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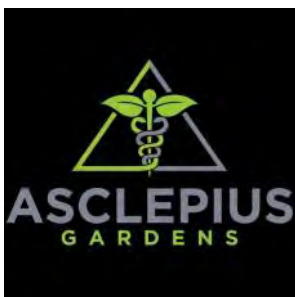


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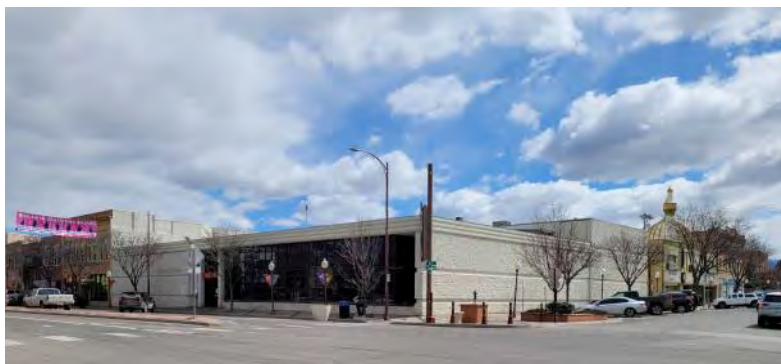
## CITY APPROVES JIMMERS LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER, PURCHASE OF FORMER WELLS FARGO BUILDING ON MAIN FOR NEW CITY HALL

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All councilors were present for the City Council meeting of Monday, April 4. Though meetings are regularly scheduled for Tuesdays, the first April meeting was held on Monday due to the Municipal Election of April 5. Also in attendance was Youth City Councilor Gunnison Clamp. Mayor Doug Glaspell called the meeting to order, and Clamp led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank had no changes to the meeting agenda.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the March 14 and March 23 2022 special City Council meetings, and the March 15, 2022 regular City Council



*The City of Montrose will move headquarters to the former Wells Fargo Building, which it voted to purchase last week. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

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## BOCC PROCLAIMS APRIL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, APPROVES DOCS FOR AIRPORT CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION



*At the BOCC meeting of April 6, Montrose County Media Relations Director Katie Yergensen presented a proclamation declaring April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Meeting screen capture.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All commissioners were present for the regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Wednesday, April 6. The session followed a county public work session held on Monday, April 4 (see related story in this issue).

BOCC Chair Keith Caddy welcomed all to the meeting. Delivering the invocation was Pastor Roland Kassales of Victory Baptist Church. Kassales expressed thanks for the morning and for the BOCC. "...I appreciate all that these men and women are doing...I ask that you bless them, that you give them wisdom, that as they make the decisions for the county that you would direct their path.

"Lord help us as citizens to be good citizens, to support them, to pray for them, and to care for them as we can..."

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

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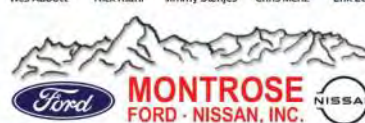
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## MIRROR CLASSIFIEDS & PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DMEA REOPENS DELTA COUNTY OFFICE *Read office open to the public*

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-On Wednesday, April 6, Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) reopened its Read office to the public. The office will be open during regular business hours on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Upon reopening, there will be no walk-in traffic or occupancy limitations. Customer service representatives will have full capabilities and will be able to address all member needs, including answering questions about member accounts, receiving payments, setting up new accounts, and dropping off or picking up Elevate equipment.

"We recognize that not having our Delta County office open for the past several months has been inconvenient for some. We are thankful for our members' patience and understanding for the precautions we took to keep our employees and the public safe during the pandemic," said Alyssa Clemens-Roberts, DMEA Chief Executive Officer.

The DMEA Read office is located at 21191 H 75 Rd. in Delta.

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## CITY ANNOUNCES ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP DATES

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**MONTROSE** — The City of Montrose continues its annual Spring Cleanup tradition by providing disposal and recycling services from a single collection point on April 22-23.

Residents are invited to bring cleanup items to the drop-off site located off the San Juan bypass (U.S. Highway 50), directly across the street from the Sunshine Peak apartment complex. Signs will help direct residents to the drop-off location that will be open on April 22 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on April 23 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Items Accepted:

- Landscape materials (leaves, grass clippings, and limbs less than six inches in diameter)
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The city offers limited special collection services when personnel and equipment are available. Fees for this service begin at \$15, plus equipment and labor. Call 970.240.1480 to schedule or for additional information.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

# AND HOW ARE THE CHILDREN IN MONTROSE?

By Kay Alexander

MONTROSE-April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness again about child abuse and neglect, child sexual abuse and child pornography. It was in 1983 that Congress proclaimed the first National Child Abuse Prevention Month in response to the alarming rate at which children continued to be abused, following the first Federal child protection legislation in 1974.

It is now 2022, and we continue to hear about the abuse of children, even here in Montrose in the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. 500 primary and secondary victims of some form of child abuse were seen at the Dolphin House Child Advocacy Center in 2019, 600 in 2020. (The Dolphin House is a child-friendly facility whose purpose is to

provide child victims a safe, non-threatening place to tell what happened to them during necessary investigations of child abuse and to receive professional services that help them and their non-offending family members begin their healing process.)

As I contemplate what we as a community, a society, can do to protect our children, I am reminded of a piece written by Reverend Dr. Patrick T. O'Neal that I want to share with the community to initiate a conversation about "And How Are the Children in Montrose?"

"Among the most accomplished and fabled tribes of Africa, no tribe was considered to have warriors more fearsome or more intelligent than the mighty Masai. It is perhaps surprising then to learn that the

traditional greeting between the Masai Warriors...Kasserian Ingera...means *And How are the Children?*

It is still the traditional greeting among the Masai, acknowledging the high value that the Masai always place on their children's well-being. Even warriors with no children of their own would always give the traditional response...*All the Children are Well*. Meaning, of course, that peace and safety prevail, that priorities of protecting the young and powerless are in place, that Masai society has not forgotten its reason for being, its proper functions and responsibilities.....

I wonder how it might affect our consciousness of our own children's welfare if in our culture we took to greeting each other with this same daily question...*And How Are the Children?* I wonder if we heard that question and passed it along to each other a dozen times a day, if it would begin to make a difference in the reality of how children are thought of or cared for in this country?

I wonder if every adult among us, parent and non-parent alike, felt an equal weight for the daily care and protection of all the children in our town, in our state, in our country. I wonder if we could truly say without any hesitation...*The Children Are Well. Yes, All The Children Are Well!....*" *How are the children in Montrose?* Let's start the conversation.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### DID QHR USE INSIDER KNOWLEDGE OF HOSPITAL'S PLANS TO EXPAND?

Dear Editor:

It seems to me that there has been a lot of finger pointing about who used inside knowledge about the Hospital's plans to expand, to create a business plan for the competition. Mrs. Magoo has been mentioned. Bill Bell has been mentioned. Our

Doctors have been mentioned. Much speculation. Do you all recall that Quorum Health Resources LLC had a management contract with the Hospital until Dec. 31, 2020? Therefore, QHR had a representative at every one of our Hospital Board meetings before that date. When I

was on the Hospital Board, the CEO and the CFO were employees of QHR. Do I not recall correctly that QHR is a major player in the proposed Colorado Outdoors Medical Center? I wonder whether MRH might have an action against QHR for using insider knowledge after the contract was broken.

One of the duties of the Directors of the Hospital is to grant privileges to the doctors who practice there. It is very rare that the Board takes an action which is not recommended by the Medical Staff. I wonder though, in this case, if the Board were to set a policy which removed privileges from anyone practicing at the new center, whether that would affect the profitability projections of the new Center enough for them to drop the idea before investing a lot of money to build such a facility.

Being a Board member of MRH is not a trivial task. Nor is it a paid position. There may only be one Board meeting a month, but there is a lot of homework and committee work, not to mention continuing education, an enjoyable part of the job. While I do not agree with all of their decisions, I do take my hat off to each and every one of them and say "Thanks for making Montrose Regional Health the fantastic facility it is".

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CITY OF MONTROSE ANNOUNCES 2022 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE— Registered city voters returned thousands of ballots to decide representation on the Montrose City Council as the 2022 municipal election concluded on Tuesday evening, April 5.

Registered city voters returned 3,579 of 13,674 ballots issued for the spring election, resulting in a ballot return rate of 26.17 percent. The City of Montrose City Clerk's office partners with the Montrose County Clerk and Recorder's office to conduct the city's municipal election.

In the City Council District I race, Councilor Doug Glaspell retained his seat earning 2,066 votes over Paul Arbogast, who recorded 1,376 votes.

In the District II race, Ed Ulibarri recorded 2,094 votes with incumbent Councilor Anthony Russo earning 1,384 votes.

In District III, Councilor J. David Reed, who was unopposed, recorded 2,614 votes to retain his seat.

Finally, in the City Council's At Large race, Councilor Barbara Bynum, who ran unopposed, retained her seat with 2,573 votes.

The District I and II seats are each four-year terms. District III is a two-year term, due to a midterm appointment, and the At Large seat is also a two-year term. The successful candidates will be sworn in at the April 19, 2022, City Council regular meeting, and a new mayor will be selected by vote of the council as provided by the City Charter.

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### EARTH WEEK ACTIVITIES-CITY OF MONTROSE

#### Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — The City of Montrose invites the community to join in celebrating Earth Day, April 22, and Earth Week, April 21 – 29, with a wide variety of events and community activities to help grow and preserve a healthy environment for all city residents.

Each spring the City of Montrose sponsors and coordinates a full schedule of Earth Week activities. This year's theme is "Invest In Our Planet."

A full list of local events can be found [here](#).

- Thursday, April 21: K-12 Coloring Contest and Art Contest Opens

Contest Details can be found [here](#).

- Friday, April 22 & Saturday, April 23: Spring Cleanup

In tandem with its Earth Week celebration, the City of Montrose continues its annual Spring Cleanup tradition by providing disposal and recycling services from a single collection point on April 22 and 23. Residents are invited to bring approved clean-up items to the drop-off site located off the San Juan Bypass (U.S. Highway 50), directly across the street from the Sunshine Peak apartment complex. Signs will help direct residents to the drop-off location. The event will run from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 22 and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 23.

- Saturday, April 23: Know Your Food Day

Visit a local farm this Saturday and meet the markers of your food.

- Sunday, April 24: Ride Your Bike Day

The weather is warming up so dust off your bike and get the gears turning. Check out our [Montrose Bike Map](#).

- Monday, April 25: Community Garden Day

Visit the [Community Garden webpage](#) for more information.

- Tuesday, April 26: Recycling 101

The City of Montrose will present information about the importance of recycling to all 3rd-grade students in Montrose public schools.

Be sure to check out our Recycling Tips of the Month on Facebook and Instagram to learn more about proper recycling.

- Wednesday, April 27: Adopt-a-Street

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

# FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS RESUME AT MRH



### Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-After a two-year Covid-19 hiatus, the Family Caregiver Support Groups are returning to Montrose Regional Health hospital. Caregiver Support Foundation chair, Laird Landon, announced the return of the popular support groups that he and the late Glen Hinshaw began in 2015.

The groups will begin meeting at the hospital in Conference Room C on Tuesday, April 12, with two groups: one set for 11 am to 12 pm and the other from 1 pm to 2 pm. Because space is limited, anyone interested in joining the CSF caregiver group should email Dr. Landon. The address is [laird@family-caregiver.org](mailto:laird@family-caregiver.org).

