

Like us on Facebook!
Visit us online at
montrosemirror.com!
Please Support our Advertisers!



www.scottspainting.com



Alpine Bank

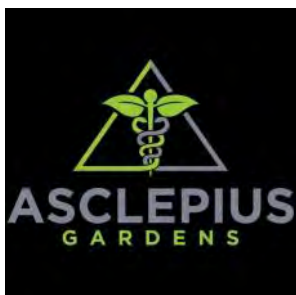
www.alpinebank.com



<https://montrosehealth.com/>



<https://the-res.com/>



<http://www.aclepiusgardens.com/>



the Montrose Mirror

Fresh News for Busy People!

Issue No. 478 April 25, 2022

QUESTIONS REMAIN AFTER EXPLOSION, FIRE AT HARTMAN BROTHERS

"We lost a building, but we saved a block," Montrose Fire Chief Tad Rowan



Smoke engulfs a nearby residence following an April 20 explosion at Hartman Brothers Welding Supply. Photo by Carole Ann McKelvey.

By Paul Arbogast

MONTROSE-Around 3pm on Wednesday, April 20, witnesses who were in the downtown area heard a loud bang, with some equating it to a cannon going off. Many reported feeling the impact, including local teen Ocean Frye, who was heading down Main Street on his way home from school. "I was just walking by Crash Burger," Frye said. "I saw the explosion, and I could feel the ground shake."

Shortly thereafter emergency dispatch got the call, for an explosion in the area of North First street and Park Avenue (see Montrose Fire Protection District news release in this issue of the Mirror).

[Continued pg 40](#)

DMEA, GUZMAN TO REVISE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR GARNET MESA SOLAR PROJECT

By Gail Marvel

Regular Meeting:

The April 19 Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors meeting, held in the Black Canyon Board Room, was called to order at 3 p.m. With the exception of Kevin Williams, all other board members were present either in-person or virtually.

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

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

The call to order was followed

[Continued pg 19](#)



It took only an hour for the public portion of the regular Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors meeting held on April 19. The DMEA Board is scheduled for a two-day Strategic Planning Session in the coming week. Photo by Gail Marvel.

in this issue

[Going, Going...Free...Montrose County Physical Assets 'for Hospital Use' worth \\$65M](#)

[Wonders Down Under...Paul Taylor coming to Montrose this Friday!](#)

[Regional events calendar!](#)

CLASSIFIEDS/PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE: An auction of the contents of the following units will be held at Mesa Storage, 63497 Spring Creek Rd, Montrose, CO 81403 on Tuesday, May 3 at 10 AM.

5x10: Dale Surbeck, Montrose, CO 81403, Items include, but are not limited to Aluminum Wheels, grow lights, other misc. grow equip.

10x10 Alesha Henderson, Pueblo, CO 81019, Items include, but are not limited to misc. Furniture, Household items and long-term storage groceries in buckets.

The units will be sold as one lot each. Sealed bids can be mailed to Mesa Storage Rentals, P.O. Box 84, Montrose, CO 81402 or emailed to mesastorage@montrose.net and must arrive prior to end of day on May 2, 2022. Bids will be disclosed at the Auction at the facility on May 3, 2022 at 10 AM and are subject to outbid by auction attendees. Pictures of the units' contents are available at <https://mesastoragerentals.com>.

Not Just a Better Deal. A Better Dealership!
Montrose Ford-Nissan SINCE 1986!

Make Your Service Appointments Online

ANY Make, ANY Model!

Click <https://www.montrosefordnissan.com/xtime-schedule-service.htm>
 Tap or click on any device to schedule your next service appointment live online.

Or, if you'd like to discuss any service-related issue, please call 970-249-4576

The choice is yours - click or call!

We will not be undersold on tires! Backed by Ford's National Network of Dealers

**LOW PRICE
TIRE GUARANTEE**

Why buy tires anywhere else, when Montrose Ford offers all of this:

- ☺ 16 major name brand tires
- ☺ 30-day price guarantee
- ☺ All makes and models
- ☺ FREE Alignment Check (with the purchase of your next set of tires)

Valid on dealer-installed retail purchases only. Requires presentation of competitor's current price ad/offer on exact tire sold by dealership within 30 days after purchase. For online quotes, guarantee applies only to new tires sold on retailer websites. Excludes tires sold by third parties on marketplace sites and any resellers. Limited time offers, subject to manufacturer changes without notice. See your Service Advisor for details.

Voted BEST in SIX different categories!

- BEST New Auto Dealer
- BEST Oil Change Shop
- BEST Tire Store



- BEST Auto Repair
- BEST Mechanic (Greg Ellis)
- BEST Auto Salesperson (Manny Vargas)



970-249-4576
MontroseFordNissan.com

THE MONTROSE MIRROR

Published every Monday since 2010 in Montrose, Colorado, to a readership of over 16,000 residents of Western Colorado. Founder, Editor, and Publisher: Caitlin Switzer

For additional information and advertising opportunities, please contact:

Editor@MontroseMirror.com

970-275-0646

www.MontroseMirror.com

www.Facebook.com/MontroseMirror

www.Instagram.com/MontroseMirror



MEMBER OF THE
ONLINE NEWS
ASSOCIATION

We encourage contributions and commentary. Submitted content may not necessarily reflect the opinion of the publisher. Copyright © 2010-2022. All rights reserved. Content may not be reprinted, distributed, or re-used without the permission of the publisher.

MIRROR CLASSIFIEDS & PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS



VERITAS SAYS SOURCES ARE VERY IMPORTANT. A GOOD SOURCE IS REPUTABLE. A BAD SOURCE MAY BE SIMILAR TO A SCAM. THINK ABOUT IT.

Paid for by the Montrose County Democratic Party

NOMINATE A SMALL BUSINESS

ourtownmatters.net | 970.765.0913



July 28th
Montrose Pavilion
5:30 - 7 PM

Celebrating
small business &
entrepreneurial excellence

Not for the faint of heart, being a small business is a bold feat. Now, more than ever, it is critical that we celebrate those who have been put to the challenge. The Small Business Awards does just that, by showcasing those that dare to start, sustain and succeed. Nominate a Small Business today and join us as we celebrate Small Businesses in Montrose County.

Presented by:

ELEVATE™
FAST INTERNET ► (for real)

Our Town Matters
MARKETING | EVENTS | PR | SOCIAL



**BEST
Of The
VALLEY**

- Daily Press

**19 years
RUNNING**

2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006,
2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011,
2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016,
2017, 2018, 2019, 2020...

Your project: Our priority. We put *it* in print.

315 South 12th Street
Montrose, Colorado 81401
tel 800.211.2038

tel 970.249.2611 | fax 970.249.7068
www.scottsprinting.com
contact@scottsprinting.com

THE ORIGINAL - PREMIUM QUALITY - COLORADO PROUD
**Scott's
PRINTING**
SINCE 1954
COMMERCIAL OFFSET PRINTING

#51

in Printing News'
"Top 100"
Small Commercial
Printers in
North America!

**TOP
100
SMALL
COMMERCIAL
PRINTERS
2020**

WhatTheyThink PrintingNews

Commercial Offset & Digital Printing »

black and white, spot color, and full color printing,
plus aqueous and UV coating capabilities

Trade Bindery & Finishing »

collating, stapling, folding, trimming, scoring, embossing,
die-cutting, perforating, numbering, hole-punching,
laminating, ... to name a few

Innovative Screenprinting »

traditional silk screen capabilities from single to seven-color
designs, plus simulated and 4-color process methods

Custom Digitizing & Embroidery »

in-house digitizing with hundreds of thread colors to
choose from, with single-head to multi-head capabilities

Direct-to-Garment Printing »

direct digital printing in thousands of colors
on multiple blends of garments

Creative Design & Prepress »

in-house graphic design and prepress department
utilizing the latest technologies and software

Promotional Marketing »

ASI® certified distributor with access to thousands of
promotional items available to market your brand / idea





**YOU
USE.**



**WE
DONATE.**



**THEY
BENEFIT.**



Every time you use your Loyalty Debit Card*, **Alpine Bank donates a dime** to community causes that are important to you.

*Alpine Bank debit cards are available with no annual fee to individuals with an Alpine Bank checking account.

YOU ARE COLORADO *So are we!*



Alpine Bank

INDEPENDENCE • COMMUNITY • COMPASSION • INTEGRITY • LOYALTY

ALPINEBANK.COM • MEMBER FDIC

MIRROR CLASSIFIEDS & PUBLIC NOTICES



**Western Colorado
Farm & Ranch Brokerage**
(970) 835-9350 • (970) 596-4744
(970) 874-LAND
WESTERNRANGE.COM

Since 1990



LET'S CARE FOR OUR FUTURE

BE A FOSTER PARENT FOR AN ADOLESCENT OR TEEN

they need you



www.arielcpa.org call or text 970.314.5282

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

**AUSTRALIAN
STORYTELLER
PAUL TAYLOR
TO PERFORM AT
MUSEUM OF MT. WEST**

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Don't miss Wonders Down Under." Australian storyteller Paul Taylor entertains with an exciting blend of story, song, dance, and drama featuring the mesmerizing didgeridoo. Fun for the whole family!

Location: Museum of the Mountain West, 68169 Miami Rd. Montrose

Cost: \$25 adult 16-59, \$10 kids 6-15. Over 60 FREE

Register online: museumofthemountainwest.org/product/04-29-paul-taylor/

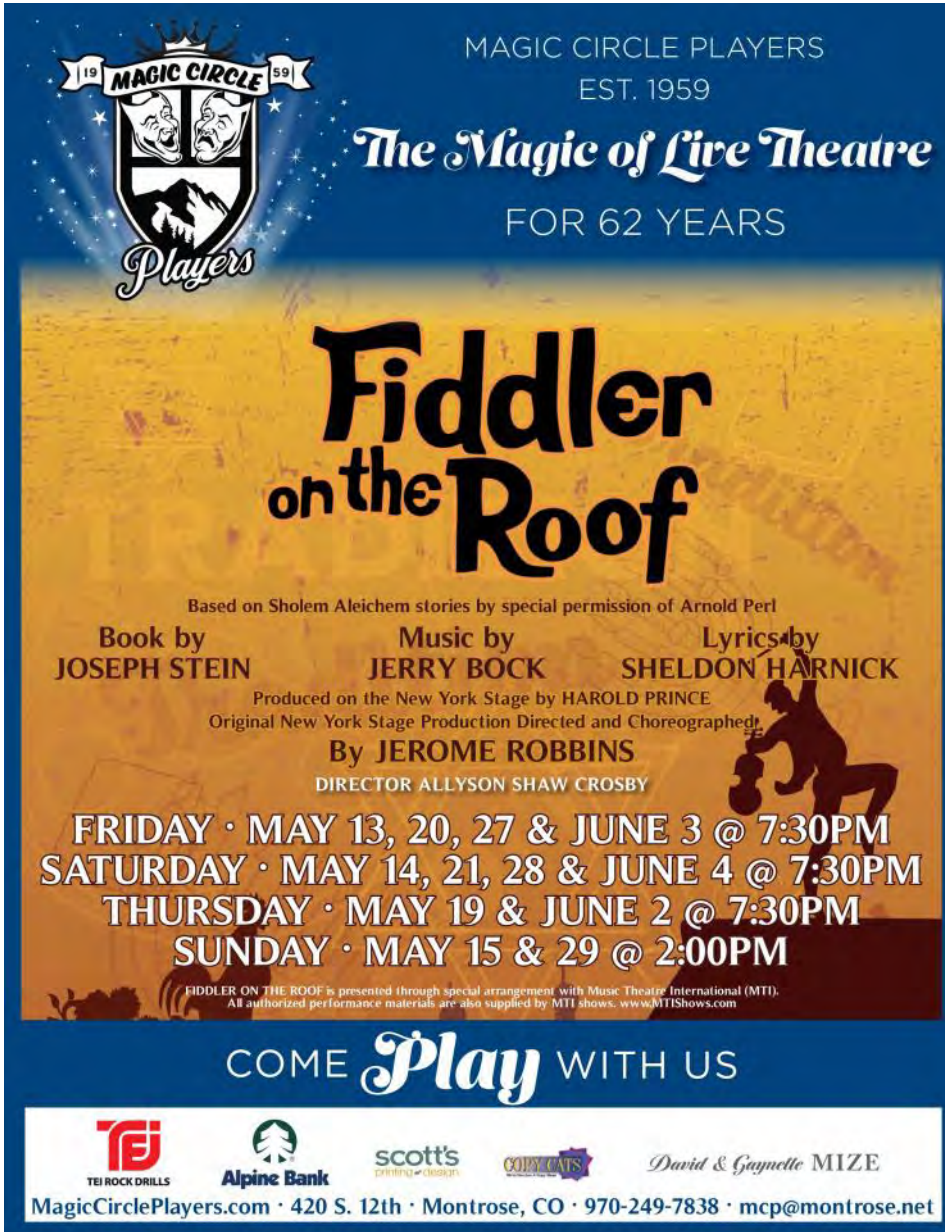
Contact info: info@mw-museum.org or 970-240-3400

OPEN
for Business

**It's
Your
Business!**

**Let's Grow Together
Advertise with The Mirror**
970-275-0646 editor@montrosemirror.com

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS



MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS
EST. 1959

The Magic of Live Theatre
FOR 62 YEARS

**Fiddler
on the Roof**

Based on Sholem Aleichem stories by special permission of Arnold Perl

Book by JOSEPH STEIN Music by JERRY BOCK Lyrics by SHELDON HARNICK

Produced on the New York Stage by HAROLD PRINCE
Original New York Stage Production Directed and Choreographed
By JEROME ROBBINS
DIRECTOR ALLYSON SHAW CROSBY

FRIDAY • MAY 13, 20, 27 & JUNE 3 @ 7:30PM
SATURDAY • MAY 14, 21, 28 & JUNE 4 @ 7:30PM
THURSDAY • MAY 19 & JUNE 2 @ 7:30PM
SUNDAY • MAY 15 & 29 @ 2:00PM

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI shows. www.MTIShows.com

COME *Play* WITH US

TEI ROCK DRILLS Alpine Bank scott's printing & design COBBLECATS David & Gaynelle MIZE

MagicCirclePlayers.com • 420 S. 12th • Montrose, CO • 970-249-7838 • mcp@montrose.net

THE WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE RECEIVES THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Special to the Mirror

OURAY-The Wright Opera House is located in the historic mining town of Ouray, Colorado. The building was erected in 1888 to serve as a source of entertainment for the locals aside from the normal saloons and gambling halls. In its long history of serving the community, the building has gone from serving as an automatic garage and apartments to being renovated as a public gathering space. Throughout these changes it has held the original integrity of the opera house space on the second floor. The Friends of the Wright Opera House continue to actively use the space for community events and performances. It is one of the oldest existing opera houses in the state.



