROTC CADETS POWDER COAT PEACE CANOE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Cadets of the Montrose H.S. NJROTC 'powder coated' a "Peace Canoe" in an event inspired by the "Festival of Colors" known as Holi, a popular ancient Hindu festival, also known as the "Festival of Love" and the "Festival of Spring."

It celebrates eternal and divine love's triumph of good over evil. It originated and is predominantly celebrated in the Indian subcontinent, but has also spread to other regions of Asia, Europe, and parts of the Western world through the Indian diaspora.

Holi also celebrates the arrival of spring, the end of winter, the blossoming of love and for many, a festive day to meet others, play and laugh, forget and forgive, and repair broken relationships.

The canoe, designed by John Harris of Chesapeake Light Craft, is one of nine built by NJROTC Cadets over the years in support of their annual Adventure Races at Ridgway State Park and Lake Powell. It had been painted white and was coated with epoxy resin just prior to students blasting it with colored powder to Beethoven's "Ode to Joy."

It's important for participants to have an understanding of Holi's cultural significance as an inclusive, sharing event. Hindus and Indians, in general, fully encourage positive participation in this cultural celebration by outsiders.

The event took place on Friday afternoon, 25 March, to coincide with the beginning of Spring Break and as stated - the triumph of good over evil.



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