"We offer two meeting times to accommodate the schedules of more caregivers," Landon said.

During the two years when the hospital

was unavailable for meetings, the Foundation was able to provide support for caregivers with Zoom meetings on the Internet.

Landon said that the Zoom meetings worked well and served their purpose, but that in-person meetings afford a special dynamic that doesn't translate in online gatherings. He said that the Foundation would continue to provide Zoom group meetings for those who cannot attend in-

person.

According to Landon the CSF groups provide a safe place for caregivers of loved ones with long term chronic illness. Being able to talk and listen, with others in similar caregiving situations provides comfort and improves the well-being of both caregivers and their loved ones.

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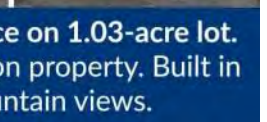
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# BOCC HOLDS PUBLIC WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—On April 4, the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) held a work session at the Montrose County Event Center to discuss potential transfer of real property owned by the county (buildings and land at 800 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street), to Montrose Regional Health (MRH).

Prior to the meeting BOCC Chair Keith Caddy said, “No decision has been made. There is no timeline. We just wanted to hear from the public and get their input.”

The panel of 20 local officials—including the BOCC, the Montrose Board of Hospital Trustees, and the Montrose Regional Health Board of Directors—outnumbered the dozen or so interested citizens.

County Communications Director Katie Yergensen open the meeting with a PowerPoint Presentation that included a brief history of the hospital and the proposed changes. Yergensen said, “This will allow the hospital to grow without encumbering the taxpayer. There will be more direct [county] representation as the [proposed] board will expand from nine members to 11-members. Two commissioners will serve on the board or appoint members to the board. The county is committed to transparency.”

With changes in the medical community there are only two or three county hospitals remaining in the State of Colorado.

Montrose Regional Health Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jeff Mengenhausen discussed the expansion plans slated for the new Ambulatory Care Center to be built adjacent to Target and Hobby Lobby. The property for the center, which is not connected to the proposed transfer of property, will be purchased by the hospital. When asked about the timeline for the new facility Mengenhausen said, “We will break ground in August and in October 2023 we’ll see the first patient.”

Audience members offering feedback did not give their names prior to speaking. However, two participants were former county commissioners Ron Henderson and David White.

**Questions and concerns from the audi-**



*The April 4, 2022 work session for the Montrose Board of County Commissioners was held at the Montrose County Event Center. The topic of discussion was the potential transfer of real property (buildings and land at 800 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street) owned by the county and leased to Montrose Regional Health (MRH). MRH Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jeff Mengenhausen discussed hospital expansion plans for the new Ambulatory Care Center to be built adjacent to Target and Hobby Lobby. The property for the center, which is not connected to the proposed transfer of property, will be purchased by the hospital. Groundbreaking for the facility is scheduled for August 2022 and medical services will begin in October 2023.*

**ence included:**

- Existing hospital debt.
- Accrual of assets over the 38-year period.
- The role of the lease agreement.
- Maintaining the current 501(c)(3).
- The need to go to voters.
- Contemplation of creating a special district.
- Safeguards in case the hospital fails.
- The current market value of the property and whether an appraisal had been done.
- The transfer of other hospital property currently owned by the county.
- The actual amount of taxpayer dollars invested in the hospital.
- Impact on the Black Canyon Surgical Center.

For some time, the respective boards have discussed the transfer of property in their respective executive sessions. Henderson questioned what he perceived to

be a lack of notification to the public until the April 4, 2022 work session. He said, “I don’t think this [meeting] is a chance to work through all the problems. I go back to when the [hospital] trustees leased the hospital to themselves [excluded the county]. A lot of things are not being very well considered. This affects almost the entire community. This [notice of the meeting] was in the *Press* on Thursday and the *Mirror* on Monday. That’s all that appears to have happened. Shame on you.”

Yergensen said, “We have posted the meeting on the county web site. This is step one, to have the conversation.”

Colorado Outdoors Developer Doug Drago, whose proposed Colorado Outdoors medical center will be compete with the MRH medical center, said, “Are you going to buy the land for the new facility [Ambulatory Care Center]? Does anyone

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## BOCC HOLDS PUBLIC WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER *From previous pg*

on the board have any conflict of interest on the board? Anyone on the board?"

Montrose Regional Health Board of Directors Chair Dr. Kjersten Davis said, "There is no conflict of interest. Every year each of the nine-member board of directors for Montrose Regional Health is required to sign a Conflict-of-Interest statement."

Dragoo said, "How about Jeff (CEO Mengenhauseen)?"

Mengenhauseen said, "There is no [conflict of interest]. It's just a business decision."

County Commissioner Sue Hanson said, "The taxpayers are owed an explanation of what is going on."

Hanson described past conflicts between the county and the hospital trustees, "There were poor relationships in the past. We've reached out. The taxpayer's contribution to the hospital is so small that it's a non-issue. It wouldn't buy a wing in the hospital now."

The work session lasted for an hour and community members were encouraged to provide feedback via email or phone to the commissioners ([https://](https://www.montrosecounty.net/172/County-Commissioners)

[www.montrosecounty.net/172/County-Commissioners](https://www.montrosecounty.net/172/County-Commissioners)).

**Background:** On Feb. 12 Heidi Dragoo, wife of Colorado Outdoors Developer David Dragoo and daughter-in-law of Developer Doug Dragoo, tendered her resignation as a member of the Montrose Regional Health Board of Directors. Ms. Dragoo had served on the regional hospital board since October 2017. Her resignation coincides with the nearly simultaneous announcements of the two proposed medical centers, which would compete for patients as well as for community support.

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### GMUG ANNOUNCES FOREST WIDE PRESCRIBED FIRE PROJECTS

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-Fire Management Officials from the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests have announced plans to conduct prescribed burns this spring. The vegetation treatments will occur April through June depending upon weather and appropriate ground and vegetation conditions.

The objectives are to reduce vegetation (fuels) to help reduce the risk of larger wildfires, for wildlife habitat improvement and ecosystem health. Prescribed fire in these areas will burn with less intensity under moderated conditions which will

improve the resiliency of the landscape against wildfire. Prescribed burning is a versatile forest management tool that is designed to mimic historic fire behavior ranges, reduce hazardous fuels buildup, and improve habitat for a variety of wildlife. Minimal and managed smoke from prescribed fires now minimizes the potential for longer duration, unpredictable and hazardous volumes wildfire smoke in the future.

In general, burn areas will vary in size consisting of anywhere from a couple acres to a few hundred acres at a time. Cumulative acres planned to be burned this spring will

total approximately 10,200 across the 13 operations.

Dispersed recreation in the burn areas may be impacted. Staff will be making personal contact with recreationists regarding any temporary closures. Signs will be placed on adjacent roads notifying the public of the burns as necessary. Fire staff from the GMUG will continue to monitor the burned areas following the operations.

Safety of firefighters and the public are the most important factors considered when planning a prescribed burn. Fire Management Officers and Fuels Specialists spend countless hours developing detailed prescribed fire plans that detail specific weather, fuel conditions and staffing and safety requirements. Ignitions will occur using ground and aerial techniques. Ignitions only occur if conditions are conducive to a safe, effective operation and within appropriate smoke dispersal parameters set by the State of Colorado.

The prescribed burns will be accomplished using joint-agency fire resources. Air quality will be closely monitored to mitigate smoke related impacts to communities.

"Prescribed fire remains an important way to minimize the risk of large, severe wildfires to a variety of values and resources by reducing fuel loadings in strategic locations. It is also an important ecological disturbance and nutrient provider, which is vital to wildlife habitat improvement and overall ecosystem function. The primary objectives for these prescribed fires remain focused on firefighter and public safety," said Stewart Robertson, Fuels Management Officer.

For information on prescribed burns, pile burns, wildfires and fire restrictions on National Forest System lands and other areas, visit the [GMUG Fire Info](#) page or call the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Fire Information line at (970) 874-6602.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

### LET'S KEEP COLLEGE AFFORDABLE: DON'T FORCE COLLEGES TO HIKE TUITION OR CUT PROGRAMS

*By Joe Garcia, John Marshall & Tony Frank*  
 COLORADO—Over the past year, colleges, universities and local governments in Colorado have been watching with interest as unions and legislative proponents have promoted a plan to unionize public employees in all corners of our state. Now that we have a draft of the bill in hand, we're concerned – and parents hoping to afford sending their kids to college in Colorado should be, too.

Without sugar-coating it, students and families should understand that if a measure to unionize government and campus employees is ultimately successful, colleges and universities across Colorado face a no-win choice: dramatically raise tuition or cut academic programs to cover the substantial projected new costs associated with collective bargaining.

To their great credit, in recent years and including this new budget, the Colorado General Assembly and Governor Jared Polis have prioritized investment in Colorado's high-performing higher education system.

These investments have enabled institutions to minimize – or in many cases avoid altogether – tuition increases.

These investments have also enabled our institutions to stand up new academic programs to meet society's needs – train-

ing mental health professionals and front-line healthcare workers in rural areas, adding new nursing programs designed to address a troubling shortage of nurses, and investing in programs designed to reach or provide alternative pathways to good careers. If our campuses are forced to focus resources on labor relations attorneys and new HR staff to navigate a wholly new management environment (as, indeed, has been the case in every state where such systems are at play for public universities), then unless the State of Colorado picks up these new educational expenses, the only option our governing boards will have to pay for these items will be tuition increases (conservative estimates could exceed 10% per year) or cuts to academic programs.

The truth is, our institutions were designed and built to be accessible for our most underserved Coloradans – i.e., students of color, low-income students, and students who are the first in their family to go to college. Everything about how we operate reflects this fact, from programming, to faculty teaching loads, to finances. And there is no disagreement that our lowest-paid employees should earn a living wage; indeed, most of our institutions have been working for over a decade with these employee groups to

improve compensation, benefits, and career ladders – exactly the sort of outcomes unions promise. The issue we have with this bill is not a difference in desired outcome, but in how best to get to that shared outcome in a way that doesn't choke off access to public higher education. By adding this complex and costly new labor regime into our systems, we will make the cost of education more expensive for those families who can least afford it. Full stop.

In his State of the State address at the outset of this year's legislative session, Governor Polis laid out an affordability agenda designed to save people money. We laud the Governor's goal here. We hope legislative leaders will resist the urge to push through a complicated bill designed to unionize campus employees at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 2022 legislative session as its ultimate impact will be the exact opposite of saving Colorado students and families money.

*Joe Garcia is the former Lieutenant Governor of Colorado and currently serves as Chancellor of the Colorado Community College System.*

*John Marshall serves as President of Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction.*

*Tony Frank is the Chancellor of the Colorado State University System.*

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### US 50 PROJECT UPDATE

*Special to the Mirror*

GUNNISON-Little Blue Creek Canyon Roadwork for the week of April 11 – April 17 Daytime Roadway Closures Continue on US 50; Nighttime Closures Expected Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14.

*Roadway closure schedule for the week of April 11:*

Regularly scheduled daytime road closures associated with construction on the US 50 Little Blue Creek Canyon 4-mile critical safety improvement project between Montrose and Gunnison (Mile Points 123 -127) will continue for the week of April 11 – April 17, 2022. Full daytime roadway closures will be Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Nighttime closures will occur on April 13 and April 14 beginning at 7:30 p.m. –

6:30 a.m. Plan your travel around the opening windows and be prepared to queue at designated areas.