249 8500 *ANONYMOUS*

Download The APP. **P3TIPS** 

**MONTROSE REGIONAL
CRIME STOPPERS**

see something, say something

"I help people like
you buy and sell
real estate"

✓ **BUYING**
✓ **SELLING**
✓ **BUSINESS**
REAL ESTATE

GIVE ME A CALL TODAY!

PEG EVANOIKA

BROKER

970-209-3934

SRES



Seniors Real Estate
Specialist



The
Real Estate Store

500 MAIN STREET , MONTROSE CO

THE-RES.COM



**Western Colorado
Farm & Ranch Brokerage**

(970) 835-9350 • (970) 596-4744

(970) 874-LAND

WESTERNRANGE.COM

Since 1990



4TH ANNUAL BOOT STOMP

Stompin' on cancer

You're Invited

BBQ • BARN DANCE • LIVE AUCTION

JUNE 3, 2022 • 5PM

Storm King Mountain Ranch
70777 Buckhorn Rd, Montrose, CO 81403

**MUSIC BY NARROW GAUGE
THE COUNTRY & CLASSIC ROCK
DANCE BAND**



San Juan Healthcare Foundation

**Proceeds benefit
The San Juan Cancer Center at
Montrose Regional Health
& the Caring Friends Fund**

Helping those facing cancer with non-medical expenses

TICKETS: \$75 BOOTSTOMPMONTROSE.COM



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BACK TO THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL FIELD TRIP SATURDAY - APRIL 30 AND OR OCT. 1 9 AM - 12 NOON

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Join Chris Miller, Executive Director, Fort Uncompahgre 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. Jon Horn will share with you the points of interest along the North Branch of the Old Spanish Trail (OST) and 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. Jon Horn will share the location of segments of the Old Spanish Trail and 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. 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 30th and or Saturday October 1st. Transportation will be provided by the Interpretive Association of Western Colorado. 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.

New Listing!

513 ALTA LAKES AVE., MONTROSE, CO 81403

\$418,000



Holly Hensley

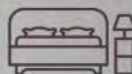
970-208-4689

500 E. Main St.
Montrose, CO 81401

The
Real Estate



Store



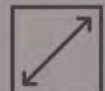
**3
Bedroom**



**2
Bathroom**



**3 Car
Garage**



**1451
Sq. Ft.**

MLS 792433

BIG HEAD TODD AND THE MONSTERS

Live at The Bridges June 17

VIP AND GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS AVAILABLE!

GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS \$40

Seating on the lawn at The Bridges
Open seating on the grass - bring chairs.
Food & Beverage concessions available.
Please, no coolers or alcohol brought into the venue.
Bag check at the gate.
Rain or Shine -- Carpooling Encouraged

GA tickets available at [BrownPaperTickets.com](https://www.brownpapertickets.com), as well as Timberline Bank, The Bridges Pro Shop, Fisher's Liquor Barn (GJ), The Liquor Store, Montrose Community Foundation, Dolphin House

VIP TICKETS \$140 PER PERSON

Includes gourmet buffet; all beverages including beer, wine, and cocktails; clubhouse access; limited front row seating.

**VIP ticket purchase by email only: sandy@montrosebridges.com
You will receive an email confirmation from Sandy**

Benefitting

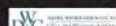


Monster
Sponsors

**The
Cadez
Family**



David and
Gaynelle Mize



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

GIRLS ON THE RUN WESTERN COLORADO 5K MAY 7

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-The 5K event is Saturday, May 7 at Shelledy Elementary – 353 N. Mesa St. Fruita, CO 81521. We are looking forward to 1200+ runners converging for an incredible event. The positive energy at the 5K event is not only tangible, but contagious. We are thrilled to bring this celebration back in-person for the first time in three years!

Girls on the Run Western Colorado is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that uses fun running games and dynamic discussions to teach life skills to girls in 3rd - 8th grade. During the program, girls participate in lessons that foster confidence, build peer connections, and encourage community service while they prepare for an end-of-season celebratory 5K event. Participation in the Fruita Spring 5K event is open to the public and all proceeds from the event will benefit Girls on the Run of Western Colorado.

The cost for the Spring 5K is \$25 by May 4 and \$35 for day-of registration. The first 500 registered participants will receive a swag bag along with a GOTR branded headband and hand clapper. To sign up or for more information please visit

www.gotrwesterncolorado.org.

Thank you to our program sponsor, Hilltop Community, and our top-level presenting sponsors: Alpine Bank, Grand Valley Endodontics and High Desert Dental. Thank you also to our marathon sponsors: FCI Constructors INC and Family Health West.

READY TO MAKE SOME NEW MEMORIES?

Does an empty nest filled with old memories have you thinking it may be time to move? If this sounds like you, give me a call today. I'll help make this next step easy by getting a great price for your current house and finding you the perfect home to create new memories! Call me or text me today. I'm ready to help you get started. I am your local Certified Residential Specialist!



Leslie Gore | CRS
Associate Broker
C: 970-275-3195 O: 970-249-7653
lesliegorerealtor@gmail.com



Diane Haynes | CRS
Associate Broker
C: 970-596-3521 O: 970-249-7653
dianehaynesrealtor@gmail.com



The Real Estate Store



500 E. Main St. Montrose, CO 81401





297 New Homeowners Greeted in 2021

Where are they from?

122 from other areas in Colorado

30 from California

9 from Utah

7 from Arizona & Texas

6 from Washington State

4 from Oregon & Oklahoma

3 from Missouri

2 from the following states: Indiana, Kentucky, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, & Pennsylvania

1 from Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Virginia

New to our towns

127 young children

273 grown children who will visit, but hopefully not stay too long 😊

Dogs

263

Cats

124

1 parrot, chickens & bunnies

41% of the new residents are retired

58% of new residents are employed

62 were new movers, moving from one home within Delta, Montrose & Ouray counties to another.

LAWSUIT ALLEGES SECRETARY OF STATE GRISWOLD COMMITTED IMPROPRIETY IN ISSUING CORAM STATEMENT OF SUFFICIENCY

Mirror staff report

REGIONAL—On April 18, registered voters David Laird, Dale Ruggles, Mandy Roberts, and Bryon Roberts filed suit against Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold, in her official capacity as Colorado Secretary of State. The lawsuit challenges the legitimacy of the Statement of Sufficiency issued by Griswold to place Congressional District 3 candidate Don Coram on the ballot.

While Coram seeks the Republican Party nomination for the United States House of Representatives for the Third District in

the 2022 general election; he did not seek the nomination at the Assembly for the Third District but instead sought the nomination through petition.

Laird, Ruggles, Roberts, and Roberts are registered electors from Congressional District 3 who believe Coram failed to submit a sufficient number of valid signatures on the petitions he submitted to the Colorado Secretary of State on March 15, 2022. They claim that Coram failed to collect a sufficient number of valid signatures

to place his name on the primary ballot for United States Representative District 3 for the Republican Party, and that Defendant Griswold improperly accepted 390 signatures. In doing so, the Secretary committed a breach or neglect of duty or other wrongful act under C.R.S. 1-1-113.

Representing the petitioners are Former Colorado Deputy Secretary of State Suzanne Taheri and former District Attorney for the 18th Judicial District, George Brauchler.

OPEN
for Business

It's Your Business!

Let's Grow Together. Advertise with The Mirror!

970-275-0646

Beautifully Remodeled Home on 1/2 acre featuring 2100 sq. ft., 4 BR, 2 BA. Open concept living and dining area, original hardwood flooring, wood stove, bar seating, updated kitchen, back patio, fence, and more!



LISTING PRICE
\$399,000
MLS#791482

**Thinking about buying or selling?
Give us a call!**



**THE BOREN TEAM,
DARRELL & JULIA**
1425 Hawk Parkway, Ste. 5
Montrose, CO

NORRIS-SNELL
REAL ESTATE

970-768-3399 • 970-380-3783 • NORRIS-SNELL.COM



LISTING PRICE
\$469,000
MLS#791748

67585 Liberty Rd.
Montrose, CO 81401



Spacious 4 BR, 3.5 BA with 3,257 sq. ft. of living space on 1.03-acre lot. 2-car garage, huge basement, large deck, and a shed on property. Built in 1996, in Montrose County, with gorgeous mountain views.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

DOES MEDIA LABELING CONTRIBUTE TO PERCEPTION OF FLORIDA LAW?

Editor:

Just curious.

If the media changed the label on Florida's "Don't Say Gay" law to a more accurate one "No Sex At Six", would that change anyone's perception of the law?

Barry Lindstrom, Montrose



Join us!

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

LA NOUE DUBOIS

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH AT 11AM
67289 TROUT RD.
MONTROSE, COLORADO 81403

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

GREATER MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

RESTORE COLORADO PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCES \$3.5 MILLION IN NEW CONSERVATION GRANTS

Special to the Mirror

VAIL— The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) today announced \$3.5 million in awards from its Restoration and Stewardship of Outdoor Resources and Environment (RESTORE) Colorado program. The grants were announced at the statewide Colorado Partners in the Outdoors Conference hosted by Colorado Parks and Wildlife in Vail. The large-scale restoration projects will occur on public and private conservation lands and benefit important wildlife habitat and local communities.

RESTORE Colorado is a public-private partnership that combines and leverages state, federal, foundation and corporate funding. Program partners are NFWF, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Occidental, the Gates Family Foundation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, the Center for Disaster Philanthropy and the Trinchera Blanca Foundation, with additional support this year from the Bezos Earth Fund. The program launched in 2020 with the purpose of awarding conservation grants to restore or enhance rivers and streams, native grasslands, sagebrush, forests, and big game wintering range habitat statewide.

Additional information about the RESTORE Colorado program and the grants announced today is [available here](#).



Get The Mirror
delivered directly to
your email.
Sign up at
montrosemirror.com



MONTROSE
REGIONAL HEALTH

Montrose Regional Health is proud to bring a new 80,000 sq. ft. Ambulatory Care Center (ACC) to our communities. Our aim is to:

DECREASE HEALTHCARE COSTS
INCREASE ACCESS TO CARE
IMPROVE PATIENT EXPERIENCE

[Learn more at MontroseHealth.com/ACC](http://MontroseHealth.com/ACC)

800 S. 3rd Street
Montrose, CO 81401

970-249-2211

MontroseHealth.com



RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • RECREATIONAL



Get to Know Our Winning Team!



MANDY NORRIS-SNELL

Owner/Broker/Realtor®
306 East Main Street
(970) 209-6326
mandy@norris-snell.com



ISAAC SNELL

Broker Associate
1425 Hawk Parkway
(970) 975-1021
isaac.snell@yahoo.com



DARRELL & JULIA BOREN

Broker Associates
The Boren Team
1425 Hawk Parkway
Darrell (970) 768-3399
Julia (970) 380-3783
darrellboren@gmail.com



DANA GLEASON

Broker Associate
306 East Main Street
(970) 209-2451
danagleasonrealtor@gmail.com



JUSTIN GLEASON

Broker Associate
306 East Main Street
(970) 275-5930
justingleasonrealtor@gmail.com



KELLY LANDEN

Broker Associate
306 East Main Street
(970) 234-7918
kelly@norris-snell.com



JENNIFER WEBER

Broker Associate
1425 Hawk Parkway
Cell (970) 589-2999
Office (970) 249-8900
wno501@aol.com



ANN STALEY

Broker Associate/GRI
306 East Main Street
Cell (970) 275-1219
annstaleyrealtor@gmail.com



EMALEE MORRIS

Broker Associate
1425 Hawk Parkway
Cell (970) 275-2189
Fax (888) 487-7616
emaleemorris78@gmail.com



TERRI FLETCHER

Broker Associate
1425 Hawk Parkway
Cell (970) 275-4679
terrifletcher1980@gmail.com



HALLEY COMBS

Broker Associate
306 East Main Street
Cell (480) 252-2063
havalonnec@yahoo.com

Visit our website
to see current listings,
request a showing, or
schedule a tour! Sign
up with an account
to save searches and
get new listings.