US 50 will be OPEN to two-way traffic with no delays from Friday at 5:30 p.m. – to Monday at 8:30 a.m.

All closures are weather dependent.



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# OPINION/EDITORIAL:LETTERS

## SOME FOLKS WILL BELIEVE WHAT THEY WANT TO BELIEVE NO MATTER WHAT

*Editor:*

Most, if not all, of the troubles and disfunction of our beloved City Council could be solved with a few meetings such as the one conducted by the County Commissioners on Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Events Center. It was not a big affair, no tea or crumpets, no flags, banners, or trumpets, just about 20 people on the platform. Let's see three commissioners, five(?) hospital trustees, four(?) hospital directors, the CEO of the hospital, the county attorney and a couple of others. They asked the public by newspaper, by the Montrose Mirror and by personal invitation to come and discuss whether the County should sell the hospital to the MRH Directors and under what conditions. The audience was about 20 of folks that just wanted their questions to be put to rest.

I was invited because I was a trustee supporting the creation of MMHI back in the day when rumor had it that the County Commissioners wanted to peddle it to Banner Hospital Systems (?) ostensibly to get money to fix county projects---the budget (?)---with all the money it would bring in. No interest in the public welfare in that idea. I had it on better authority than a rumor. Well, we did it much to the chagrin of the sitting commissioners. They

didn't even know it was going to happen until it did. They sued and over five years and lots of millions of our tax dollars they lost. Reminds me of a quotation, as William E. Burrows put it, "To insist that we cannot see what we need to see, while seeing only what we want to see, is to condemn ourselves to live with the demons of our own creation, forever." So true, especially in modern day politics.

The audience were participants in the discussions with folks leaning to both sides of the issue both focusing on losing the hospital because they worried that the DIRECTORS would if they got the idea to sell it would do so AND how do we prevent that.

Lots of direct and redirect discussion, questions and answers were voiced all seemingly calm until right at the end of the meeting a most disrespectful questioner issued questions and made accusations about the entire membership of the dais that just could not have been correct.

To paraphrase he called them everything including skunks. That could not have been right since I knew most of the folks on the stand and they are in fact distinguished members of the community with impeccable reputations for their intelligence, experience, [\[1\]](#) and abilities. Without an exception these people on the dais

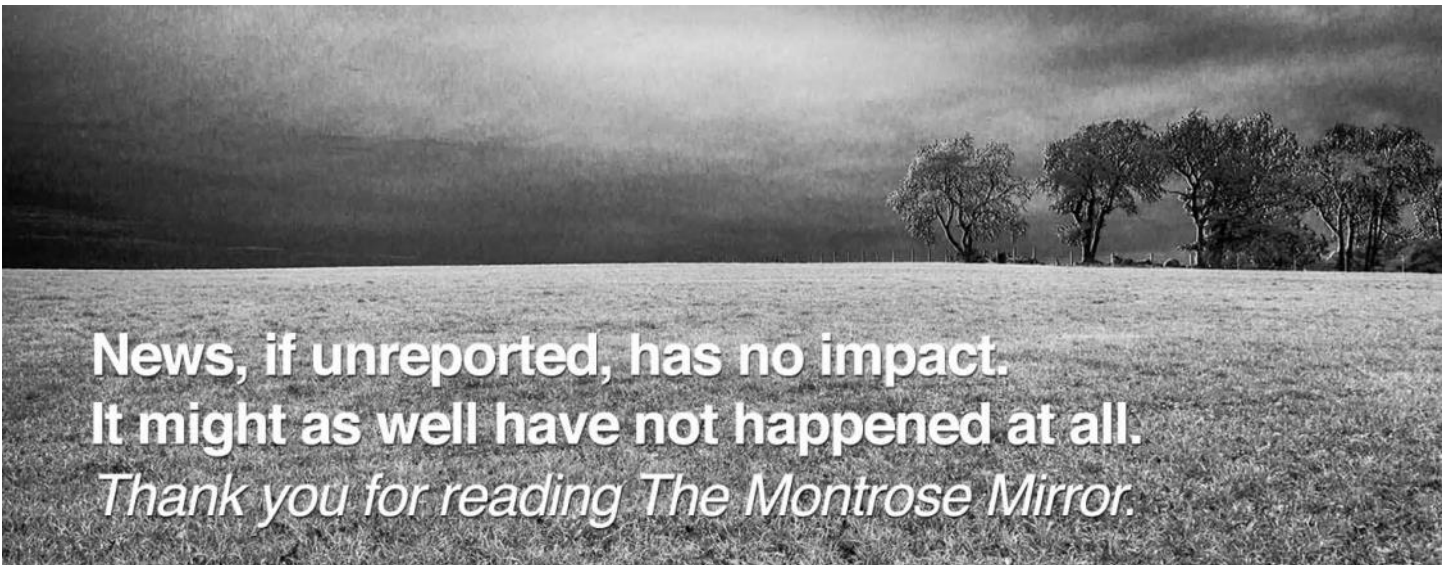
have impeccable reputations and do not deserve disrespect. I have served with some of them and discussed many topics with them.

THEY CERTAINLY DID NOT DESERVE SUCH A DIATRIBE OF FALSE HOOD especially from someone with whom the City Council and the City Manager are "in bed with." I was about to challenge this person when someone close to me indicated to just let him run his mouth and we could 'hoist him on his own petard'.

I expect this person will be quoted in the press, but I will say that your City Council and City Manager have spent over \$14,000,000 of your money with this disrespectful creature, whom in my OPINION should be escorted out of our town for good. And as for the results of the meeting, there already was a clause included in the proposed agreement reverting the ownership to the county if any board of directors tried to sell the hospital. As for the rest of it, William E Burrows had it right, that some folks will believe what they want to believe no matter what ---is the truth of the matter.

P.S. We are still waiting for a PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT from the PROUD doctor's backing the COLORADO OUTDOORS MEDICAL CENTER PROJECT?

*Bill Bennett, Montrose*



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*Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.***



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH CELEBRATES MONTROSE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DURING NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE— A message from Dr. Rhonda Parker, Chief Medical Director of Montrose Regional Health:

We are proud to support our friends at Montrose County Public Health as they celebrate National Public Health Week.

Montrose County Public Health has been a fantastic partner in addressing the health issues of our communities. This is especially true the past two years, as the arrival of COVID-19 made an enormous impact in each of our lives. We saw firsthand the leadership of Public Health Director Jim Austin, Montrose County Public Health Medical Advisor Dr. Joe Adragna, and many at Montrose County who stepped up in a major way to serve our communities. We could not be more proud of our partnership with Montrose County Public Health as we continue to serve our communities.

As COVID-19 appears to be waning, we know they remain watchful for new COVID

variants in our region and for other public health challenges that continue to exist. We would like to encourage members of our communities to reach out to public health and let them know you have appreciated their endless guidance and their continuing service to us all.

*Dr. Rhonda Parker*

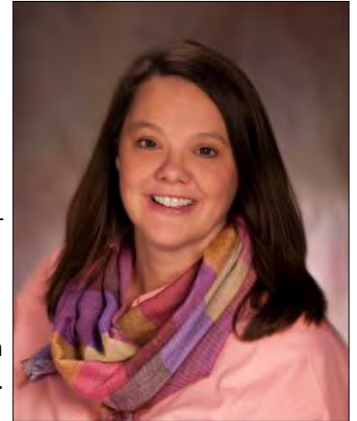
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([www.MontroseHealth.com](http://www.MontroseHealth.com))

Montrose Regional Health is a 501(c)3 nonprofit healthcare system serving Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Gunnison, Delta, Hinsdale and San Juan counties.

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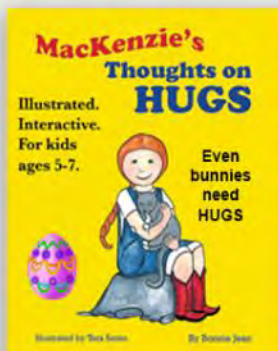
acquiring the latest technologies in healthcare, from robotic assisted surgical services to UVC-disinfection technology. Montrose Regional Health is the second-largest employer in Montrose County, with more than 700 employees and 100 providers who represent 23 medical specialties. With a tagline that reads Caring for you like family, the health system is known for its warm patient care.



**Dr. Rhonda Parker, Chief Medical Director of Montrose Regional Health.**  
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#### *Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers*

MONTROSE-The Montrose Police Department requests the public's assistance in an investigation into the theft of a 1998 Ford Ranger pickup truck, light blue in color bearing the Colorado License Plate DCN4GD. The vehicle was stolen from the driveway of a private residential dwelling in the 1200 Block of Pitchfork Court between 6:30 p.m. on March 31, 2022, and 6:45 a.m. on April 1, 2022. There is a 3-foot-tall white painted metal religious cross attached to the rear window on the vehicle. The vehicle was subsequently recovered by law enforcement parked at the 400 block of North 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Montrose on April 4, 2022. Officers are looking for any information from the public about the identity of the person or person(s) responsible for the theft and unauthorized use of this vehicle. Attached is a photo of the truck. Anyone with information about this crime or the identity of the perpetrator(s) or any other crimes may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at (970)249-8500, use the app P3 Tips, or provide information via [P3Tips.com](https://www.p3tips.com). Crimes Stoppers wants your information, not your identity. If the Tip results in an arrest, the Tipster may receive a cash award. For additional information, please view our Facebook page, [Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers](#). Crime Prevention and crime solution are everyone's responsibility. MRCS would also like to remind everyone that all persons of interest depicted in our alerts by photo or not, or by any other means, are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## RECREATION AND ARCHAEOLOGY POSITIONS OPEN NATIONWIDE

### Special to the Mirror

DELTA— The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service is hiring hundreds of positions in recreation and archaeology across the nation. Jobs are open April 6 – 19, 2022, and are available in a variety of exciting and rewarding locations, including the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests.

"If you're interested in working outdoors and making a lasting impact on your public lands, we have a position for you. We are searching for talented, diverse applicants to help us manage the archaeology and recreation program areas of the GMUG," said Chad Stewart, GMUG Forest Supervisor.

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You will also find helpful hiring tips and resources and information about benefits.

Recreation specialists and technicians perform most of their duties outdoors, which could include trail repair, campground maintenance, visitor information, wilderness protection and even patrolling on skis. Archaeologists work to learn about, interpret and protect the historical and cultural treasures of our country and are often involved in field investigations, site evaluation and coordination with American Indian Tribes.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

### NO MORE EARMARKS: LET'S USE THE NORMAL APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS TO FUND GOVERNMENT, AND HAVE THE BEST LOCAL PROJECTS COMPETE

By Congresswoman Lauren Boebert

**REGIONAL**—The time for platitudes and kicking the proverbial can down the road when it comes to making the tough choices to reduce our deficit spending and rein in our national debt has passed. For far too long, too many politicians have talked a good fiscal game while running America into a pending financial collapse.

The U.S. government is over \$30 trillion in debt and will spend \$900 million per day in interest payments on this debt. To pay off our country's debt, every man, woman, and child in the United States will currently have to pay \$90,000. Instead of focusing on reducing the federal government's spending problem, many D.C. politicians are back to their old ways and again spending massive amounts through the process known as earmarks.

From 2011 to 2021, earmarks were banned in Congress, and for good reason. First, earmarks are wasteful. Recall the "Bridge to Nowhere," that spent nearly \$400 million and accomplished nothing.

Second, earmarks foster corruption. Members of Congress and lobbyists have gone to jail for misusing earmarks to get Members to vote for things they wouldn't otherwise vote for, and Members of Congress have even been caught using earmarks to pave roads they live on and build airports for their own personal convenience.

And third, earmarks are like Lay's chips: betcha can't eat just one! According to the Heritage Foundation, there was a 282% jump in earmarks placed in appropriations bills from 1994 to 2011. Sadly, career poli-

ticians have picked up right where they left off, including over 4,000 earmarks in the recent \$1.5 trillion omnibus bill. One Senator alone received over \$500 million in earmarks. And the total cost of earmarks in this one bill to the American taxpayer? Over \$4 billion.

This is bill crap.

Republicans and Democrats should reject earmarks, use the normal appropriations process to fund the government, and have the best local projects compete, as has traditionally been done when not using earmarks, for worthy expenditures. This isn't an archaic or outdated process, it's actually an effective way to approve the spending of your tax dollars with necessary accountability.

Since joining Congress, I've proven that members of Congress can successfully advocate for local priorities while rejecting the corrupt earmark process. In fact, I recently secured nine important victories for rural Colorado through the regular, non-earmark process. These include:

- \$1.74 billion for Community Health Centers to serve rural communities;
- \$515 million for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program so counties can fund education, law enforcement, and infrastructure;
- \$48 million for the U.S. Forest Service to address the bark beetle infestations ravaging Colorado and to actively manage our forests;
- \$1 million to compensate farmers for livestock lost to wolves;
- Important pro-life protections like the Hyde and Weldon amendments;

Preventing the greater sage-grouse from being listed as an endangered species and locking up our lands; Exempting livestock haulers from burdensome Department of Transportation electronic logging device mandates; Important federal resources for NASA and Colorado's space programs; and \$10 million for the Indian Irrigation Fund to benefit the Southern Ute Tribe and combat drought.

Advocating for local issues and being a fiscal conservative aren't mutually exclusive, and I reject the thought that earmarks are the best way for Congress to appropriate the tax dollars of hard-working Americans.

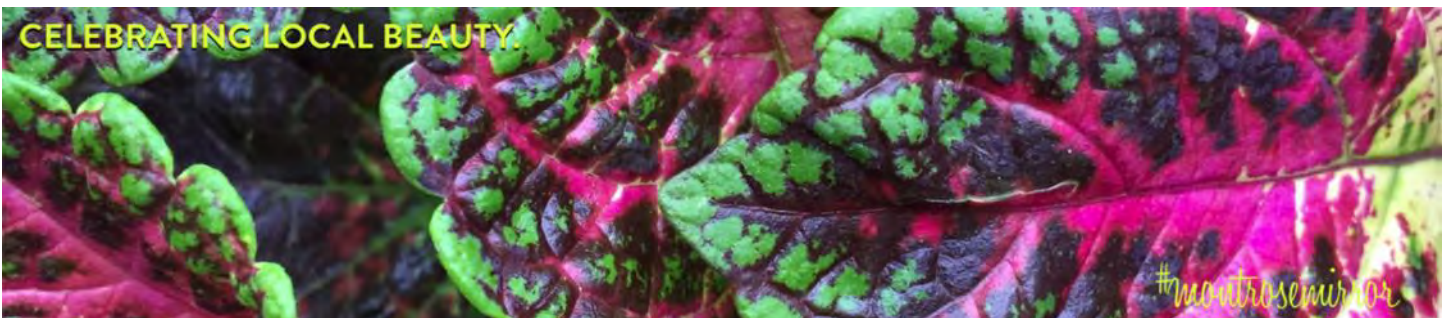
I will continue to not request earmarks and recklessly spend America further into financial bankruptcy. But I will go to bat for our communities and continue to secure more wins, like the nine above, through the normal appropriations process.

I was sent to Congress to legislate as a Conservative and that's exactly what I've done. And as your Congresswoman, I'll continue to deliver Conservative victories for rural Colorado.



**Rep. Lauren Boebert.**  
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## BOCC PROCLAIMS APRIL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, APPROVES DOCS FOR AIRPORT CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION *From pg 1*

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Speaking to the Board during the public comment period was former Montrose County Commissioner Ron Henderson. "...I come before you in reference to the meeting which was held yesterday...I was overcome with a great wash of information that came to my mind that I couldn't remain silent and I went ahead and said a few things that were necessary to be said," Henderson said. The object could be accomplished quickly by having the hospital board of directors allow two county commissioners to attend executive sessions, he said. "...Another way it could be done...is to go ahead and dissolve the lease as it is right now and go back to the way it was, and still have the ability of the county to go and be present at their executive session," Henderson said. "...I don't expect an answer back, and if you want to pretend that like I never even showed up and said anything today, that's fine, but unfortunately I know better...you're all great and I love you all," Henderson said. "That's all I got to say."

### COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Jon Waschbusch asked to remove two items from the meeting agenda, including Item D-2, "*Possible adoption of a resolution regarding ratification of the Unified Fleet Services, LLC Lease Agreements that are more particularly described in the Resolution,*" and Item D-3, "*Consideration and possible authorization for the Chair's signature of the Addendum to the Unified Fleet Services, LLC Master Lease that exempts vehicles with normal wear and tear from Section e(ii) of the Unified Master Lease.*"

Commissioners voted to remove both items.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved, with Resolution No. 26-2022 assigned to Item 2; Resolution No. 27-2022 assigned to Item 3; Resolution 28-2022 assigned to Item 4; and Resolution 29-2022 assigned to Item 6.

### GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Media Relations Director Katie Yergensen presented a proclamation declaring April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. She discussed the efforts of the County's child welfare team to keep children safe, and efforts to build awareness. She urged those who suspect child abuse to report their concerns. The goal is to provide the resources children need for a safe and stable environment. "The safety of our children is absolutely paramount," Yergensen said.

The proclamation states that in fiscal year 2021, there were 122 confirmed cases of child abuse or neglect in Montrose County, and that Montrose County received 1,023 reports of child abuse, neglect, or requests for services. Of that number, 296 were assigned for investigation or serviced as youth in conflict. The proclamation urges all citizens to recognize the month of April, 2022 by dedicating themselves to the task of improving the quality of life for children and families.

BOCC Vice Chair Sue Hansen said that the job of the child welfare team is impossible. "When you look at the number of calls that we've had that have gone in through the state and then the number of confirmed cases...it just breaks my heart. I think our team deserves a lot of credit," she said. "They work round the clock with short staff to make sure that kids can be as safe as possible. I'm glad we're doing this, we probably need 5,000 more pinwheels to put out there...thank you, Katie."

Commissioner Roger Rash also spoke in support of the child welfare team. "That's got to be the toughest job in the county," Rash said. "Outside of law enforcement, I think they see some of the worst of the worst...I truly believe that a lot of this is from drug and alcohol abuse and hopefully we will get more funding for those types of programs...sometimes just getting these people into a program helps them overcome those addictions and they become

better parents for it. I think that's the goal that we need to look at."

To children who are being abused, "Please step forward," Rash said.

"...I appreciate our law enforcement and our DA's who go after those abusers and take care of 'em and get 'em the hell off our streets," he said. "There are some people that cannot be redeemed..."

Said BOCC Chair Keith Caddy, "It's all our responsibilities to protect the children of our community. They're citizens too. Just because they're a three-year-old...they have all the rights that we do and they need to be protected, and it's our job to protect those children. That's where law enforcement come in, that's where our health and human services come in, but everybody in this room is responsible for those children in our community...they are our future."

For those who are not willing to report a concern over possible child abuse, Rash asked, "...That's the question as citizens, what can you live with? If you're not willing to report something suspicious going on with a child? And we see it all the time...it needs to stop. And we are the ones that have to see that and call it out when we see it."

Child abuse happens everywhere, with no socioeconomic boundaries, Yergensen said. There has been a significant rise in occurrences. "It takes a community to kind of raise a child, but it also takes a community to help protect a child. And that's why we're here today."

The proclamation declaring April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month was unanimously approved.

Finance Director Cindy Dunlap presented information on Resolution No. 30-2022, authorizing the execution and delivery of a site lease, a lease purchase agreement, and related documents in connection with the construction of certain capital projects of the county; approving the forms of such documents; and providing for other matters relating thereto as reviewed by



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Counsel. The documents are in association with the terminal expansion construction and parking improvements at Montrose Regional Airport. Closing is expected to take place on April 20. The interest rate is tax exempt at 2.03 percent, for \$10M over ten years.

"Thanks for doing all the hard work. I know you and...the municipal finance people did a great job on this." Caddy said.

"Outstanding job in expediting it...rates are going up," Rash said. "Thank you for getting this done sooner than later." He gave kudos to Airport Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold for his efforts to put the Federal funding together. "He's done an outstanding job as well."

"Thanks Lloyd for all the work you're doing out there," Caddy said. "We appreciate it."

The BOCC voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 30-2022.

### **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

Commissioners unanimously approved two Planning & Development items:

- The Wetterhorn Minor Subdivision proposal to divide a 9.346 acre lot into three lots at Parcel 399306400050, Orange Rd & 6400 Rd;

-The Sandy Glenn Crossing Minor Subdivision proposal to divide one lot from a 37-acre parcel at Parcel 372301100008, Carnation Rd & 6200 Rd.

### **MONTROSE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

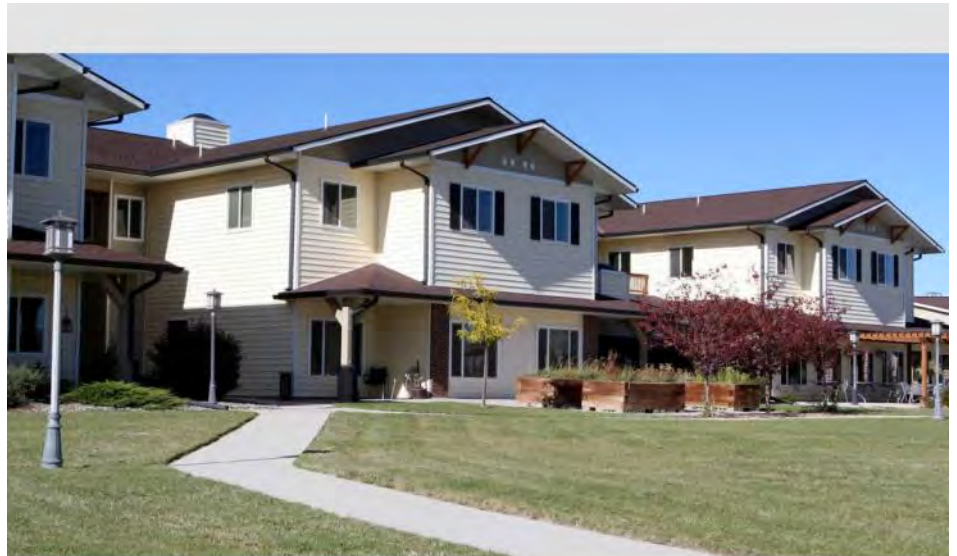
Commissioners left regular session to reconvene as the Montrose County Board of Health. Public Health Director Jim Austin presented for consideration and approval an extension of the medical advisor agreement with Dr. Joe Adragna, MD, to serve as county Medical Advisor for the Board of Health and Public Health Department from May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2024 for \$10,000 per year. The Board of Health unanimously approved extension of the agreement.