**We Now Have a
2nd Location!**

1425 Hawk Parkway
Montrose, CO 81401



Our Original Location:

306 East Main Street
Montrose, CO 81401

Norris-Snell Real Estate, LLC, defines success in two words: client satisfaction. To the extent that our customers succeed, we succeed. With this foundation, our growing firm counts itself privileged to offer uniquely qualified service to the counties of Montrose, Delta, and Ouray in Western Colorado. Our founder, a Montrose native with a four-year business degree, established Norris-Snell upon a vision of combining local expertise with 21st Century technology and market practices. The result? An award-winning, full-service agency with heart, dedicated to professionalism and integrity while remaining adaptable in a changing industry. Whether crafting a customized marketing plan to sell your property or helping you navigate the Western Slope in order to purchase, Norris-Snell would be honored to serve you in any capacity for the accomplishing of your every real estate goal.

WWW.NORRIS-SNELL.COM

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WHO'S THE TROUBLEMAKER?

Editor:

There are spiritual powers at work in our nation and world. It's nothing new; it's just a season of exposure, so we have the opportunity to walk in the TRUTH and not give the opposition the continued power to work evil into our nation. Yay for TRUTH and for God to bring healing to us as individuals and a nation. Do not run from this purging! We need to be wise in the purging and alerted to the tactics of the enemy who is coming at those who stand for truth. I'll explain:

Even towards the beginning in 1 Kings 18, evil powers were at work among God's people. The enemy only has power where we give him access. Here's a famous line from an evil leader towards a man of God: "Is this you, you **TROUBLER** OF ISRAEL?" (1 Kings 18:17) Funny how the evil leader was actually the "troubler," but instead cast the blame on the godly man! Sound-ing familiar yet?

I want to draw attention to the same powers at work today in falsely accusing the people of God and those who speak the real TRUTH as the ones that are causing the trouble- when they are not. When an "elected" "leader" begins to come against the VERY PEOPLE: "Maverick, we have a problem!"

Our Colorado Secretary of State, Jena

Griswold, (who mistakenly thinks she's now queen of the land and our elections) is trying to have complete control of our elections (see SB22-153). She states that not even our citizen elected COUNTY CLERKS can audit our own counties' elections! Essentially, she is removing the power from the local citizens and creating a tyrannical situation among the governed. This should signal an extremely large RED FLAG among the people of Colorado! She has also stated that THE PEOPLE are making it difficult for the elected officials by questioning her unlawful, extremely, unConstitutional doings. In truth, IT IS HER SELF APPOINTED "ROYAL HIGH-NESS" that is creating extra work and duties among our elected officials in fighting off the tyranny. We SEE the evil powers that she is fellowshipping with at work, the mistrust, and false accusations that she is creating!

This is a season to be very wise, not cower to ANY of the false accusations flying around, and respond as the man and prophet of God, Elijah, did: "**I have NOT TROUBLED** Israel, but YOU and your father's house have, because you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and you have followed the Baals (false gods aka false science, identities, election integrity, leadership, agendas, and mitigation's

harming the people of Colorado).

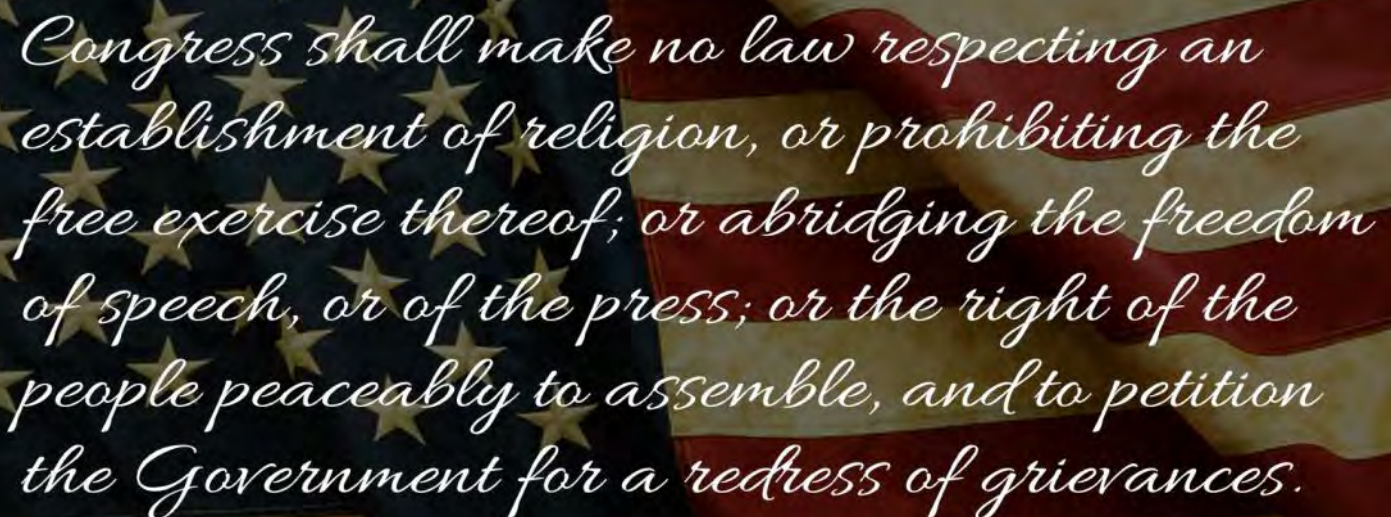
The good news is that when THE PEOPLE OF GOD step into their rightful place with TRUTH and not fellowship cowardly with the false accusations of the enemy, lies get smothered! We just celebrated Easter and what Jesus' victory accomplished for us, but HAVE we CHOSEN TO STEP INTO THAT VICTORY?

Here's our chance! Know that in this season, when you stand for truth, there WILL BE opposition. The opposition is coming in the form of 1) DENYING they've actually done anything wrong and THEN 2) accusing YOU of the very evils that THEY themselves created! You are not crazy! "For the Spirit of God does NOT give us a spirit of fear, but of POWER, LOVE, AND A SOUND MIND." (2 Timothy 1:7) Counteract the enemy with your SOUND mind and ability to see through the rampant deception! This clarity has been given to you by God. You've now been warned so you can be proactive, prepared, and NOT CAUGHT OFF GUARD BY THE ENEMY!

Let's proactively thwart the powers of darkness at work, step into boldness, SPEAK up, and stand for TRUTH!

Be right where God wants us to be and a LIGHT to this world that it so desperately needs.

Jodi Wooden, Montrose



Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CPW COMPLETES SURVEY OF BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG HABITAT, POPULATIONS



Colorado Parks and Wildlife recently completed an east slope survey of black-tailed prairie dogs. CPW courtesy image.

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - Along with other western states in cooperation with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Colorado Parks and Wildlife has conducted an east slope survey of black-tailed prairie dogs.

Images collected on airplane flights in the summer of 2020 were used to map occupied habitat throughout eastern Colorado and the findings are proving positive for these prairie dwellers.

Black-tailed prairie dogs are an important conservation species throughout their range, providing vital habitat features and prey base for many other species.

CPW began monitoring black-tailed prairie dogs in 2002, with subsequent work in 2006-2007, 2016, and now 2020.

The current goal of CPW's monitoring program is to determine the number of acres the species inhabits.

This most recent survey found that black-tailed prairie dogs occupy about 500,375 acres in Colorado on the eastern plains. Active occupied acreage zones for black-tailed prairie dogs are defined in the Conservation Plan for Grassland Species as:

Abundant: More than 450,000 acres of prairie dogs

Secure: 350-450,000 acres of prairie dogs

Vulnerable: 250-350,000 acres of prairie dogs

At Risk: 150-250,000 acres of prairie dogs

Danger: Less than 150,000 acres of prairie dogs

Survey results can be found on CPW's website.

"Thanks in large part to rural ranchers and farmers, prairie dog populations appear to be healthy throughout eastern Colorado," said Tina Jackson, species conservation coordinator. Prairie dog populations are categorized as "abundant" in Colorado based on the information collected.

CPW managers have other good news for prairie dogs, as the agency continues to provide research and development into cost effective management uses for an oral vaccine against plague for black-tailed prairie dogs in order to support black-footed ferret recovery at select locations in Colorado.

In fact, black-tailed prairie dog numbers are abundant enough that 500 black-footed ferrets have been released at seven different sites in Colorado in Adams, Baca, Larimer, Pueblo and Prowers counties since 2013.



Spencer Hamner
PA-C

Se habla Español

Spencer Hamner provides safe, sophisticated care featuring:

- Precancer & Cancer Screenings
- Skin, Nail, & Hair Disease Treatment & Management
- Non-Invasive Repair of Damaged Skin
- MOHs Surgeries
- Cosmetic Procedures
- TeleDerm Appointments
- Parking Lot Check-Ins
- Monthly Specials

*Make Integrated Dermatology of Montrose
your skincare destination of choice!*

3480 Wolverine Dr.
Suite F
Montrose, CO 81401

Open M-F 8AM-5PM

Call today at
970-252-7444
or visit us at:

www.IntegratedDermatologyofMontrose.com



DMEA, GUZMAN TO REVISE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR GARNET MESA SOLAR PROJECT From pg 1

by the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening meeting prayer, determination of a quorum, and approval of the consent agenda (Membership Report and Minutes from the March Regular Meeting and the April Special Meeting of the Board).

Note: The only agenda item for the Executive Session Special Meeting for April 8, 2022 was the Garnet Mesa Solar Project.

Summary following the April Special Meeting Executive Session: Upon motion from Director Lockhart, seconded by Director Patterson, the board unanimously approved DMEA Resolution No. 2022-5 regarding the Garnet Mesa solar project. See joint statement issued by Guzman and DMEA at the end of this report.

Board Committee Reports:

Jock Fleming said, "I've noticed we have fewer meters."

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Alyssa Roberts gave a combined explanation, "These are idle service, more [people] have moved out than ones moved in, and [less] added meters set."

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

Watson said, "We did not meet this month."

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

Cannon said, "We also did not meet this month."

Member Relations Committee – Bill Patterson, Chair.

Patterson said, "We did meet this month, on the 8th of April." Patterson gave updates on the annual meeting and the upcoming election. The application deadline for the three open board seats is now closed. All three seats are contested and the names of the candidates will be released following final confirmation of eligibility.

Patterson said, "There will be no [candidate] forum, but we will have a meet and greet for candidates."

Other updates included a previously approved \$5,000 donation from unused capital credits to a non-profit in honor of late director Chris Hauck, upcoming votes to

approve CoBank matching funds for a non-profit which will be selected by the board, and changes to the scholarship fund.

Executive Committee – Kyle Martinez, Chair.

Martinez said, "We did not meet last month."

Non-Privileged CEO Report – Alyssa Roberts, CEO.

Roberts said, "We are doing interviews for CIO (Chief Information Officer) and CRO (Chief Relations Officer) That should be wrapped up in two to four weeks."

Roberts gave updates on community Spark Sessions, SAIDI (System Average Interruption Duration Index), a NRTC (National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative) meeting and a fund-raising event for the family of a local linemen.

Martinez noted the upcoming Strategic Planning Session would cover a three-to-five-year plan, as well as subjects directly related to the board. He said, "It will include things that the board has talked about in the last six to eight months."

Enno Heuscher said, "We'll not have [a plan] every year?"

Martinez said, "We'll do a check-up on the plan, but not have a plan every year."

Following an inquiry from Jacob Gray, Roberts affirmed that she had met with Delta constituents concerning the Garnet Mesa Project and that DMEA is ready to move forward.

Financial Report with Variance Report – Gayle Gouker, CFO.

DMEA continues to rebuild some of the historical data lost during the 2021 cyber-attack.

Gouker briefly highlighted items on the board's written financial reports. She said, "We are four-and-a-half percent ahead of budget...Elevate is still not cashflow independent at this point."

Non-Privileged Legal Report – Jeff Hurd, Attorney.

Hurd said, "The FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) Open Access Transmission [issue] was not appealed. We expect a settlement from Tri State any day. I'll reserve the rest of my report for

Executive Session."

Representative Reports

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

Fleming said, "We did not have a regular board meeting, but I did go to an Executive Compensation Meeting." Reportedly WUES continues to show record success, which is reflected in the compensation and bonus packages given to employees.

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

Lockhart said, "We met March 24th and 25th. It was pretty non-eventful. No major eye-openers. The Feds are looking at a Cyber Incident Reporting Department."

Conference, Webinar, etc. Attendance Reports

Gray participated in Webinars on Crypto Mining and Understanding Financial Statements.

Heuscher said, "People in the community and the media are not getting info [Bitcoin Mining facility near Olathe]. The media are asking and no one seems to know the answers." It was noted that the owners of the Olathe Cyber Mining operation are members of DMEA and DMEA does not answer questions about their members.

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

Vigil reported Del-Mont Consultants Information Request per Policy 701 was approved.

Future Meetings

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2022.

Executive Session

-Privileged CEO Report

-Privileged Legal Reports: Corporate, Litigation, and Regulatory Matters
-Interconnection Update

Executive Session Summary – Amy Taylor, Executive Assistant.

In an email Taylor summarized the executive session: At 4:12 p.m., upon motion from Director Heuscher, seconded by Director Patterson, the board unanimously entered into executive session to receive: a privileged CEO update; a privileged legal

Continued next pg

DMEA, GUZMAN TO REVISE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR GARNET MESA SOLAR PROJECT From previous pg

report including information on corporate, litigation, and regulatory matters; and an interconnection update.

Upon motion from Director Cannon, se-

conded by Director Fleming, the board unanimously exited executive session at 5:05 p.m. With no other matters to address, the board adjourned the meeting at

5:05 p.m.

On April 14, 2022 Guzman Energy and DMEA issued a joint statement concerning the Garnet Mesa Solar Project:

"Guzman Energy and DMEA have jointly agreed to revise the permitting proposal for the Garnet Mesa solar project and re-submit it to the Delta County Board of County Commissioners for consideration and approval.