Commissioners returned to regular ses-

sion as the BOCC, and with no further business, voted to adjourn.

**Upcoming**-On Monday, April 11, the BOCC will meet with the Hospital Board of Trustees and the County Attorney in a Joint

Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a)(b) and (e) to discuss and receive legal advice regarding the transfer of real and personal property to Montrose Regional Health.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CDOT MAINTENANCE ROAD WORK TO REQUIRE STOPS ON US 550 NEAR THE NM STATE LINE

*Special to the Mirror*

LA PLATA COUNTY — The Colorado Department of Transportation will perform road, shoulder and ditch work on US 550 just north of the New Mexico State line beginning next week. Operations will take place for two weeks. Crews will be clearing out debris and large boulders from a drainage ditch and culvert. Much of the work will take place off the roadway. However when crews are removing large rocks and boulders from the site, motorists can expect periodic lengthy closures.

#### Traffic Impacts

From April 11 - 22, weekdays only, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. motorists will encounter intermittent stops of 15-30 minutes approximately two miles north of the NM state line, MP 2 to 2.5. Drivers will be guided by flagging personnel. A speed reduction of 40 mph will be enforced. Motorists are urged to slow down and drive with extreme caution through the work zone. This work is weather dependent.

#### Know Before You Go

Travelers are urged to “know before you go.” Gather information about weather forecasts, anticipated travel impacts, and current road conditions prior to hitting the road. CDOT resources include:

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### WEST ELK PRESCRIBED BURN PLANNED

*Up to 100 acres are targeted for treatment with prescribed fire in Gunnison County*

*Special to the Mirror*

GUNNISON— Fire Management Officials from the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Gunnison Ranger District plan to conduct the West Elk prescribed burn beginning April 4, depending upon weather and appropriate ground and vegetation conditions.

The prescribed fire is located approximately 14 miles west of Gunnison, Colorado and 5 miles north of Blue Mesa Reservoir. Approximately 100 acres are planned to be burned to reduce vegetation (fuels) and improve wildlife habitat along National Forest System Road (NFSR) #724.

The prescribed burn will be accomplished using joint-agency fire resources. Air quality will be closely monitored to mitigate smoke related impacts to communities. Smoke may be visible in the Gunnison valley and along HWY 50 between Gunnison and Montrose.

The safety of firefighters and the public are the most important factors considered when planning prescribed fires. Fire managers have obtained smoke permits from the State of Colorado for each of the planned pile burns. For more information on how prescribed fire smoke may affect

your health, please visit: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

For information on prescribed burns, pile

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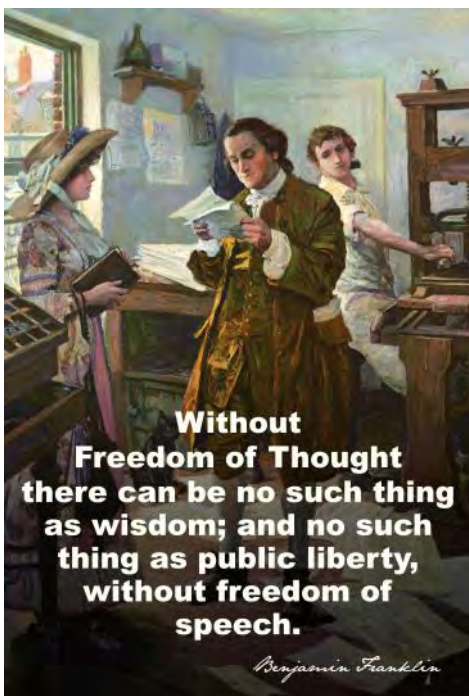
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## CITY APPROVES JIMMERS LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER, PURCHASE OF FORMER WELLS FARGO BUILDING ON MAIN FOR NEW CITY HALL *From pg 1*

March 15, 2022 regular City Council meeting.

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

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

### LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

Council voted to approve the transfer of a Hotel and Restaurant liquor license at 1413 E. Main Street from Jimmers LLC, doing business as Jimmers, to Black Canyon Werks, LLC, doing business as Jimmers, for consumption on the licensed premises. Applicant C.J. Picon was present to answer questions. Picon owns the business with his father.

### RESOLUTION 2022-07

Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler presented the Resolution in the absence of City Manager Bill Bell. Resolution 2022-07 authorizes the \$1.5M purchase of real property located at 400 East Main Street and 424 South Second Street

"This is something that we've talked about...the goals of purchasing these two properties include moving our city administrative offices over to the building on Main Street...that will make it easy for the public to access city services and will also provide a vibrant use Downtown with people coming and going from that property...the parking lot...will provide more Downtown parking near the CMU campus as well as our public safety campus..."

Moving staff will allow the city to continue to assess needed renovations and future uses for the former City Hall.

Morgenthaler said from a staffing standpoint, there is no need to expand staff at this time, but the lobby of the new building will present a more welcoming space. "We're not proposing that the reason we move is to grow staff."

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank said that a Sherpa and guide and pack mule are needed to locate planning offices in the current City Hall. "It's going to make it easier for our public to be able to access all of those services."

The Maximum cost of improvements to the former City Hall was in the \$6 to \$8M

range, Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said. The overall cost of the purchase and any needed renovations is significantly less than the cost of renovating the old City Hall, he said.

The City will keep the ATM in the lobby, a condition of the sale imposed by Wells Fargo.

Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2022-07, authorizing the \$1.5M purchase of real property located at 400 East Main Street and 424 South Second Street in the City of Montrose, Colorado.

**Background-***A memo from the City Manager's Office to Council states, "City Council is considering the approval of the attached Resolution 2022-07 authorizing the City Manager to execute documents related to the purchase of real property located at 400 East Main Street (the former Wells Fargo Bank building) and 424 South Second Street (currently a parking lot). The primary purpose of the purchase is to move city administrative operations to Main Street for the public to have better access to customer service representatives in divisions such as Planning, Building, Finance, Utility Billing, City Clerk and City Manager. The parking lot will provide additional downtown public parking near the new Public Safety Complex and Colorado Mesa University campus. The city's Facilities Master Plan has called for major necessary building renovations at City Hall which were to take place over the next couple of years and would have required displacement of all employee workspaces for at least 18-24 months. Acquiring the Main Street building provides quality space for those employees and offers more time to plan for and address things like HVAC and roof replacement, structural integrity, security, and efficiency of operations at the current City Hall. Possible future uses of the historic City Hall building include and are not limited to housing, CMU campus partnerships, and mixed-use developments. The historic City Hall building is an important landmark in downtown Montrose and will continue to be used as part of our vibrant downtown."*

### RESOLUTION 2022-08

As discussed at the work session earlier that day, Council voted to approve Resolution 2022-08, authorizing the filing of the FY23 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Form.

### ORDINANCE 2586 - SECOND READING

As discussed previously in work session and on first reading, Council voted to adopt Resolution 2568 on second reading, amending Ordinance 2567 which appropriated funds for defraying the expenses and liabilities of the City of Montrose, Colorado, during the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2022.

### ORDINANCE 2587-FIRST READING

After a brief public hearing, Council voted to adopt Ordinance 2587 on first reading, amending the zoning designation of Tract 4 of the Rosemont Subdivision (Parcel #376727102008) from MHR Manufactured Housing Residential District to B-2A Regional Commercial District.

### NEW CITY HALL NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE PURCHASE

As discussed earlier at the morning work session, Council voted to approve the purchase of four Cisco 9300 48 port PoE switches and licensing from Flair DataSystems for the total purchase price of \$51,676.60.

### GOLF COURSE DRIVING RANGE NETTING CONTRACT AWARD

Council authorized \$87,890 for the installation of a new driving range net at Black Canyon Golf Course including a contract with West Coast Netting in the amount of \$79,900.

### CRACK SEAL MATERIAL PURCHASE AND SOLE SOURCE RECOMMENDATION

Council voted to approve the purchase of crack seal material for use by the City streets crew from Dissco (Denver Industrial) in the amount of \$55,561 and a sole source waiver.

### CONTRACT AWARD- MOWING OF CITY PARKS

Council approved award of a parks mowing contract to Green and Bear It LLC for the total contract amount of \$126,400. The contract covers maintenance for 12

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## ***CITY APPROVES JIMMERS LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER, PURCHASE OF FORMER WELLS FARGO BUILDING ON MAIN FOR NEW CITY HALL From previous pg***

City parks and Fox Meadows HOA, including Riverbottom, 9-12, Rotary, Archmont, American, Altrusa, Rainbow Meadows, Homestead, Colorado West, McInnis, Sunshine Peaks, and Fox parks. Services include weekly mowing, trimming, edging of walks and curbs, clean-up of trash and debris as needed, and final clean-up of all sidewalks, roadways, picnic areas and walkways within these parks. Irrigation

checks will also occur during every other weekly mowing.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo gave an update on the 2022 Municipal Election of April 5, and the locations of drop boxes. "Please don't mail your ballot because it won't get to us in time."

### **YOUTH CITY COUNCIL UPDATE**

Youth City Councilor Gunnison Clamp gave

an update on a Youth Council clothing drive for children and young adults, with donation drop boxes located at City Hall, Montrose Recreation Center, and Celebration Church. Another location at Montrose High School was expected.

Youth Councilors will be taking part in river and street cleanups. "We're looking forward to that," Clamp said. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## GOODBYE TO OUR COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL & HELLO TO A NEW ERA OF HEALTHCARE IN MONTROSE COUNTY – IS IT FOR BETTER OR WORSE?

*Editor:*

In the Fall 1946 election cycle, after much public discussion regarding public health & safety and the need to create a County hospital, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) was asked to help create a public hospital through a public vote. Two ballot questions were formulated by them which would form the basis for the establishment of a County Public Hospital. The voters of Montrose County were asked to vote on two things. First, should a County Public Hospital be created and second, should the County sell bonds to fund the construction of a hospital. The answer by the voters (taxpayers) was Yes!

Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH) was created with that election and opened in 1950 in a brand-new facility at its present location in the City of Montrose. Operation and oversight of the hospital was and is governed by under Colorado Revised Statutes Title 25 which is known as the "Hospital Act" which called for the establishment of a Board of Trustees (BoT) appointed by the County Commissioners. Once appointed, these Trustees were charged with overseeing the management and operations of the hospital as well as ensuring the ongoing financial viability of it. The Trustees report to the County Commissioners on annual basis the status of the hospital in these areas.

Under the Hospital Act, the BoT are also authorized to rent or lease the operations of the hospital to another entity. However, they are not authorized to lease or sell the real estate as all real estate is titled in the name of the County, is owned by the County on behalf of the hospital and is exempt from property taxes.

In the early 1950's, MMH's operations were leased out to an arm of the Lutheran Brotherhood for a brief period of time. Control of the operations was then returned to the BoT who kept their role as the governing body until 2010 when, under more scrutiny from the County Commissioners and the public than in previous decades regarding operational transparen-

cy, the then BoT decided that it was time to once again consider leasing the operations of MMH to a private entity. This decision led to the BoT, through their attorneys (they have used the same local law firm since 1957) to create a private corporation known as Montrose Memorial Hospital, Inc. (MMHI).