We are confident that by working together with Delta County residents, we can address the concerns raised at the last permitting review, including agricultural and irrigation questions. The revised proposal will work to ensure the Garnet Mesa solar project is beneficial for all Delta County residents, as well as all DMEA members.

We look forward to building a project that bridges Delta County's agricultural heritage with a new energy future."

Signed -Robin Lunt, CSO, Guzman Energy and Alyssa Clemens Roberts, CEO, DMEA
Dist. 1 - Bill Patterson, 970-209-1449, bpatterson@montrose.net

Dist. 2 - Kyle Martinez, 970-615-7124, kyle@touchofcarepcp.com

Dist. 3 - Jacob Gray, 970-778-9512, jacob.gray@dmea.com

Dist. 4 - Ken Watson, 970-275-2100, ken-nethrwatson@gmail.com

Dist. 5 - Kevin Williams, 406-839-1603, kevin.williams@dmea.com

Dist. 6 - Damon Lockhart, 970-314-1071, damon.lockhart@dmea.com

Dist. 7 - Enno Heuscher, 970-270-6523, enno.heuscher@dmea.com

Dist. 8 - (North Region) Stacia Cannon, 920-207-8831, stacia.cannon@dmea.com

Dist. 9 - (South Region) Jock Fleming, 970-275-1808, jock.fleming@dmea.com



ASSISTED LIVING PRIVATE APARTMENTS

At The Homestead at Montrose, we're a welcoming community – a comfortable, cheerful place you'll be happy to call home.

Located across from the Montrose Pavilion Events Center, the Senior Center, the Montrose Botanical Gardens, and a few minutes within shopping and other services, The Homestead at Montrose is near all the things you love to do.

Call today to learn how we can help develop a personalized care plan for you or a loved one.

Visit: homesteadatmontrose.org

The Homestead at Montrose



- Studio, 1BR & 2BR Private Apartments
- Mo-to-Mo Lease
- 3 Meals per Day
- Housekeeping & Laundry
- Call Pendant
- 24/7 Care Team Access
- Medical Appointment Transportation
- Life Enrichment Activities
- And More!

CONTACT US:

1819 Pavilion Drive
Montrose, CO 81401
970-964-3400



Cute Animal Backpacks

For Kids
& Adults



T-REX
SLOTH
DRAGON
HORSE

Visit Us At

328 E. MAIN ST. • MONTROSE

970-249-8323



Colorado-ology

Get the Mirror

delivered fresh to your
phone each week!

We are working with
970VIP to enable our
text blast service!



Text **MIRROR** to **55678** now to
opt-in to our **NEWS TEXT** alerts!

By joining The Montrose Mirror VIP News Alerts, I agree to receive ongoing messages at the number provided.
Consent is not required to purchase goods or services. Message frequency may vary.
Reply HELP for help, STOP to cancel. Message & Data rates may apply.

Ts & Cs / Privacy Policy @ www.therevenuegenerator.com/terms_of_use.asp
TEXT mirror TO 55678

THE
MONTROSE MIRROR

Your Source for Local Business News and Information

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COMEDY NIGHT PLANNED FOR MUSEUM OF THE MOUNTAIN WEST ON JUNE 17

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Don't miss Comedy night at Museum of the Mountain West-Fri., June 17, Time: 6-8 pm

Event description: Comedians Nancy Norton and John Novsad. (adult content)

Location: Museum of the Mountain West, 68169 Miami Rd. Montrose

Cost: \$25 adult 16-59, \$10 kids 6-15. Over 60 FREE

Register

online: museumofthemountainwest.org/product/06-17-comedians-nancy-norton-and-john-novsad/

Contact info: info@mw-museum.org or 970-240-3400



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

~ Tonya Maddox

MONTROSE MATTERS
WTF 11st
TONYA MADDOX
Live

f t in
Fridays@ 9 am
montrose-matters.com
OurTownMatters.net

Sponsored by:

RIVER VALLEY
FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS
MEDICAL, DENTAL, & EMOTIONAL WELLNESS INTEGRATED SERVICES

ELEVATE
FAST INTERNET ► (for real)

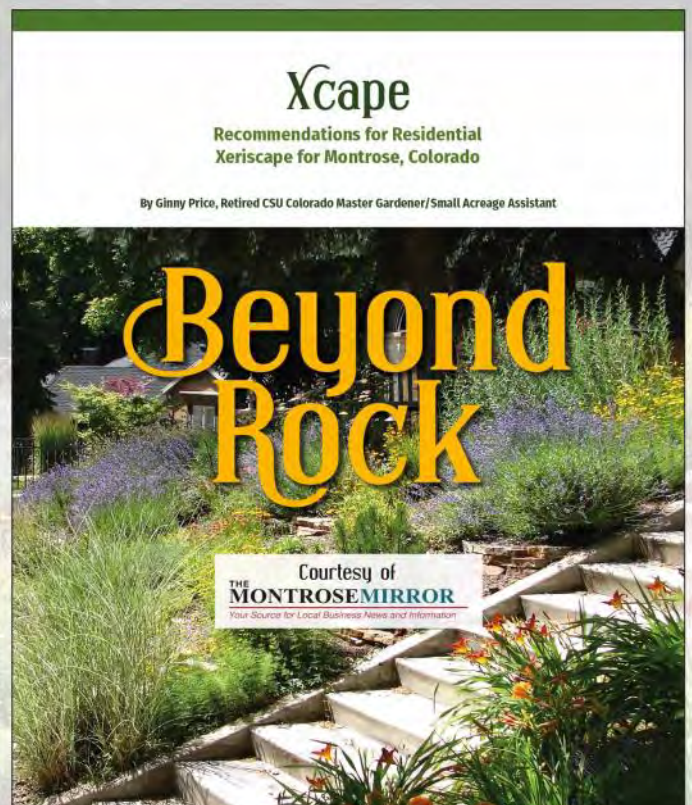
Alpine Bank
Member FDIC

The Real Estate Store

Click on this ad to
Download your FREE copy
of *Beyond Rock* today!

This Xeriscape Guide is
made just for Montrose,
put together by Ginny Price,
Retired CSU Colorado
Master Gardener/Small
Acreage Assistant.

Courtesy of
THE MONTROSE MIRROR
Your Source for Local Business News and Information



Xscape
Recommendations for Residential
Xeriscape for Montrose, Colorado

By Ginny Price, Retired CSU Colorado Master Gardener/Small Acreage Assistant

Beyond Rock

Courtesy of
THE MONTROSE MIRROR
Your Source for Local Business News and Information

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE WOMENS GIVING CLUB WILL BE MAY 2

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Quarterly meeting of the Womens Giving Club, May 2nd. 5:30 Remington's Golf and Country Club. All women invited. 5:30 Remington's Golf and Country Club. All women invited.



DELTA HEALTH

MATTHEW LEBSACK, MD
WEST ELK HOTCHKISS

AMANDA LOVETTE, MD
PEDIATRICS

AMBER ANGLES, MD
FAMILY MEDICINE

JONATHAN RICHMAN, MD
FAMILY MEDICINE

LOOKING FOR AN
OB AND PRENATAL
CARE IN DELTA COUNTY?

GET IN TOUCH NOW!

970.874.7681
deltahealthco.org
1501 E 3rd St
Delta, CO 81416

WE ARE READY TO
deliver
YOUR **baby**
AT STORK'S LANDING

QR code with Delta Health logo

CITY ENGINEER PROVIDES REGIONAL WATER OUTLOOK; COUNCIL LOOKS AT AMENDMENT TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REGS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All councilors were present—including Councilor-Elect Ed Ulibarri—as the Montrose City Council gathered for a work session on Monday, April 18. Mayor Doug Glaspell called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

Joining the City team are five new staff members, including Parks and Special Projects Workers Bill Womack and Bob Winter, Facilities Maintenance Technician Mike Shelton, and part-time Animal Shelter Technicians Elizabeth Teeter and Christopher Robertson.

Human Resources Generalist Samantha Vallejos introduced the item; department heads introduced each member of their teams.

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid welcomed Womack, Winters and Shelton. Womack has worked for the City previously, and now will now care for Sunset Mesa. “I just really enjoy my time up there,” he said.

Winter has worked as a general contractor since 1979 and has served as an elected official in Milwaukee. He moved to Montrose in 2005. Winter built his home here and has worked with Colorado West Property Management. “...It’s nice to meet you all, and I look forward to working for the City of Montrose.”

Shelton said he had lived in Craig since 1972, and worked in drywall and in oil field work before working for the City of Craig, where he began in the water plant and then spent 25 years in Parks and Rec. He moved to Montrose seven years ago to take a job with the Rec Center, “Montrose is beautiful ...Just because a building is new does not mean it won’t break, he noted. “I see good opportunity here.”

Teeter is a retired chemical engineer. “Most of my career was spent working in refining and petrochemicals.” She and her husband moved to Montrose from Manitou Springs. Working at the Animal Shelter is hard work. “But I’m enjoying it.”

Robertson was born and raised in Montrose and has seen the city change over the years. He has worked in retail and custodi-



During the work session of April 18, City Engineer Scott Murphy, right, gave the Montrose City Council an overview of the current water supply and storage outlook. Meeting screenshot.

al work.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler presented an Amendment of Montrose Municipal Code Section 4.4.24 Planned Development, which is intended to facilitate the amendment of previously-approved Planned Development (PD) plans. A red-lined version of the amendment is included in the packet.

By way of example Morgenthaler discussed the Bridges development, of which a portion of the planned development has been built and a portion remains vacant. “...we’re finding that desires from our community developers have changed; people aren’t building the way the plan says they should build, instead they want to build a different way....if we were flexible and allowed those planned developments to be amended then we could see more development consistent with what our comprehensive plan wants right now in 2022.”

Background-A memo from Morgenthaler to Council states, “...The proposed amendment specifies:

-If only a portion of a PD plan area is amended, then only the consent of the property owners within such portion or the

PD plan area will be required.

-When public notice of an amendment to a PD plan area is required, it will be sent to all owners within the prior-approved PD plan area in addition to being provided to property owners within 100 feet of proposed amended PD plan area.

-The current City requirement that the creation of a new PD plan area requires the consent of all property owners within the proposed PD plan area.

This will provide more flexibility regarding required consent than provided by State Statute for PDs, which is within the City of Montrose’s rights as a Home Rule Municipality. Other municipalities have adopted similar regulations with respect to amendments of PD plans. City staff worked with outside land use legal counsel on this amendment. If Council desires to proceed with this amendment, City staff will present an ordinance for first reading at the May 3 City Council meeting.”

ALLOCATION OF PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND TO CHFA

Community Engagement Specialist Ross Valdez Welk presented information on the allocation of the City’s Private Activity Bonds to CHFA, which the city has done for the past four years.

CITY ENGINEER PROVIDES REGIONAL WATER OUTLOOK; COUNCIL LOOKS AT AMENDMENT TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REGS From previous pg

Background-A memo prepared by Valdez Welk states, "The IRS allocates a per capita bonding authority annually for housing to each state, also known as PAB Volume Capacity or 'Cap'. Colorado in turn allocates this authority to statewide authorities and local governments. In 2021 the allocation for the City of Montrose was \$1,091,612. In 2022, the allocation for the City of Montrose is \$1,125,667. The City of Montrose has not desired to issue bonds directly, as there is risk and administrative burden in doing so. Allocating the PAB directly to CHFA allows our community to benefit from the PAB allocation without the City directly issuing bonds. In 2020, CHFA worked with the City of Montrose to use the City's PAB allocation to support Steele Properties, LLC's rehabilitation of San Juan Apartments, which serves Senior (62+ years old) Section 8 and residents with disabilities. In 2021, CHFA funded 20 loans in their single-family tax-exempt program, First Step, for a total of \$5.3 million in the City of Montrose. The median loan amount was \$270,755 and the median gross annual income was \$73,770. City staff again this year recommends that City Council consider assigning our PAB allocation to CHFA, and request that CHFA use the PAB if there is the opportunity to support first time home ownership investment, a multifamily affor-

able housing project, and/or use the PAB allocation to support CHFA's homeowner-ship program known as FirstStep. If the City Council allocates PAB to CHFA, CHFA will ensure that the funding is used within the City of Montrose to benefit our community."

2022 WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

City Engineer Scott Murphy took time to discuss the water outlook and reservoir storage for 2022. As a sublessee, the City has an allocation for 10,000 acre-feet from Ridgway Reservoir, which is expected to fill.

Blue Mesa Reservoir storage does not look great, Murphy noted. Even with decent snowpack storage is not expected to rise about 50 percent. Downstream pressures, both in and out of state, have an impact on Blue Mesa. "There are some very big basin challenges."

Most depressing is Lake Powell, he said. "Those demands are pretty insatiable," Murphy said. "...Their system is seeing relentless, persistent drought."

The reservoir continues to drop in the face of ongoing drought that is the worst in thousands of years, and which is combined with overuse and changes in weather and climate and pressures the system was not built for. "It's out of balance," Murphy said. "The ins and outs are not matching."

Water matters, he said. "It has to come down to conservation...the system was never this depleted."

New water meters will be implemented in the near future, Utilities Manager David Bries said. "I think it's going to be a very valuable tool that customers can use to help manage their usage in their budget."

JUSTICE CENTER RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION

Murphy presented information on the vacation of a right-of-way portion near the Montrose County Justice Center that is not needed. An easement will be preserved for the sewer line.

GENERAL COUNCIL/STAFF DISCUSSION

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank said he attended the Downtown Colorado Inc. conference in Colorado Springs, where he made contacts and enjoyed great conversations. "...All in all it was one of those very beneficial conferences," Frank said.

Outgoing Councilor Anthony Russo thanked everyone for their assistance during his appointed term.

Following further discussion, Murphy gave a brief update on road patching. Full depth patches are coming in May, he said. Woodgate Road will be closed during final utility work in early May, at which time the old road will be removed.

With no further business Glaspell closed the work session.



249 8500

ANONYMOUS

Download The APP. **P3TIPS** 

**MONTROSE REGIONAL
CRIME STOPPERS**

see something, say something

SHOE REPAIR

BRING YOUR BOOTS, SHOES,
HANDBAGS, & OTHER LEATHER
GOODS BACK TO LIFE!

ALL WORKMANSHIP GUARANTEED!

WE LOVE A CHALLENGE!

BRING IN ANY DAY OF THE WEEK!

RESOLING, NEW HEELS, STITCHING,
ZIPPERS, NEW LINING, NEW STRAPS,
POLISHING, & STRETCHING

D'Medici
Footwear & Clothing

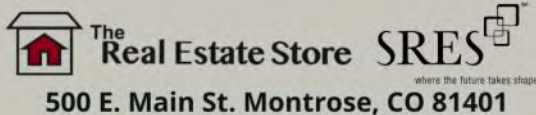
COME VISIT US AT
316 EAST MAIN • MONTROSE
(970) 249-3668

WANT MORE TIME TO PLAY?

Tired of spending your weekends working in the yard and on household repairs? Want more time to play? If maintenance free-living is calling your name, I'd love to help explore the many possibilities available to you. Call or text me today to learn more. I am here to help; I am your local Senior Real Estate Specialist!



Michelle Klippert | SRES
Broker/Owner
C: 970-275-3016 O: 970-249-7653
 michelleklippertrealtor@gmail.com



500 E. Main St. Montrose, CO 81401



Say Yes
**TO A
 DRESS**

PROM
 HOMECOMING
 WINTER FORMAL

*Dress Drive
 Sponsored by*

**CALL
 970-249-7653**

NOW to set up a time to
 pick out the dress of
 your choice!

APPOINTMENTS

Starting
APRIL 7



The Real Estate Store

500 E. Main St. Montrose, CO 81401

Donations benefiting girls in the Montrose, Delta, and Ouray Communities.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

OPEN INVESTIGATION REQUEST FOR MURA BOARD

Editor:

The Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) board of directors that have awarded millions of Montrose citizens tax dollars to the Colorado Outdoors project has in effect been called out indirectly for their involvement or non-involvement concerning the proposed Colorado Outdoors Medical Center, (COMC).

The MURA board has promoted and/or awarded over \$15, 000,000 in direct fund outlays from the city coffers, loans and grants to the Colorado Outdoors project to date. In doing so the MURA board members have always been given an update on upcoming projects and the tax ramifications to the project. Recent press articles regarding the Colorado Outdoors Medical Center have raised several concerns from the MRH hospital board of directors, medical community, and the public. In addition, Mr. Doug Dragroo raised the question of integrity of the people on the dais at the recent Event Center County commissioner workshop meeting concern-

ing the MRH meeting. Really, what about the integrity of the MURA Board of Director's themselves? And possibly some of their kin-folk. Integrity indeed, Mr. Dragroo.

The MURA Board of Directors should have been fully informed from the very beginning of the COMC project likely having spread millions of dollars on the creation of the project over the past year. It is hard to believe that the entire MURA board knew of this project and its existence not reached the public ear. Was this project born and brought to fruition by the entire board or was it the 'baby' of just a couple of members? The below questions are not allegations but questions that should be investigated by MURA and reported to the public at their next board meeting.

1. When did the City Manager and Executive Director of the MURA board (Bill Bell) first learn of the QHR, COMC project?
2. Who first informed Mr. Bell of the QHR, COMC project?

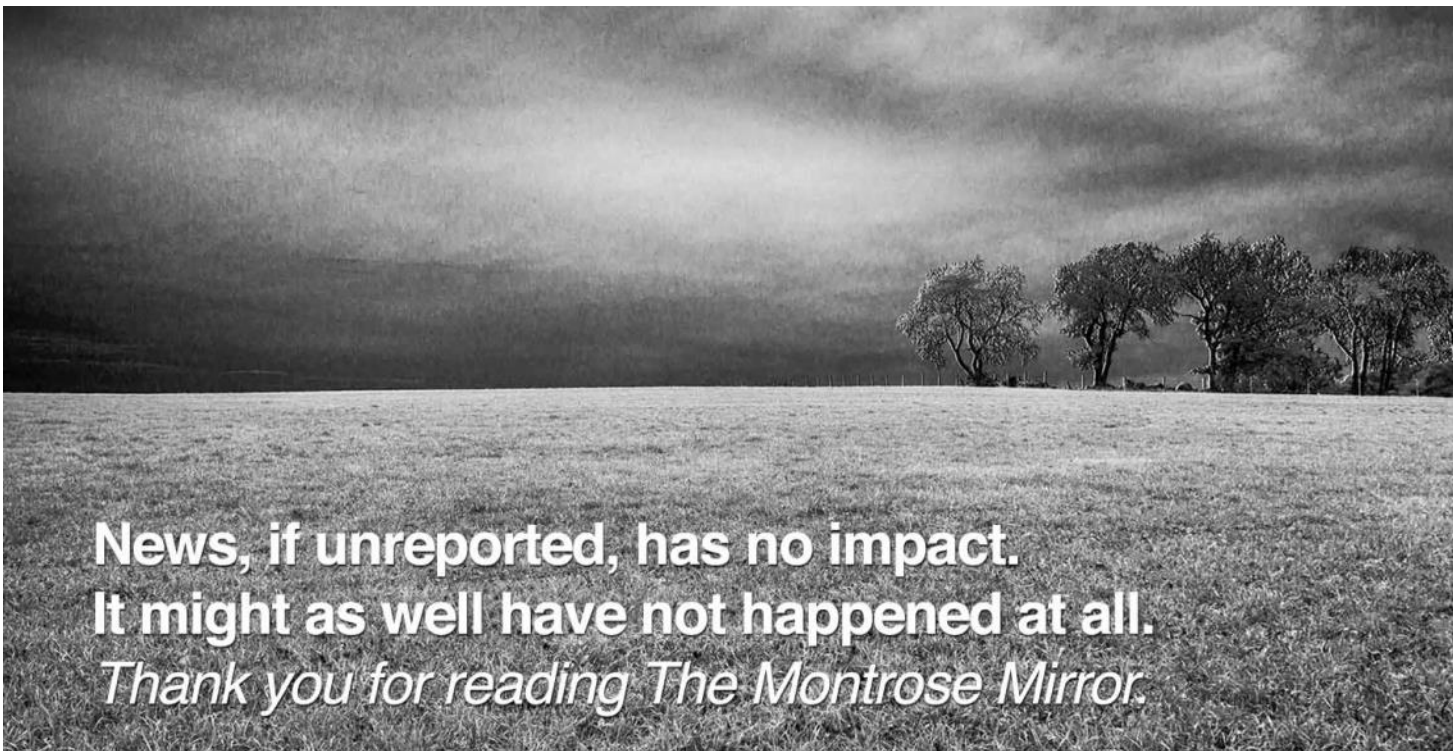
3. When did any other city council members and MURA board members first learn of the COMC project?

4. Are there any city council/MURA board members or spouses involved in the COMC project as participants and/or investors?

5. If so, who contacted them, who participated in the conversations and were any city council and MURA board members notified of a possible conflict of interest since past monetary infrastructure awards and future FINANCIAL considerations are in play.

6. Did any MURA Board member receive or know of any insider information coming from "any person" past or presently sitting on the MRH board of directors as to the on-going MRH plans for development? It is long past time that we, the public, receive answers in accordance with the Sunshine laws of Colorado. We, the public, the payers of these bills, want and need answers.

Bill Bennett, Montrose



**News, if unreported, has no impact.
It might as well have not happened at all.
*Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.***

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TRI-STATE'S PHASE I 2020 ELECTRIC RESOURCE PLAN SETTLEMENT APPROVED BY COLORADO PUC

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has approved a landmark settlement that sets near-term greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reductions targets for Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, which will lead to an 80% GHG reduction for the cooperative in the state by 2030.

On March 28, 2022, an administrative law judge (ALJ) for the CPUC recommended approval of a settlement of Phase I of Tri-State's 2020 Electric Resource Plan, which had received near-unanimous support from more than two dozen utility members, environmental organizations, state agencies and labor organizations. Approval of the settlement became effective on Monday, April 18.

"Tri-State is positioned to maintain reliability and affordability across our system, while advancing greenhouse gas emissions reductions in Colorado," said Duane Highley, CEO for Tri-State. "We are grateful for the support from our members and those who have participated in the regulatory process as we continue our transformation, and we look forward to the next phase of our resource plan effort."

No exceptions were filed to the settlement agreement. Tri-State has agreed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to its wholesale electricity sales in Colorado as follows: 26% in 2025, 36% in 2026, 46% in 2027, and 80% in 2030. These amounts will be calculated based on Tri-State's 2005 emissions baseline for wholesale sales in Colorado.

Details of settlement agreement and next steps

With the settlement agreement approval, Tri-State will begin Phase II of its 2020 Electric Resource Plan, and will solicit all-source bids in May 2022, with a focus on projects that support emissions reductions. These resources would be scheduled to come online by 2025 and into 2026. Tri-State will close the bidding process in early July 2022, and will file its ERP Implementation Report in early December 2022, reflecting a detailed analysis of 5-6 portfolios, including Tri-State's preferred portfolio.



Caring for you like family means **COMPLETE CANCER CARE CLOSE TO HOME**

A diagnosis of cancer is stressful and overwhelming. We know you would prefer to stay home, surrounded by friends and family.

With both Radiation Oncology and Medical Oncology, the San Juan Cancer Center offers complete cancer care close to home.

Meet our expert Medical Oncologists:



Steven P. Emmons, M.D.

Medical Oncology
and Hematology
Board Certified



Virginia Tjan, M.D.

Medical Oncology
and Hematology
Board Certified



Michael K. Bergen, M.D.

Medical Oncology
and Hematology
Board Certified

SAN JUAN
CANCER CENTER
A DEPARTMENT OF MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH

600 S. 5th Street
Montrose, CO 81401

MontroseHealth.com



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA CONFIRMED IN COMMERCIAL OPERATION IN MONTROSE COUNTY

Special to the Mirror

BROOMFIELD — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) has confirmed the detection of Highly Pathogenic H5N1 Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus in a commercial poultry operation in Montrose County.

Avian influenza does not present a food safety risk; poultry and eggs are safe to eat when handled and cooked properly. No human cases of avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States.

On April 15, 2022, the State Veterinarian's office was notified of a mortality event at a commercial broiler breeder facility in Montrose County. Samples were submitted to the Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for preliminary testing, with confirmation of HPAI made by NVSL on April 19, 2022. The 60,000 bird flock is being euthanized to control the spread of the virus.

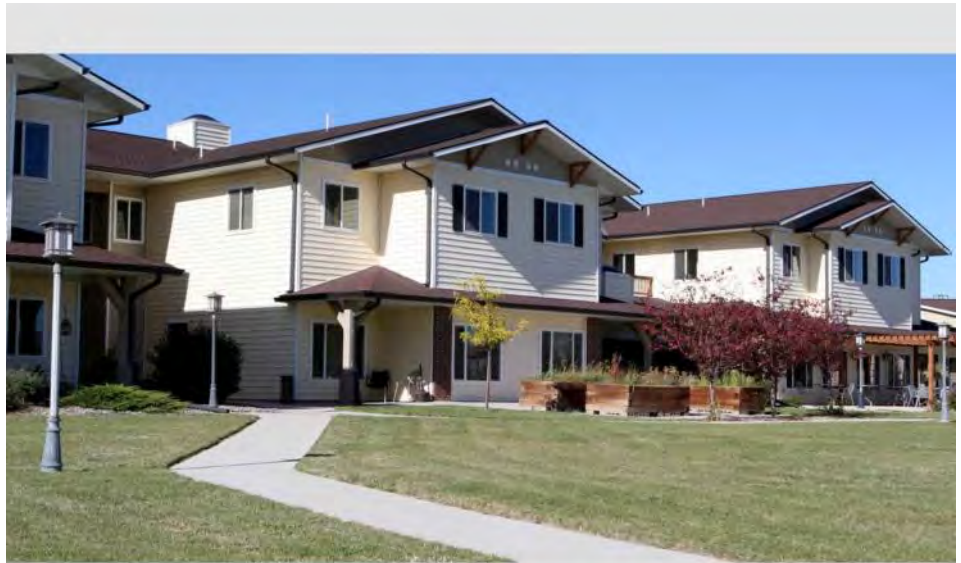
The State Veterinarian has issued a Quarantine Order in parts of Montrose and Delta Counties to limit movement of birds in and out of the area. Commercial and backyard poultry operations within the Quarantine Area are required to halt any movement of poultry and poultry products, as defined in the order, in and out of the area. Those within the Quarantine Area will receive a notification through Montrose County's emergency notification system. To receive alerts from Montrose County, please sign up for Montrose Code Red alerts here.

"The Colorado Department of Agriculture, in partnership with the USDA as well as state and local emergency management personnel, has set up a quarantine perimeter in Montrose County to prevent further spread of HPAI. We are working with producers in that region to implement measures to protect flocks in close proximity to the infected premises," said Colorado State Veterinarian Dr. Maggie Baldwin. "Avian influenza has a high mortality rate and flock owners should actively monitor their birds for clinical signs of HPAI, such as ruffled feathers or swelling and purple discoloration of the comb, wattles, eyelids and legs. Anyone who notices any signs of illness or disease in their flocks should immediately notify the State Veterinarian's office at (303) 869-9130."