To some, this appeared to be an inside deal whereby the people appointed to govern a public asset (the BoT), created their own private corporation and then leased it to themselves (along with the money then in the bank - \$62,000,000) for 50 years with a promise to return all the money (with interest) and operational oversight to the County in the year 2060.

Without going into lengthy detail, this action led Montrose County to sue the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees (which were one in the same at the time) over the way the hospital's operations were "leased" and the hospital operated. All litigation and governance matters were resolved by 2017. A new BoT was appointed to oversee the lease to MMHI and the real estate assets of MMH (which are still titled in the name of Montrose County for the use and benefit of Montrose Memorial Hospital).

Now, 5 years past the settlement of these legal matters, it comes to light that MMHI (now known as Montrose Regional Health), through their Board of Directors as well as the County appointed hospital Board of Trustees, have been in negotiations for some months now to transfer or lease all real estate assets owned by or titled in the County's name (it's a substantial number of properties) to Montrose Regional Health (MRH), a private non-profit corporation. Only the original hospital building from 1950 is to be leased by MRH and then returned to the County in 2060 at which time it will be 110 years old.

According to the County Assessor's Office, the "book value" of these properties is \$50,000,000. This is not the same thing as the "market value" (which is higher) of the properties to be transferred upon approv-

al of the County Commissioners in an upcoming meeting. There will be no vote of the people on this matter as the County Attorney does not believe that a citizen vote is called for under state law.

To make the argument that the lead up to the upcoming transfer of real estate has been "transparent", the County Commissioners held a "public work session" meeting this past Monday, April 4, 2022, at the Montrose County Events Center. The meeting was scheduled for two hours with public discussion between the Commissioners, the Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors regarding details of the real estate transfer to be revealed and talked about. Public comments were to follow. Few citizens attended this lightly noticed meeting. Interaction between the three bodies was nil to none.

The County presented a short PowerPoint presentation to introduce the proposed transfer of public assets to the private hospital company. Commissioner Sue Hansen led most of the discussion answering questions brought by the audience along with MMHI/MRH attorney John Brooks. Only one member of the BoT asked questions to stir some dialogue. Several questions came from 4 or 5 citizens. The meeting ended after one hour with the takeaway that this is a done deal and will take place without a vote of the people who voted Montrose Memorial Hospital into existence almost 76 years ago.

In this writer's opinion, it is obvious that there has been a plan in place for at least 12 years now to take what is a Montrose County public asset and privatize that asset without a vote or any public input to speak of. What will happen soon is nothing more and nothing less than a taking of public assets without any financial benefit to the citizens of Montrose County in the form of a sale to recover the investment the citizens have made in the hospital through past subsidies through property taxes and funding from the general fund revenues of the County. This may be all well and good for those without a history



## HELLO TO A NEW ERA OF HEALTHCARE IN MONTROSE COUNTY *From previous pg*

or understanding of what the hospital was created for and what the expectations of having such a public asset are all about, but, as the argument was made by the Commissioners and the MMHI Board, there are few public hospitals left in Colorado, so therefore, we need to join the club through this unilateral action by the County Commissioners.

What we are witnessing, in real time, is the dissolving of our public hospital through a giveaway of epic proportions to a private non-profit entity created in 2010 that did not pay one dime for virtually all the real estate assets or the operational assets that they leased that year for 50 years (a lease is the same as paying rent to use an asset that belongs to someone else). And just because MMHI/MRH has non-profit status under tax laws, does not mean that they do not make a profit! They do or they would not be in business!

Privatization is not a terrible thing when done in an open and honest fashion. Healthcare is a rapidly changing and evolving field. We want the best in healthcare and facilities for our County. We also want open and honest dialogue and input into what that looks like. What we are getting is something to the contrary as you and I will not have the opportunity to exercise our voice through our vote. It will have to be with our feet if necessary as we seek the best care elsewhere if we cannot get it in our community should this soon to be private hospital not stand up to the expectations the community has for it.

In closing, beware of what is to come with this action. It may be for the better. It may be for the worse. Time will tell. However, to not succeed will be seen as a squandering of this huge give away of a public money and assets. The creation of a special hospital taxing district or a sale to a large corporation could be on the horizon to save their bacon if they have bet wrong. You might want to call your County Commissioner just in case you think this might not be in your best interest. Time is short.

*David White, Montrose*

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## CITY HEARS UPDATE ON GVTPR; LIMITED IN-TOWN PUBLIC TRANSIT OPTIONS

### *Councilor Reed announces partnership with CMU for use of Historic City Hall Building*



Councilor J. David Reed discussed a “possible partnership” with Colorado Mesa University (CMU) for use by CMU of the Historic City Hall building, above. Talks may be initiated between the City, CMU, and Charlestowne Hotels, Reed said.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All councilors were present as the Montrose City Council met for a work session on Monday, April 4. Mayor Doug Glaspell called the session to order and introduced the discussion items.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Community Engagement Specialist Ross Valdez Welk introduced the first item for discussion, an update on the Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region (GVTPR), a component of the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning (Region 10).

Present for the discussion were Region 10 Executive Director Michelle Haynes, All Points Transit Executive Director Sarah Curtis, and David Averill of San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART).

Haynes said that the state is divided into 15 Colorado Department of Highways (CDOT) planning regions. There are five metro and ten rural planning regions, including the GVTPR which serves the same six counties as Region 10 (Delta, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel, Gunnison, Hinsdale). The GVTPR helps develop re-

gional transportation priorities. Vince Rogalski of Gunnison has chaired the GVTPR for more than 20 years and also serves as chair of the State’s Transportation Advisory Committee.

“I think that works out really well for us to be able to have that level of knowledge and history on our team,” Haynes said. Every five years the GVTPR undergoes planning processes for both transit and transportation. “In 2020 we completed our 2045 plan for transportation planning.”

Safety, shoulders, and passing lanes are presently regional priorities; priority highways are currently 50, 550, and 92. Plans can be viewed on CDOT’s website.

Averill gave an overview and history of SMART, discussed plans to implement regional bus service under the auspices of SMART, and outlined the various municipal transportation entities operating in San Miguel County. Due to the situation with privately-owned transportation agency Telluride Express, SMART does not offer service to Montrose Regional Airport. “It’s a little weird,” Averill said. “My board has not wanted to wade into that.”

Curtis called the situation with the airport “interesting.” Because non-profit All Points Transit is seen as competing with the private on-airport transportation entity, the local Montrose community does not have access to public transportation services at the airport. Curtis said that she is working with Montrose County and Montrose Regional Airport officials in hopes of finding a solution. “It’s going to be an ongoing need.”

Curtis gave an overview and update of All Points Transit’s Dial-A-Ride program and limited regional bus service. All Points Transit lost riders during the pandemic and is now working to restore ridership. The non-profit is planning a new regional transportation facility and needs additional board members.

Haynes said that investment in transit makes sense when compared to the costs of improving and maintaining roads.

City Engineer Scott Murphy presented information on the 700 DeJulio Addition Annexation and Development Agreement. Council will be asked to approve the 6700 DeJulio Annexation and Development Agreement to include purchase of rights of way and easements required for completion of 6700 Road between Sunnyside and Miami Roads at a cost of \$291,300. After extensive discussion, the developer also weighed in. “...Working with Scott and his staff’s been great,” Paul DeJulio said.

**Background-**A memo from Murphy to Council notes, “The City of Montrose comprehensive plan calls for the eventual completion of 6700 Road as a minor arterial where currently missing between Sunnyside and Miami Roads (see Figure 1). This project has remained a high-priority capital project due to continued traffic growth in the area; however, the City does not own all of the rights of way necessary to complete this missing link.

A privately-owned 9.35-acre parcel (“Missing Link Parcel”) and single-family residence are currently present along the proposed 6700 Road alignment...City staff have reached agreement for the purchase



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of these rights of way..."

Community Program Manager Kendall Cramer presented a request for Congressionally Directed Spending. Council will be asked to authorize the filing of a request form with United States Senator John Hickenlooper's office in the amount of \$1,850,000 toward completion of Phase II and III of river restoration improvements on 4,900 L.F. of the Uncompahgre River and a 1,900 L.F. extension of the Uncompahgre Riverway Trail to complement the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority Development (MURA) and the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Connect Initiative Trail. Public Works Manager Jim Scheid and Police Academy Director/Professional Standards Sergeant Courtney Jones discussed disposal of four 2014 Ford Explorer Police Interceptors, which will be donated and used in Police Academy Driver's Training at the Western Colorado Law Enforcement Academy (WCLEA).

**Background-**A memo from Scheid to Council states that the vehicles "are scheduled for replacement in 2022. Their replacements have been budgeted for from the Fleet Fund. These vehicles were not on the 2022 Disposal List that was approved in January of 2022 because these vehicles were to be held for an additional one year to be used for Police Academy Driver's Training. For these vehicles to be best utilized by the Police Academy the four cars would be added to Western Colorado Community College (WCCC) and Colorado Mesa University's (CMU) existing fleet. With Council's approval, these vehicles would be donated to WCCC/CMU. This will give WCLEA and the WCCC academy in Grand Junction access to 10 patrol vehicles for training."

Public Utilities Manager David Bries presented information on replacement of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Motor Control Center.

**Background-**A memo from Bries to Council states, "The current MCC at the wastewater treatment plant dates back to the original treatment plant construction

in the mid 1980's and has reached the end of its reliable life expectancy. In 2021, the City of Montrose contracted with Brown-Shill Engineering & Controls (BHEC) to design and develop a replacement plan for the WWTP MCC and \$380,000 was included in the 2022 Budget for the replacement. Upon the completion of the design, staff met with BHEC to discuss the process of replacing this critical piece of equipment with minimal impact on the treatment plant operation. Replacement of the equipment component will need to be very methodical with a significant amount of qualified staff during certain times to minimize the time that certain plant components are out of service to prevent violating our wastewater treatment plant effluent limits.

BHEC believes that Sturgeon Electric is the only contractor on the western slope that has the staffing level and the experience in this type of work without an increased risk...BHEC has successfully worked with Sturgeon Electric on similar type projects. Sturgeon Electric has proposed a cost of \$329,027 for the labor, equipment, and common materials to perform the MCC replacement. BHEC has obtained bids from the material suppliers for the major electrical components that make up the MCC and proposed to procure these materials for \$312,370. Due to the current supply chain issues, electrical components now have a 50-week lead time meaning that some of the materials needed would not arrive until 2023. Staff recommends that the notice to proceed would not be issued until all materials have been delivered to prevent operational issues at the WWTP. Due to the complicated and detailed nature of this project, BHEC has proposed to oversee the construction of the MCC replacement for a not to exceed cost of \$35,200. The total cost for all three of these contracts is \$676,597."

Murphy discussed the Moving Montrose Forward Surface Treatment (Slurry and Cape Seal) Contract Award. Council will be asked to approve the award of a construc-



**Colorado Mesa University Montrose.**

tion contract to low bidder A-1 Chipseal in the amount of \$1,428,079.40 for completion of the Moving Montrose Forward 2022 Surface Treatment Project.