Poultry owners across Colorado are advised to review and increase their biosecurity measures and monitor their flocks for clinical signs of HPAI. Bird owners should immediately

report any illness or death in their flocks to the Colorado State Veterinarian's office. Dead birds should be double-bagged and refrigerated for possible testing, away from human food or other avian products. HPAI has a mortality rate of 90%-100% within just a few days, so flock surveillance and disease reporting is critical to containing the spread of the virus. Clinical signs of HPAI

include: sudden death without clinical signs; lack of energy or appetite; decreased egg production; soft-shelled or misshapen eggs; swelling or purple discoloration of head, eyelids, comb, hocks; nasal discharge; coughing; sneezing; incoordination; and diarrhea. To see additional resources for bird owners and to track confirmed cases, visit ag.colorado.gov/hpai.



UNITS AVAILABLE

- 1 Bedroom
- 2 Bedroom
- Mo-to-Mo Lease
- Small Pets Allowed
- Meal Options
- Housekeeping Options

CONTACT US TO SCHEDULE A TOUR:

1819 Pavilion Drive
Montrose, CO 81401
970-964-3400
homesteadatmontrose.org

**The Homestead
at Montrose**

Volunteers of America | NATIONAL SERVICES

INDEPENDENT LIVING APARTMENT HOMES WITH CONVENIENCE SERVICES FOR AGES 55+

At The Homestead at Montrose, we're a welcoming community – a comfortable, cheerful place you'll be happy to call home. Located across from the Montrose Pavilion Events Center, the Senior Center and the Montrose Botanical Gardens, The Homestead at Montrose is near all the things you love to do.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NOMINATE A SMALL BUSINESS

ourtownmatters.net | 970.765.0913



July 28th
Montrose Pavilion
5:30 - 7 PM

Celebrating
small business &
entrepreneurial excellence

Not for the faint of heart, being a small business is a bold feat. Now, more than ever, it is critical that we celebrate those who have been put to the challenge. The Small Business Awards does just that, by showcasing those that dare to start, sustain and succeed. Nominate a Small Business today and join us as we celebrate Small Businesses in Montrose County.

Presented by:



WORK BEGINS ON VAIL PASS REST AREA REPLACEMENT



CDOT courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

EAGLE & SUMMIT COUNTIES — The Vail Pass Rest Area will temporarily close starting May 2. The closure will allow CDOT and contractor crews to demolish and reconstruct the rest area building, as well as improve access roads and parking facilities. The new facility is designed to meet the high demand for services at the top of Vail Pass. Motorists should anticipate the rest area will remain closed through October 2023. Drivers will still be able to use exit 190 (Vail Pass), but there will not be restroom facilities available. CDOT encourages motorists to use other rest areas nearby, including the Gateway Visitor Center in Georgetown and the Edwards Rest Area in Edwards. Motorists should anticipate rest area closures in Glenwood Canyon if there is rain in the forecast.

Backcountry recreation access from the rest area is popular on Vail Pass. During the rest area closure, there will continue to be recreation access to adjacent National Forest lands, including Shrine Pass Road, Black Lakes Road, Wilder Gulch Trail and the paved Vail Pass Recreation Path. There will be limited parking. [Click here for more information about back-country recreation in this area.](#)

Fresh Mountain Air, Fine Wine and Goat Cheese, and just a touch of North Fork Homicide

\$2.99 on Amazon

Nevada Barr meets Jana DeLeon in this Western Slope mystery series

GUARANTEED REVENUE GENERATION OR YOU DON'T PAY!

**Our Hyper-Targeted Done-For-You Text Marketing
WILL Engage Your Loyal (& Not So Loyal) Customers
To Visit Up To 10+ Times More Each Year!**

Our Offer to You...

**\$99 Set-up Fee (Reg. \$299)
+ \$99/mo. for 2 months (Reg. \$299)
= \$600 of TOTAL SAVINGS!!!**



Watch this video for more information!
<https://rvgen.co/C7D1F>



“When we were first approached to join 970VIP we were reluctant and thought, ‘how could this possibly help our sales?’ Shane has proven us wrong! We continue to see an increase in sales on the specific days that our text broadcasts go out. We recently had our Sunday sales double because of a broadcast that we sent! 970VIP has become a very important marketing strategy for our business! Thanks!”
- Krista, Co-Owner of Chow Down Pet Supply (5 locations)

CONTACT US TODAY FOR A NO-RISK TRIAL!

Email: shane@970VIP.com

Call/Text: **970-417-1516**

Website: www.TheRevenueGenerator.com



**THE REVENUE
GENERATOR**

Guaranteed Results:

If you get zero results within 60 days, you're entitled to a full refund. If, after 60 days, you're not at least generating an additional \$299/month to cover the monthly service fee, you can either cancel our service or remain at \$99/month until revenues exceed the \$299 monthly service fee!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CDOT BEGINS STRIPING OPERATIONS IN DOWNTOWN ALAMOSA AND DURANGO *Nighttime work scheduled on US 160 and US 550*

Special to the Mirror

ALAMOSA & DURANGO — Work will begin next week to remove and replace concrete striping on US highway 160 in Alamosa and US Highway 550 in Durango. The Colorado Department of Transportation and prime contractor, RoadSafe Traffic Systems have allotted nighttime hours for the work to lessen impacts to

the traveling public.

A mile of striping in the center of Alamosa's downtown on US 160 (6th Street) kicks off the project, between Adams State University and the east end of Main Street, from Mile Points 232.5 to 233.5. Durango will see approximately six miles restriped on US 550 through the city, between Santa Rita Park and Animas View

Drive's north intersection, from MPs 24.14 to 83.34.

The project will benefit the traveling public by providing enhanced markings, specifically on the concrete roadway. New marking tape will be placed into the grooved, recessed channels of the concrete road surface. The installation of the reflective tape into the grooved pavement is especially effective, protecting the stripes from vehicle tires and from maintenance equipment such as plows and brushes.

The striping project is expected to conclude by mid-June, weather permitting. Work will take place in one and a half mile increments.

MULTIPLE JOB OPENINGS, NO FEES **HIRING NOW**

Express Employment Professionals has a variety of positions and zero fees to applicants.

Call, come in, or go online to learn more.

Positions include:

- General Labor
- Construction
- Welding
- CDL Driver

(970) 249-5202
525 East Main Street
Montrose, CO 81401
ExpressPros.com

Express
EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS



OPEN
for Business

It's Your Business!

**Let's Grow Together.
Advertise with
The Mirror!**

970-275-0646

GOING, GOING . . . FREE . . . MONTROSE COUNTY PHYSICAL ASSETS “FOR HOSPITAL USE” WORTH \$65 MILLION!

Mirror Medical Reporter

Editor's note--Due to the nature of this report we are withholding the name of our reporter, a medical professional

MONTROSE-Wheels are in motion for yet another takeover by Montrose Memorial Hospital, Inc. (MMHI)--a non-profit corporation, of physical assets owned and/or paid for by the citizens of Montrose County--without paying a dime.

What are the taxpayers giving up? Who are the players? And will this lower the cost of service, increase charitable contributions, and provide higher quality services OR . . . provide a physical asset, for free, that can be used by MMHI to obtain financing for new facilities such as an ambulatory care center that will provide even more profits to those behind the scenes? This article addresses what we are giving up and its value.

Taxpayers should not only be informed but **VOTE** on this decision as they are giving up much more than is being represented by Montrose Memorial Hospital Inc. (MMHI), Brooks & Brooks, legal counsel for MMHI since 2010 AND the legal counsel who facilitated the transfer of valuable publicly-owned assets to MMHI through a 50-year lease they wrote, and the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

What is being given away? Well, if the physical assets (not considering the County-owned property inside) were sold rather than given away for FREE and the proceeds realized from that sale were used to the benefit of the taxpayers who own those properties, the County could do a lot toward improving services and improvements that would be of far more value to the citizens of Montrose County!

Here are the properties currently titled to the County for “HOSPITAL” use:

Address	Heated Sq Ft	Assessed Actual Value	Replacement Cost for Sq Ft Value By Type of Business	Occupant
830 S 3 rd St 801 S 4 th St R0022875*	229,488	\$37,151,430	\$112,500,000 for 300,000 sq ft hospital (Graham, 2022)	Montrose Memorial Hospital, Inc.
820 S 4 th R0022870	8,090 Built 1987	\$1,052,600 No Sales Transactions Listed	\$1,820,250** Rent: \$14,804	Mountain View Therapy
830 S 4 th St R0650561	2,388 Built 1958	\$183,110 Sale Price 5/22/2012 \$245,000	\$537,300** Rent: \$4,370	Tri-State Careflight
900 S 4 th St R0650655	1,959 Built 1975	\$303,640 Sale Price 3/9/2009 \$346,750	\$440,775** Rent: \$3,585	Nurse Midwife Services
904 S 4 th St R0650654	2,601 Built 1975	\$403,150 Sale Price 12/29/2011 \$350,000	\$585,225** Rent: \$4,760	San Juan Urology

Continued next pg



GOING, GOING . . . FREE . . . From previous pg

906 S 4 th St R0650656	1,430 Built 1975	\$288,140 Sale Price 4/3/2012 \$215,000	\$321,750** Rent: \$2,607	Pediatric Associates – Teens
Although all parcels are listed below, the parcels next to the hospital equal about one-half of a City Block and the parking to the north of the hospital parking lot is about one full City Block.				
945 S 4 th St R0022874	2,860 Built 1986	\$243,490 Sale 10/26/1973 No Sale Price Listed	\$643,500 Rent: \$5,234	Dialysis Clinic Inc (DCI) TN Non- profit
846 S 5 th St R0011678	Vacant-Use Pending	\$44,700 Sale Price 7/10/1998 \$82,500		Vacant
936 S 2 nd St R0001867	Vacant-Use Pending/PARKING LOT	\$41,190 Sale Price 5/7/2012 \$182,030		Vacant/Parking Lot
932 S 2 nd St R0001868	Vacant-Use Pending/PARKING LOT	\$41,190 Sale Price 5/7/2012 \$146,554		Vacant/Parking Lot
918 S 2 nd St \$0001869	Vacant-Use Pending/PARKING LOT	\$61,780 Sale Price 5/22/2012 \$159,290		Vacant/Parking Lot
No Address Northeast of 843 S 3 rd St Part of parking lots R00002002	PARKING	\$228,080 Sale Price 5/17/2004 \$175,000 and \$275,000		Parking Lot
No Address East of R00002002 Part of parking lots R0001870	PARKING	\$133,740 Sale Price 7/18/2003 \$245,000		Parking Lot
No address West of 843 S 3 rd St Part of parking lots R0650568	PARKING	\$23,960 Sale Price 12/29/1993 \$120,000		Parking Lot
No Address West of R0650568 Part of parking lots R0650566	PARKING	\$26,740 Sale Price 12/29/1993 \$120,000		Parking Lot
No Address West of R0650566	PARKING	\$42,800 Sale Price 12/29/1993 \$120,000		Parking Lot

GOING, GOING . . . FREE . . . From previous pg

Part of parking lots R0652231				
No Address West of R0652231 Part of parking lot R0650565	PARKING	\$26,740 Sale Price 12/29/1993 \$120,000		Parking Lot

*	800 S 3 rd St/801 S 4 th Street (R0022875) – original one-story building built around 1950; four story addition built in 2006 (90,000 sq ft bed tower with additional bed capacity, new emergency room, an ICU, front entry, a cafeteria, and helipad. (Guest, 2006)
**	<p>Used \$225 per square foot for replacement cost – does not include additional personal property within the medical office space.</p> <p>In Denver in 2020, the estimated medical office building trading hands has sold for \$270 per square foot. ical office building market (Colorado Real Estate Journal, 2020) Used \$225 rather than \$270 for calculation due to location.</p> <p>Dialysis Clinic, Inc. built a new building for dialysis in 2014 at 846 S 5th St. It is 5,858 sq foot. Permit was for \$1,493,900 or \$255 per square foot for construction not including personal property and equipment.</p> <p>Rent in Grand Junction for medical office space is \$1.83 per square foot for calculation of medical office space.</p> <p>Twelve years ago, in 2010, the Montrose County Board of County Commissioners paid \$3,000 per month for the lease of 1,664 square foot at 17 N Mesa Avenue, a doctor's office, or \$1.80 square foot.</p>

NOTE: For **\$3,000** per month from 2010 to 2017 and **\$5,000** per month from 2018 to date, pursuant to the MMHI 50-year lease signed October 15, 2010, MMHI currently controls **all of the assets listed above**. It is responsible for all needed repairs and maintenance on the Hospital to maintain it in good working order.

In addition, during the lease term, it owns all revenues/expenses generated by the Hospital, has a 51% interest in Black Canyon Surgical Center, a 33% interest in San Juan Cancer Center, both interests acquired prior to 2010. Although the original lease included Olathe Clinic and Basin Clinic (Naturita,) MMHI chose not to support if financially (it was losing money) and for several years Montrose County used taxpayer funds to provide services to these communities until other means were facilitated to help fund them.

It is clear this transaction is significant; however, to date, the limited communication shared with Montrose residents would make it appear that there is little to lose and much to gain.

Here is what key decision makers who are working on this deal have said during limited meetings with the public and appearing in articles in the press written about those meetings.

Attorney John Brooks, attorney for Montrose Memorial Hospital, Inc. since 2010, representation of what is being transferred:

"The assets would be the **"main facility, TWO CITY BLOCKS** on which it sits and personal property – essentially, the property that is now under the lease;" and

"The conveyance of all property currently held in the name of the county for the use and benefit of the hospital are being

Continued next pg

GOING, GOING . . . FREE . . . From previous pg

are being transferred" (additional definition provided by Brooks upon questioning by former Commissioner David White.) (Heidelberg, 2022)

Montrose County Attorney Marti Whitmore, stated: Property is the "main hospital building and property there . . . but only **the main campus** was acquired through tax dollars via the 1946 ballot."

Whitmore had no figure ready when asked about the total market value of the properties being transferred over to Montrose Memorial Hospital, Inc. but noted that taxpayer contributions were less than \$5 million. (Heidelberg, 2022)

It would seem reasonable to believe that before the County contemplates what will be given away, the Board of County Commissioners would be able to tell Montrose County taxpayers what was involved and the value of the physical assets being transferred.

Montrose County Commissioner Sue Hansen: "Despite the value of the assets, the taxpayer contribution is by comparison small enough to, in her opinion, be a non-issue" (Heidelberg, 2022)

See also (Marvel, 2022) and also page 32

of the April 11, 2022 edition of The Montrose Mirror. See also (White, 2022) **Thank you former Commissioner David White for telling it like it is.**

If you built a property 30 years ago and for most of your ownership, you maintained it and then sold it, and the value of the property went from \$100,000 to \$400,000, would you say to the purchasers: "Oh it is paid for so you can have it for free as I didn't put much into the place?" Of course not! The sale of these properties, in today's market, represents a significant value to the taxpayers of Montrose County – money that could go to their benefit for the investment they have made to obtain it.

References

Colorado Real Estate Journal. (2020, October 26). Retrieved from The Colorado medical office building market : [https://crej.com/news/the-colorado-medical-office-building-market/#:~:text=The%20current%20average%20price%20per,second%20quarter%20\(Figure%203\).](https://crej.com/news/the-colorado-medical-office-building-market/#:~:text=The%20current%20average%20price%20per,second%20quarter%20(Figure%203).)

Graham, A. (2022, January 24). *How Much Does It Cost to Build a Hospital?* Retrieved

from FIXR: <https://www.fixr.com/costs/build-hospital>

Guest, H. (2006, August 31).

Healthcare Design Magazine. Retrieved from Healthcare Design: caredesignmagazine.com/architecture/montrose-memorial-hospital-montrose-co/ Heidelberg, K. (2022, April 6). *Proposed hospital transfer holds option for county to reclaim asset; former commissioners raise questions*. Retrieved from Montrose Press: https://www.montrosepress.com/news/proposed-hospital-transfer-holds-option-for-county-to-reclaim-asset-former-commissioners-raise-questions/article_e5cb6bea-b509-11ec-a43f-afe7099d865d.html

Marvel, G. (2022, April 11). *BOCC Holds Public Work Session to Discuss Potential Real Property Transfer*. Retrieved from The Montrose Mirror: http://www.montrose.mobi/archives/mirror_476.pdf

White, D. (2022, April 11). *Hello to a New Era of Healthcare in Montrose County*. Retrieved from The Montrose Mirror: http://www.montrose.mobi/archives/mirror_476.pdf



Reserve online now!

museumofthemountainwest.org/downunder

paul taylor

THIS Friday, April 29. Doors, 5:30 pm. Show 6 pm.



Interactive performance. Australian storyteller Paul Taylor entertains with stories with song, dance, theater, and music featuring the mesmerizing didgeridoo. FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

KIDS & SENIORS FREE

Admission on SALE all week

\$20 Adults | \$5 Kids -age 6-15

\$50 Family Pkg. (2 adults, 2-3 kids)

2-1/2 mi east of town, Hwy 50 & Miami Rd.

Museum of the Mountain West
68169 E. Miami Rd., Montrose CO. 970-240-3400



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

FRIENDS OF YOUTH AND NATURE HONORED BY COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

Special to the Mirror

VAIL— Friends of Youth and Nature, a group that promotes, supports and facilitates opportunities for youth and their families to go outside, has been honored with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Southwest Region Partners in the Outdoors Award for 2022.

The award was announced at the annual Partners in the Outdoors conference April 19 in Vail. Friends of Youth and Nature was nominated by CPW's Kirstin Copeland, Park Manager of Ridgway State Park.

"Friends of Youth and Nature is a leader in outdoor experiences for youth in the Colorado counties of Montrose, Delta and Ouray," Copeland said. "Friends of Youth and Nature staff are dedicated to bringing kids to the outdoors in collaboration with their community partners and work through their partnerships to better understand what the needs of the youth are so they can customize and accommodate a positive outdoor experience."

Accepting the award on behalf of Friends of Youth and Nature was Board Chair and founder Anita Evans. CPW's SCORP and Strategic Plan aligns with Friends of Youth and Nature's mission to connect people to the outdoors. An example is a recent grant designed specifically for families associated with CASA and the Families Plus Organization out of Delta County to deliver access to outdoor equipment so underserved local communities have the ability to spend quality time outside and enjoy Colorado's great outdoors.

In their nomination for Partner of the Year,



Anita Evans, founder and Board Chair of Friends of Youth and Nature, accepts the CPW Southwest Region Partner of the Year Award on Tuesday night at The Hythe in Vail.

Copeland said each Friends of Youth and Nature outing provides opportunities for youth to build knowledge, awareness and personal success in a nature setting through experiential learning.

"Through grant funding, Friends of Youth and Nature has removed obstacles, particularly for underserved youth," Copeland said. "Their approach is to comprehensively plan and pro-

vide activities, including equipment, transportation and food as needed to foster a happy outdoor adventure."

Friends of Youth and Nature have several funding partners and several community partners. Partnerships include CASA, Families Plus, Partners of Montrose, the Montrose Recreation District and Montrose School District, including the Outer Range Outdoor Campus.

Yes, WE'RE

OPEN

It's Your Business!

Let's Grow Together.

Advertise with

The Montrose Mirror

QUESTIONS REMAIN AFTER EXPLOSION, FIRE AT HARTMAN BROTHERS

From pg 1

Fire crews responded immediately, battling flames from inside the structure. In addition to the fire, there was the danger of other flammable gas containers right next door, so there was a focus on cooling and keeping the fire away from those hazards.

Four individuals were hurt in the initial incident, as well as one firefighter injured while fighting the blaze. Four were treated at Montrose Hospital and released, one was in critical condition and taken to Denver for further treatment.

Many agencies, both local and from neighboring towns, as well as some local businesses, came to assist in fighting the fire, controlling the closed roads around

the area, and covering other calls that local agencies could not get to. These included the Montrose Police Department, Montrose County Sheriff's Office, Montrose County Sheriff's Posse, WestCO Regional Dispatch, Olathe Fire Protection District, Delta Fire Department, Black Hills Energy, Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, City of Montrose Public Works, and Delta Montrose Electric Association.

Fire Chief Tad Rowan was quoted in a press release saying, "We lost a building, but we saved a block." Indeed, had they not protected the big tanks next door, the incident would have been much worse, possibly losing an entire city block—or

more.

The *Mirror* spoke to some residents in the area who did express concern about having such a hazard both downtown and relatively close to their homes. The *Mirror* reached out to city council as well, to ask about the zoning that would allow storage of such a potential hazard in a well-populated area.

Council's response was that those properties are zoned B-1, but, "We will need to do further research to determine the history of the zoning of this particular parcel, when fuel and hazardous fuel tanks were installed, the interpretations that were made, and which uses are legally non-conforming."

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

EXPLOSION IN DOWNTOWN MONTROSE

Montrose Fire Protection District news release

MONTROSE—At approximately 3pm, a call came into dispatch notifying of an explosion in the 100 block of Park Avenue in Montrose. Montrose Fire Protection District crews responded immediately and began firefighting efforts on a fully involved structure with smoke showing. At this time, crews are cleaning up hotspots and working to make the area safe for the public. The 500 block of North First Avenue will remain closed until further notice.

During the response, firefighting crews took additional precautions as bottled oxygen and other flammable gasses are present at the facility. Electricity and natural gas to the area were shut off early and law enforcement set up detour routes to ensure responder and public safety. Initial attack began inside the structure and moved to the exterior as conditions worsened. Crews were able to keep additional gas tanks safe from explosion, which limited the amount of damage to the structure.

Four patients were transported to Mont-

rose Regional Health for injuries. Currently, two are in good condition, one fair, and one is in critical condition.

"We lost a building, but we saved a block," said Montrose Fire Protection District Chief Tad Rowan. "I am proud of the quick work of our responders in immediately providing protection to the other flammable gases on site. This plan of attack limited the damage to the structure and the area.

Our hearts go out to the individuals impacted by today's incident, and to our community for the fire damage to a historic downtown building. I am grateful to our local and regional agencies that assisted with today's response." Montrose Fire Protection District would like to thank the following agencies for their support of today's response: Montrose Police Department, Montrose County Sheriff's Office, Montrose County Sheriff's Posse, WestCO Regional Dispatch, Olathe Fire Protection District, Delta Fire Department, Black Hills Energy, Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, City of Montrose Public Works, and Delta Montrose Electric Association.



Photo by Lisa Baber.

MIRROR IMAGES: PHOTOS OF HARTMAN BROS. EXPLOSION



Firefighters at the scene of the fire. Photo by Carole McKelvey.



Smoke cloud above Montrose. Photo B. Switzer.



Above and below, Montrose Youth City Councilor Gunnison Clamp captured these images at the time of the fire.



Photo by Lisa Baber.



CITIZENS URGE CITY TO MINIMIZE DWELLING EMF EXPOSURE, SURVEY TREE CANOPY

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All councilors were present, including outgoing District II Councilor Anthony Russo and newly-elected District II Councilor Ed Ulibarri, when the Montrose City Council met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 19.

Mayor Doug Glaspell called the meeting to order. City Youth Councilor Grace Hotsenpiller led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank asked that Agenda Item 19, replacement of the wastewater treatment plant motor center, be moved to the end of the agenda. There has been an increase in contract prices. The amount for Sturgeon Electric has increased from \$329,027 to \$340,580. The total amount for approval is \$688,150.

PROCLAMATIONS

Council issued proclamations in support of Earth Week, Arbor Day, and Parkinson's Awareness Month.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Pete Jouflas spoke about electromagnetic field protection. "City codes don't specifically address protection from power line electromagnetic field exposure," Jouflas said. "Most experts agree that chronic EMF exposure is a health threat." He noted that studies show an increase in childhood leukemia in areas where children are exposed to high voltage power lines.

"...The main concern for me is living near high voltage transmission lines which emit more powerful EMF than neighborhood distribution lines...as safety issues become more widely known, people won't choose to live near high voltage lines, and builders will find their products located near these lines become unsaleable or unrentable."

Jouflas asked that the city codify setbacks beyond utility easements to minimize dwelling EMF exposure. Some states have guidelines, he noted, and Front Range developments are substantially distant from power lines.

Homes that are near power lines put children and people at risk due to damage or injury, he said. "Setbacks, I think, are very important. I hope the City Council agrees this matter needs attention, especially for the safety of our children and grandchild-



Sgt. Courtney Jones, Director of the Western Colorado Law Enforcement Academy.

dren."

Also addressing Council during the time for public comment was former city parks staffer John Malloy.

"Thank you for your work and everything that's gone on over the last few years" Malloy said. "...the City does have its tree program and has budgeted \$30,000 for that in 2022. There's also planting that's occurring on City property, the golf course and things...as far as additional steps the City can take, these would be looking into the future so that we're basically building a legacy for the future of Montrose, a comfortable pleasant quality of life that we strive for."

The City's last tree survey was completed in 2007, Malloy said.

"So as we're losing trees, I'm sure you've walked around and seen giant gaps in the tree canopy...we don't know what we're losing. We don't necessarily have an inventory of those spaces. So that would be one very tangible step."

He also urged the city to create a tree plan. "...That would be the second thing that I really urge you all to discuss," Malloy said. "And if you want to pursue, I

would be more than happy to work with you on how to implement those things...I know we have the ability to be innovative. I really urge you to step up and take on some of these tasks because it will benefit everyone here in Montrose."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council approved the minutes of the [April 4, 2022 Council meeting](#).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUTGOING CITY COUNCILOR

Glaspell recognized Russo for his contributions to the City of Montrose.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo administered the Oath of Office to newly-elected City Councilors, including District I's Doug Glaspell, District II's Ed Ulibarri, District III's J. David Reed, and At-Large Councilor Barbara Bynum.

SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

Council voted to approve Frank as Mayor and Bynum as Mayor Pro Tem, and then took a brief recess.

RESOLUTION 2022-07

Council voted to adopt [Revised Resolution](#)

CITIZENS URGE CITY TO MINIMIZE DWELLING EMF EXPOSURE, SURVEY TREE CANOPY

From previous pg

2022-07, authorizing the purchase of real property located at 400 East Main Street and 424 South Second Street. Although Council previously voted to approve the purchase of the former Wells Fargo Building, the resolution adjusts the closing date.

Background-A memo from the City Manager to Council states, "Resolution 2022-07 included a closing date of April 8, 2022. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Wells Fargo was unable to close on April 8 as expected. The closing date, as outlined in the agreement of sale, is contingent on the inspection period as well as the lease of space for the Wells Fargo ATM. Resolution 2022-07 has been revised to exclude an explicit closing date to provide the necessary flexibility required by the agreement."