**Background-**A memo from Murphy to Council provides details of the contract award and process. The memo states, "Contract administration, project management, and construction inspection will be performed by the City of Montrose engineering department. The total budget for contracted street maintenance in 2022 is \$3.3M... this is in addition to street maintenance budgets for in-house work being performed by public work's crews. This surface treatment contract will be funded from this \$3.3M with the balance of this budget going towards the upcoming street overlay and rebuild contract." IT Manager Greg Story presented information on a network infrastructure purchase for the new City Hall Building (formerly the Wells Fargo Building), the purchase of which was approved by Council several hours later, at the regular City Council meeting also on April 4.

During the discussion Councilor Anthony Russo asked, "This could be temporary? Permanent?...Are we saying that this is a done deal, that this is how we are going to use that building long term?"

Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said the network infrastructure purchase would be considered following the purchase of the Wells Fargo Building at the regular meeting that night.

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"...If you decide not to purchase the building you wouldn't consider this item either," she said. "...Greg is being proactive in proposing that we get on the order sheet as soon as we can...we could cancel if something changes, but our understanding is right now that staff would be moving over into that building starting...middle of February...in order to better serve the public and start rehabbing that building, and make a beautiful façade and all the things that we'll talk more in detail about tonight...as this item is not budgeted we are bringing it to you to consider."

With staff still in the existing City Hall, the current equipment is still needed there.

**Background-** A memo from Story to Council states, "With the recent decision to move forward with the purchase and remodel of the Wells Fargo building, and use it for City administrative offices, the IS team reached out to our vendors for quotes on the required networking equipment. The model

of network switch we typically use has a lead time of 12+ months. Our vendor was able to find Cisco switches with a much shorter lead time (168 days as of the time of the quote)...the quote shows the four Cisco 9300 48 port PoE switches and requires parts and licensing totaling \$51,676.60. Currently we would be looking at a mid to late September delivery of said switches with the ability to cancel the order outright until early August. This expense is not included in the 2022 budget. Undesignated General Fund balance would be used to fund the purchase."

Morgenthaler initiated a discussion concerning the continuation of Hybrid In-person and Virtual City Council Meetings. Council agreed to discontinue hybrid, Zoom-format meetings now that in-person and other options are available.

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Councilor J. David Reed gave an update on a recent (non-public) discussion among

Council concerning a "possible partnership" with Colorado Mesa University (CMU) for use by CMU of the Historic City Hall building. Reed said he had spoken with CMU President Marshall, who was enthusiastic about and intrigued with the idea and would like to start discussions soon between the City, CMU, and Charlestowne Hotels.

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank said that he and Mayor Glaspell forwarded a letter from the Boys & Girls Club to the rest of Council.

Morgenthaler said the City's "A Better Montrose" App is now available for Android devices.

Murphy gave an update on current road projects; Bries discussed efforts to fix a water line leak at Park Avenue and Main Street. "We're going to do our best to try to keep traffic open," Bries said.

With no further business, Mayor Glaspell adjourned the work session.

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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### WILLIAM DALE FRIES



WILLIAM DALE FRIES, age 93, of Ouray, Colorado. Passed away on April 1, 2022, at his residence in Ouray, Colorado.

Mr. Fries was an artist and songwriter known as C.W. McCall.

A private family service will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to Ouray County Search and Rescue, [www.ouraymountainrescue.com](http://www.ouraymountainrescue.com) for donation information

Crippin Funeral Home in Montrose, Colorado is assisting the family. 970-249-2121



### RODRICK CECIL SELL

*February 18, 1938-March 29, 2022*

RODRICK CECIL SELL was born February 18, 1938 in Lockerby, Utah to Frank and Ruth Sell. Rod has five siblings Tom Sell, Knollie Sell, Frances Lacky, Velma Aerts, and Teresa Jeanne Vigil.

Rod spent his early years in Ucola, Utah where he and his brothers had to haul water uphill from the creek for their mother. Rod's brother Tom would often con Rod into doing his share of the chores.

Later the family moved to Nucla where Rod graduated from Nucla High School on May 22, 1956. Rod joined the Navy January 9, 1962 and served as a Machinist until his discharge on January 9, 1964. Rod came back to Nucla and married this marriage ended in divorce.

He then met Shirley Carver and they married April 28, 1967. Shirley had one son Roger Carver whom Rod helped raise. Rod said that when he first met Shirley, she was a cashier at Nucla Mercantile. He said that Shirley was very popular, and people would wait in line

just to have their groceries checked out by her. Shirley passed away March 30, 2008, in the home that she and Rod built together. Rod spent the remainder of his life with his partner Donna Nygren.

Rod passed on March 29, 2022 in the home that he had built, which was what he wanted.

Rod is preceded in death by his spouse Shirley Sell, his parents Frank and Ruth Sell, Brothers Tom Sell and Knollie Sell, Sister Frances Lacky and niece Ruth Dugan.

Rod is survived by his son Roger (Tina) Carver, Grandsons Jason (Katrina) Carver, Jacob Carver, Kyle (Kelia) Carver Zachary Carver, Great grandchildren Ryder Carver, Trenadi Carver, Harper Carver. Sisters Velma (Bob) Aerts, Teresa Jeanne (Clarence) Vigil, 16 nieces and nephews 18 great grand nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held on April 23, 2022 at 11 am at Nucla Cemetery. Crip-



pin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. 970-249-2121

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## ART &amp; SOL

## FOLLOW FOOTSTEPS OF HISTORY: EXPLORE THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL

*Back to the Old Spanish Trail Field Trip Saturday - April 30 and or Oct. 1 9 am - 12 noon. Open to the Public FREE**Special to Art & Sol*

DELTA-Join Fort Uncompahgre Executive Director Chris Miller and the Interpretive Association of Western Colorado along with Jon Horn, Alpine Archaeological Consultants of Montrose, on a field trip to explore the Old Spanish Trail location in Delta County. Horn will share with you the points of interest along the North Branch of the Old Spanish Trail (OST), future plans to interpret the history of the trail, and why Antoine Robidoux picked the strategic location for Fort Uncompahgre in an area known as Robidoux Bottoms. Horn will disclose the location of segments of the Old Spanish Trail as well as the history.

While seeking the Colorado River, Juan Rivera and his company arrived at these bottoms and forded the Gunnison River in the fall of 1765 (Baker 2008, Hendricks, and Sargent 2011). During their trips of 1776 Father's Dominguez and Escalante also arrived at the great Delta travel gate though they struck the river a few miles above the Robidoux Bottoms. Even to the present day this travel gateway has been used by nearly all travelers who wished to pass north and south up the Western Slope of Colorado.

"Nearly all that we know about Robidoux's old trading post comes from accounts left by such travelers. Robidoux clearly sited his enterprise at the most strategic travel gateway in the region,"



*Explore the Old Spanish Trail location. Courtesy photo.*

said Steven G. Baker, Uncompahgre Valley Ute project, Centuries Research, Inc. Montrose, CO.

The movement of trade goods and livestock over the Northern Branch during the Spanish, as well as the Mexican, period provided the foundation for later American exploration starting with the Gunnison Expedition in 1853.

Fort Uncompahgre was officially certified as the first non-Federal Interpretive Center on the OST and is located at 440 North

Palmer Street, Delta. The public is invited to attend one of two scheduled field trips, Saturday, April 30 and or Saturday Oct.

1. Transportation will be provided by the Interpretive Association of Western Colorado (IAWC).

Please plan to meet at the Fort no later than 9 am and returning no later than 12 noon. We will be using School Buses; seating is limited to the first 46 folks that sign up for each day. RSVP is required please call 970 874-8349.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

# YES! ANOTHER CHURCH IN MONTROSE!



**Summit Church holds services at the old Menoken Church.. Courtesy photo.**

### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE – Depending on who you talk to or what government site you visit online, population estimates for Montrose County range upwards of 43,000. The number of churches in Montrose are estimated around 70 – some lists have more, some have less. Some say there are plenty of choices to attend services on Easter Sunday, April 17. So why did John DeSario, along with his wife Debra, decide to do a church plant a little more than a year ago and bring one more choice to the people of Montrose? “Debra and I moved from Texas to Montrose in 2017,” he said, “The first day we arrived we felt that we had found our home.

“We loved the mountains and the beauty of the area, but we also connected with the people of Montrose,” he continued. He said they found the people here to be friendly and real, without any pretense. John had been working in Montrose for four years, and he said he and Debra realized that there were a lot of people who were hurting and in need of life transformation.

“We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the answer that will bring lasting and complete transformation to families



**The DeSario Family Courtesy photo**

and individuals in Montrose.” He said he wants to bring authentic worship that preaches the word of God and meets the needs of the people of Montrose. “We started Summit Church in January of 2021 to serve the community and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those in Montrose and in the surrounding areas.” The church is growing and had approximately 75 attendees at the Christmas Eve 2021 service.

Summit Church is holding services at the Old Menoken Church, 10977 6075 Road, Montrose, thanks to the graciousness of Pastor Mauro and Joanna Zuniga and the Iglesia Verdad Y Vida Church. The Zunigas started holding services there in August 2018, and are building a Spanish-speaking congregation each Sunday. Previously they held Spanish services in Rosemont Baptist Church.

“God led us to this place,” John said. “There are 1,248 residences in a three-

mile radius of our church. Summit Church is for everyone in the Montrose area, but we are strategically placed to minister to families and individuals who live north of town, where there are not many churches.”

### **Easter Services**

Easter Sunday service for Summit Church will be at 10 a.m. with a lunch following. The Iglesia Verdad Y Vida sunrise service in Spanish will be from 6-7 a.m. with breakfast served afterward. Regular Sunday services for Summit Church are at 9 a.m. and Iglesia Verdad Y Vida at 11 a.m. Fellowship with coffee and snacks follows each regular service.

### **The Beginnings of Summit**

So, how did the DeSarios start – or plant – this church? “We just started praying, planning and holding services, then our church joined the SEND Network in January 2022,” John said, “SEND is an arm of the North American Mission Board and



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and exists to help plant Christian churches everywhere for everyone. "SEND provides Summit Church with financial support as well as organizational and logistical support."

He said he receives remote classroom training as part of a cohort of church pastors and also receives books and articles that encourage and equip him in his role as a church planter.

Summit Church is a group of people from

a variety of age groups including babies, toddlers, students, young adults, parents, grandparents and retired couples.

John said they exist to tell others about the Gospel of Jesus Christ and build up Christians through worship, the Word, prayer, fellowship and service. Along with

regular services, Summit Church has a church dinner on the second Sunday of the month and has various Bible studies and events throughout the month.

For more information see <https://www.summitchurchmontrose.org/> or call/text John DeSario at (970) 275-7026.

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*disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.*

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 Merle Bierma  
**Worship Service times:** 9:30AM, Student Worship at 6PM

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

## MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

[office@montroseumc.org](mailto:office@montroseumc.org), [montroseumc.org](http://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](http://www.RosemontBaptist.org)  
 email: [office@rosemontbaptist.org](mailto:office@rosemontbaptist.org)  
**Senior Pastor:** Rolland Kenneson  
**Worship Service Times:** Our engaging and relevant Sunday Worship Service is at

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

*matter what stage of life they are in.*  
**Children's services:** We have a fun Sunday School for children from four years old through youth. We provide Children's Church during the Sunday Worship Services where children four years old through 9 years can learn to be 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](mailto:arlyn@spiritaware.org)

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

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

## MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

### SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

#### Denomination affiliation:

Southern Baptist

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

**Office hours:** Varies

#### Contact information:

phone number: 970-275-7026

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

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

**Current Pastor:** Roland Kassales

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

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

#### Church Directory

#### Mirror Editorial Staff

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

formation to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?



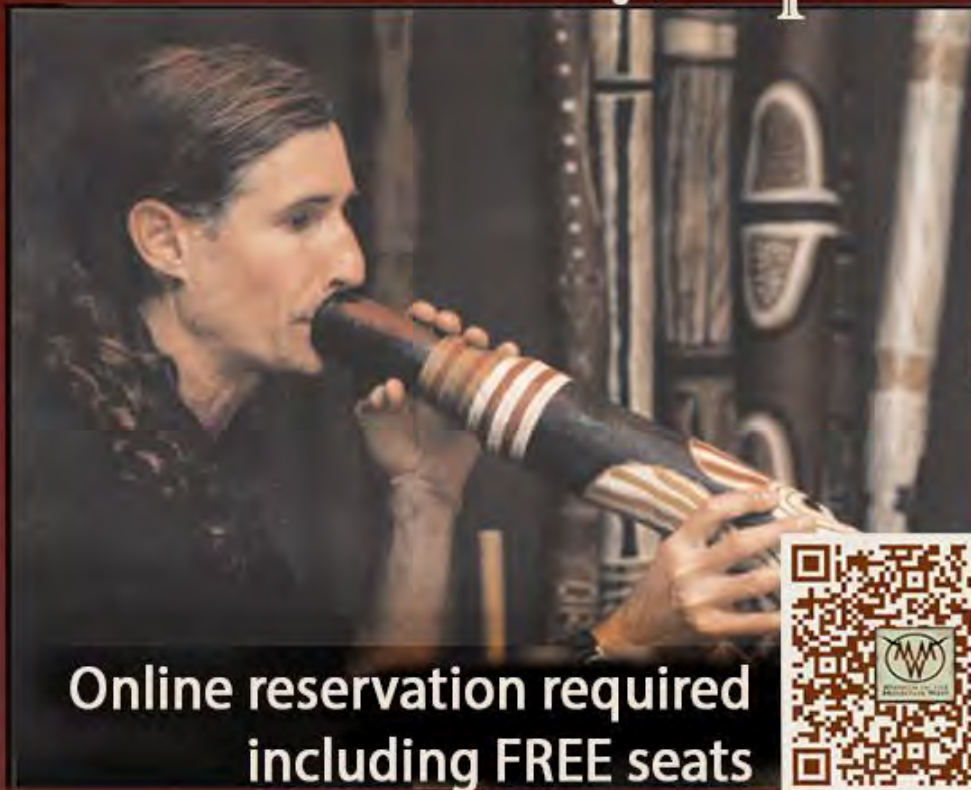
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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## RIDGWAY YOUTH VOLUNTEER AND CAREER FAIR TEACHES SAVING, EARNING, AND SERVING

### *Special to the Mirror*

RIDGWAY-This April, in addition to classes in algebra, geometry and the typical math subjects, local students will be learning financial literacy. The 2022 Ridgway Youth Volunteer & Career Fair will, for the first time, be bringing bank representatives to Ridgway Secondary School to teach about budgeting and money management.

"It can be very easy to overspend with subscriptions, streaming services, online shopping, etc. Learning to track your spending and doing a monthly budget will help to see where your money is being spent and how you can save money," said Alpine Bank Relationship Manager Nicole Guck. Staff from Alpine Bank and Citizens State Bank will join other businesses and organizations to meet 8th through 12th grade students on Wednesday, April 27 at the fair, organized by the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce and Ridgway School District. "We hope to share some tips for creating budgets, using online banking and all its tools to track spending and debit card usage, and discuss how the choices you make with how you handle

your money can have lasting effects on things like credit score and the ability to buy a house or even get a job in the future," Guck explained. Businesses, non-profits and government agencies are invited to come to inform students about employment, community service and career options from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Current fair registrants are the Ridgway Chamber, Ouray Hot Springs Pool, Second Chance Humane Society, Ridgway Animal Hospital, Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates- Monroe Group, U.S. Navy, and the National Guard. Past fairs have included 15 to 20 organizations.

Eleni Wallin, an 11th grader helping organize the fair, said, "This is a great way for students to learn about jobs and opportunities for being involved in their community."

Another first for the 2022 fair are online contact forms accessed by custom QR codes created for each participating organization. Wallin explained, "Our team is interested in QR codes this year because they offer an easy paperless way for students to connect with businesses. Now,



**2021 Ridgway Youth Volunteer & Career Fair. Courtesy photo.**

students will not be juggling multiple papers that they will possibly lose. This way, it is all digital, easy to keep track of, and a convenient way for employers to receive information from possible employees and avoid paperwork."

The registration deadline is April 18. For details and registration, go to <https://ridgwaycolorado.com/news-events/youth-volunteer-career-fair-2022>. For information about the chamber and member benefits, go to <https://ridgwaycolorado.com/about>.

**Volunteers Needed April 29, 5-9 pm  
at Museum of the Mountain West  
Special Event: *Wonders From Down Under*  
Help with parking, set-up, concession sales, breakdown**

**More info. or to sign up, contact Kate  
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# THE MESMERIZING DIDGERIDOO

By Kathryn R. Burke

REGIONAL-Termites eat it before you play it. If you know how, you can play it for 40 minutes (or longer) without taking a breath. Native to Aus-

tralia, the didgeridoo is a totally unique musical instrument unlike any other, and possibly the oldest musical instrument in the world. It's also associated with the Aboriginal concept of "Dreaming."

An Aboriginal wind musical instrument, the didgeridoo is a long wooden flute, without finger holes, that produces a drone-like sound by blowing into it using a special breathing technique called circular breathing. Although it is similar in form to a straight trumpet, it is a flute. Made of wood instead of metal, it's conical rather than straight, and much longer than a trumpet (or standard flute). Traditional didgeridoos are about 4 ft. in length, although some go as long as 10 feet. And of course, because it is made from wood eaten by termites, which creates its unusual and unique harmonic "drone tones," the didgeridoo is definitely not like a trumpet or any other man-made instrument.

Because of the sound it makes, it is sometimes also called a "drone pipe." Generally, the longer the instrument, the lower it's pitch. Flared instruments and reticulated versions (curled and curved and somewhat resembling a French horn) produce a higher tone. The didgeridoo functions "...as an aural kaleidoscope of timbres" and "the extremely difficult virtuoso techniques developed by expert performers find no parallel elsewhere." (Ref.: A. Baines, *The Oxford Companion to Musical Instruments*, OUP, 1992.)

The didgeridoo is made from termite-hollowed out hardwood, usually eucalyptus. Termites like to eat eucalyptus. Like eucalyptus, termites are common to Australia and the didgeridoo is native to Australia. So basically, the didgeridoo is the trunk of a eucalyptus tree that has been eaten out by termites. The tree is cut down, the bark scraped off, the inside cleaned out and shaped, and a mouthpiece of beeswax may be applied. Often the did-



geridoo is then painted with clan or family designs.

Why do we say the didgeridoo represents the Aboriginal concept of Dreaming? What does that actually mean? According to one source, "Aboriginal music unites consciousness with the invisible laws and energy patterns of nature...a method for gaining knowledge of nature and its invisible Dreaming. ... Traditionally, an Aborigine would go into nature and listen intensely to animal sounds, not just voices but also the flapping of wings or the thump of feet on the ground. The Aborigine would also listen to the sounds of wind, thunder, trees creaking, and water running. The essences of all these sounds were played with as much accuracy as possible within the droning sound of the *didgeridoo*. For the Aborigine, the observation of nature immediately requires a state of empathy, which leads to an imitative expression." (Ref.: *Voices of the First Day, Published by Inner Traditional*)

Learn more about the Digeridoo, hear and see it played, at Museum of the Mountain West, Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, when Australian storyteller, Paul Taylor, performs *Wonders Down Under*, 6-8 pm at the museum, 68169 Miami Rd, 3 miles east of Montrose (off Highway 500).

*Wonders Down Under* is an interactive multifaceted performance adapted to any age level. Paul Taylor presents audiences with a unique look at the wonderful Aussie character through an exciting blend of stories, songs, dance, painting, theatre, and didgeridoo, drawing comparisons in American history and culture. Focusing on many of our cultural icons, his program honors both Aboriginal and European roots. *Wonders Down Under* is particularly relevant today, as it introduces audiences to the Aboriginal spiritual worldview, the "Creation Story," which teaches us to pay attention, care for our water, care for our land, to care for our

place wherever we may be.

Sidenotes:

- Learning and practicing the didgeridoo helped reduce snoring and obstructive sleep apnea by strengthening muscles in the upper airway, thus reducing their tendency to collapse during sleep.
- The instrument is often accompanied by clap sticks to maintain rhythm, much as a drum. However, unlike a drum, clap sticks are used to strike one another, and sometimes, even people as well.
- There are at least 45 names for the didgeridoo, several of which suggest its original construction was of bamboo.
- Although it is now in use around the world, the didgeridoo is still most strongly associated with Indigenous Australian music. It was, and still is, used for cultural and ceremonial observances, and traditionally played only by men.

Didgeridoo music, played by non-Aboriginal women, and especially performers of New Age music regardless of gender (to play or even touch a didgeridoo) is considered cultural theft.

- Listen here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nN-542IYoE0>

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# SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

## ONGOING-

**FREETHINKERS** meet 1st Sunday of the month at 1pm. more info at 970-708-8333.

**NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS** welcomes adults who are new to Montrose or have been here awhile, who would enjoy learning more about the area and participate in social activities. 2021-22 meeting info. Meetings will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (January – May). 10am-11:30am in the downstairs meeting hall of Cedar Creek Church, 222 S. Townsend and S. 3<sup>rd</sup>. enter through the side door on S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Hope to meet you there! Contact Patti 951-544-6289 if you have questions.

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

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

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

## MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET 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 nondenominational Bible study. Studying Revelation Sep 2021-Jan 2022 and Christian Living (1,2,3 John, Jude & Philimon) 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

**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 17**-Easter Sunday.

**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 22-23**-The City of Montrose annual Spring Cleanup offers disposal and recycling services from a single collection point on April 22-23. Residents are invited to bring cleanup items to the drop-off site located off the San Juan bypass (U.S. Highway 50), directly across the street from the Sunshine Peak apartment complex. Signs will direct residents to the drop-off location that will be open on April 22 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on April 23 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visit [CityofMontrose.org/SpringCleanup](http://CityofMontrose.org/SpringCleanup) for more information.

**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 7**-Montrose Summer Farmers Market-opening day. 9am to 1pm Centennial Plaza.

**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.



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*Montrose High School student Pablo Rangel found a baby chicken in the school parking lot Thursday, saved its life, and sheltered the tiny creature in a classroom before being re-directed to the office. Pictured below is Rangel with the rescued chick.*



## MIRROR IMAGES OUT & ABOUT

### MHS DIVISION AWARD WINNERS



*Pictured are MHS April Division Award winners-L-R Leonor Nieves-Chavez, Ellie Duncan, Vivian Ficco, Westley Lucero-Escalante, Makayla Shreeves, Danny Chavarria, Brandon Grijalva-Castro, Gabrielle Lewis, and Katherine Allison. Courtesy photo.*

## Delta County Historical Society & Museum Presents:

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