ORDINANCE 2587 - SECOND READING
Planner William Reis presented Ordinance 2587 on second 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. The rezone was previously discussed before the planning commission and on first reading. Staff recommended approval. The

Councilor Ulibarri asked where the parcel was located; it is located behind the mini-golf course. Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 2587.

6700 DEJULIO ADDITION ANNEXATION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

In the interest of transparency, Ulibarri recused himself from consideration and approval of 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.

"I'm related to the DeJulios through marriage, and the property belonged to my

aunt and uncle DiCamillo," he said.

City Engineer Scott Murphy gave an update on the topic, reviewing the information for the benefit of Council and the reasoning behind it. Construction is recommended in 2023. Council voted to approve.

"Thank you for all that detailed information," Mayor Frank said. "That's awesome."

Citizen Lyle Clugg asked about sidewalks and the irrigation system of the neighboring subdivision; Murphy said that full functionality of the irrigation system will be maintained. Clugg also asked about plans for a roundabout.

Murphy said that initially there will probably be a two-way stop. "Once you hit larger volumes as buildout occurs, in the future it will become a roundabout."

More information will be provided to the public as the project moves into the design phase. Council voted 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.

Ulibarri rejoined Council.

MOVING MONTROSE FORWARD 2022

SURFACE TREATMENT CONTRACT

Council voted to approve a construction contract award to A-1 Chipseal in the amount of \$1,428,079.40 for completion of the Moving Montrose Forward 2022 Surface Treatment Project.

VEHICLE DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATION

Also approved was the disposal of four police cars by donation to the Western Colorado Law Enforcement Academy. The vehicles are already scheduled for replacement.

Ulibarri asked Academy Director Sgt. Courtney Jones about the law enforcement academy, Jones outlined the various local police academies and said that the

city partners with CMU Montrose to host the Western Colorado Law Enforcement Academy. "...We are the only institution on the Western Slope that offers a summer academy," Jones said.

Said Mayor Frank, "We are very proud to partner with CMU on this academy." He thanked Sgt. Jones for all of her hard work.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT MOTOR CONTROL CENTER REPLACEMENT

Council voted to approve contracts with Browns Hill Engineering & Controls and Sturgeon Electric totaling \$676,597 for replacement of the Motor Control Center at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

STAFF REPORTS

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg the Sales, Use & Excise Tax report.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Youth Council Representative grace Hotsenpiller gave an update on current activities, such as the youth clothing drive. Youth Council is planning to host a movie night at the amphitheater.

STAFF/COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Engineer Scott Murphy provided an update on the CDOT overlay project on Townsend Avenue, which will begin May 15. Work will be performed at night from 7pm to 7am. The work represents a \$10M investment in the community. Noise will be sequenced.

Work on Woodgate will begin again May 2. Patching work on Townsend will begin April 25.

Information on projects and contacts is available on the MOVEMO page.

Bynum thanked planning staff for a tour of auxiliary dwellings in the city.

Ulibarri thanked staff for providing him with information. "I hope I didn't throw any wrenches in there asking questions. I'm going to keep asking. You guys have a nice week."

With no further business Mayor Frank adjourned the meeting.

**WAKE
UP...**

and smell the ~~coffee~~ **NEWS!**

The Mirror is the regional leader when it comes to business, fresh news and feature stories! Read the latest today ...

www.montrosemirror.com

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

REP. LAUREN BOEBERT'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Representative Lauren Boebert's Office announced mobile office hours in the coming weeks. Representative Lauren Boebert stated: "Serving the people of Colorado's Third Congressional District is the greatest honor of my life. If you are having issues with a federal agency or want your voice to be heard, please come to one of our mobile office hours, and a member of my team will be happy to assist you."

Staff from Rep. Boebert's office will be available to help constituents who aren't getting answers from federal agencies, like veterans seeking to get the care they earned from the VA, travelers that need expedited assistance to receive a passport on short notice, taxpayers being harassed by the IRS, and senior citizens having issues with the Social Security Administration or Medicare. Additionally, constituents are invited to come to the office hours to express their viewpoints on legislative issues or request special Congressional Commendations from the Congresswoman recognizing outstanding public achievements. Rep. Boebert's office has worked on over 1,450 cases and returned over \$719,000 to constituents. Mobile office hours will be available at the following times and locations:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022

Custer County Mobile Office Hours
Silver Cliff Town Hall
612 East Main Street
Silver Cliff, CO
1:30 -2:30 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

Conejos County Mobile Office Hours
Library at the County Court House
6683 Co. Rd. 13
Conejos, CO
1-2 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

Saguache County Mobile Office Hours
Center Town Hall
294 Worth Street
Center, CO
10:30-11:30 am

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022

Eagle County Mobile Office Hours
Gypsum Town Hall, Conference Room
50 Lundgren Blvd
Gypsum, CO
3:30-5 pm

Montezuma County Mobile Office Hours
Dolores Public Library
Meeting Room
1002 Railroad Avenue
Dolores, CO
12-2 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022

San Juan County Mobile Office Hours
San Juan County Courthouse
Commissioner's Meeting Room



Courtesy photo.

1557 Greene Street
Silverton, CO
10-12 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022

Pueblo County Mobile Office Hours
Colorado City Metropolitan District
4497 Bent Brothers Blvd.
Colorado City, CO
3:30-4:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022

Rio Blanco County Mobile Office Hours
Town of Rangely, Conference Room
209 E Main St.
Rangely, CO
3:-4:30 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022

Archuleta County Mobile Office Hours
Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library
Small Meeting Room
811 San Juan Street
Pagosa Springs, CO
10-12 pm

SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING



970-249-8500

ANONYMOUS CALL

MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

PRESIDENT BIDEN CONTINUES TO BREAK OUR LAWS THAT HE TOOK AN OATH TO DEFEND AND PROTECT

Editor;

It was just revealed today (April 24) on Fox news that there is now enough Fentanyl in the U.S. to kill every man, woman, and child! What is going on with this skull of mush (Rush Limbaugh's description) occupying the White House that would implore him to destroy our Country with drugs like he is doing? He is using a \$30 million grant program to fund smoking kits for users of crack cocaine and crystal meth. Applicants for the grants are prioritized if they treat a majority of "underserved communities"! And those "communities" include African Americans and LGBTQ+ persons as established by none other than Joe Biden's executive order on "advancing racial equity." Republicans are doing what they can as a roadblock to the Democrats' goal of creating more crack addicts and thereby more Biden voters by introducing "The Cutting off Rampant Access to Crack Kits (CRACK) Act. Our Democrat government is being run by the some of most evil forces on the face of the earth. We've seen the complete take-over of the federal government by the Deep State America-haters when Trump was elected and it went into high gear. When Hunter Biden's laptop from hell was exposed just before the 2020 election there were fifty former intelligence officials from the corrupt Obama administration who stated that the laptop story was "Russian disinformation". They knew better and lied to the American people. Most of them belong to the Democrat Socialists of America which makes them traitors. From the DSA website they say, "The Democratic Socialists of America is the largest socialist organization in the United States with over 92,000 members and chapters in all 50 states. 'We believe that working people should run both the economy and society democratically to meet human needs, not to

make profits for a few' ". Democrats never properly refer to our form of government as a Republic, which is how it is set up by the Constitution. They want to convince Americans our government is a "democracy" which only benefits the elite. A Constitutional Republic benefits the "industrious". Those "elites" are steering our nation down the path towards communism.

Right now with Biden's open borders he is setting up a political party that demands total control of both Houses and the White House so they can circumvent the Constitution whenever they can. Democrats will make sure those invaders vote for democrats.

Along with opening the borders, Biden is reminiscent of Obama like depleting our military, destroying the economy, and making America look weak like he is. During a tv interview, Obama stated (paraphrasing) it would work out just fine if he had a stand-in in the oval office so he could pull the strings. It looks like he got what he wanted with Biden. He doesn't know the difference between Title 42 and Covid. He even tries to shake hands with someone who isn't even there after looking around helplessly while leaving the teleprompter. During his campaign (what little there was of it) his wife had to correct his confusion by leading him around some outdoor restaurant tables to get out while other diners sat there laughing at him. But even more laughable is the fact that he was the best Democrat to run for president!

Has Joe Biden ever created any jobs? Actually, there is one he created----a very lucrative job for Hunter Biden, who is considered the underboss of Joe's family crime syndicate. Hunter Biden was making \$80,000 per month for just sitting on the board of a corrupt Ukrainian oil company,

Burisma. But good ol' Joe constantly denied, sometimes angrily, that he knows nothing about his son's business deals! Even though Joe took him to communist countries on our Air Force planes at taxpayer's expense to make the deals!! Ya just can't make this stuff up! And while the Bidens were arranging side deals for big bucks with the Chinese communists, American jobs were lost to cheap China labor. Hunter's emails tie Joe Biden directly with Ukraine and China quid pro quos. Back in 2018 Joe bragged on record about how in 2015 as VP he threatened to withhold a BILLION dollars from Ukraine if they did not fire the prosecutor who was on the trail of Hunter Biden. Isn't that a quid pro quo involving billions of tax payer dollars for the benefit of Hunter Biden? Did anybody get impeached over it? No they didn't!! The media ignored it. But Trump was impeached over such a thing as a simple phone call that Democrat Adam Schiff twisted around and completely lied about what was said on that call. The truth can stand on its own, but it takes the force of government to promote a lie. So President Trump got impeached for a made-up quid pro quo lie that Joe Biden actually did, but on a much more serious issue. The Democrat corruption has no bounds.

This president continues to break our laws he took an oath to defend and protect. He ignores our Constitution and refuses to enforce and secure our borders from invasion. He even finances the invasion with our tax money. He blindly, if not stupidly, or via his dementia, ignores what's really going on in our country. Where does his allegiance lie? He never makes positive comments about America. And if security is so important at our airports, shouldn't it be that important at our borders too?

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CREWS RESUME WORK ON US 50 SETTLEMENT REPAIR PROJECT NEAR DELTA

Special to the Mirror

MESA & DELTA COUNTIES — The Colorado Department of Transportation will resume work this week along US Highway 50 for a

settlement repair project. The project begins at Mile Point 47.6 on US 50, in White-water, and continues for more than 19 miles to MP 66.7 near Delta. Motorists

should plan for single lane closures. Elam Construction of Grand Junction is the contractor for this project.

During the 2021 construction season, crews worked on full depth reclamation at multiple locations, lane level paving, top mat paving, guardrail installation and striping. Additional work was added to the original contract to complete necessary improvements on the eastern end of the project. This construction season crews will finish additional milling and hot mix asphalt top mat paving, shouldering, rumble strip installation, install remaining guardrail, and striping.

The hot mix asphalt will add approximately 10 years of life to the highway and will eliminate ruts and road damage. This will allow for a smoother and safer drive for motorists.

Other benefits of the project include installation of new guardrail that will be 31 inches high, designed to meet new safety standard requirements. The higher railing will help veering vehicles remain on the road more effectively, making the highway safer for the traveling public. The former standard height of guardrail was 27 inches.

Traffic Impacts

Motorists should plan for single lane closures Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The project has an anticipated completion date of the beginning of June.

LET'S CATER 2022: WEDDINGS, REUNIONS, RECEPTIONS, YOUR EVENT



Stone House
970-240-8899

Mimo's
970-249-0616

Camp Robber
970-240-1590

Jimmer's Steak & BBQ
970-252-1227

Pahgre's
970-249-6442

Fiesta Guadalajara
970-249-2460

My Favorite Muffin
970-765-0076

Alpen Confections
970-648-0609

Heidi's Brooklyn Deli
970-240-1605

Remington's at the Bridges
970-252-1119

Rib City
970-249-7427

Liquor:

Beer Barn II
970-249-5550

House of Spirits
970-240-4799



DineOutMontrose.com



COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

KENNETH STEVEN TILTON

January 29, 1957- March 3, 2022

KENNETH STEVEN "STEVE" TILTON, 65, died peacefully Thursday, March 3, 2022, at his home in Telluride, Colorado.

Born in Alton, Illinois on January 29, 1957, he was the son of Cynthia J. (Thompson) and Kenneth C. Tilton.

Steve graduated from Alton Senior High School. After attending the University of Illinois for one year, Steve transferred to Arizona State University, where he hitchhiked and began his life journey out West including learning to ski and adopting a husky wolf, Quinn. He earned a bachelor of science of construction engineering degree from ASU in 1979. He moved to Colorado Springs in 1983, where he met Kelly Cuning, whom he married January 11, 1986, at First Presbyterian Church (later divorced in 1992), and had a German Shepherd, Char (short for Charlie), and an Egyptian Arabian horse, Gemini. Steve and Kelly fell in love with camping and hiking in the San Juan Mountains, bought a plot of land in Telluride surrounded by open space and old, run-down buildings, and moved there in 1991, from Palmer Lake, to build a home after they had two children (10 months apart), William James and Morgan Angela, both of whom Steve was extremely proud. Aside from being a thoughtful, caring father, he worked as a general contractor building homes for decades until transitioning into smaller house projects and becoming a real estate broker, both of which he excelled at with his meticulous attention to detail, punctuality, and eye for aesthetics.

In addition to his children, he is survived by his mother Cynthia (Thompson) Tilton; sisters Zoe Ann (Kurt) Ferguson and Yvonne Hammer of Godfrey, and Debbie Tilton (Christian Anastasiadis) of North Carolina; brother Mike (Kathy) Tilton of Godfrey; former parents-in-law John and Greta Cuning of Colorado Springs; former wife Kelly (Cuning) Alexander of Greeley; daughter-in-law

Stephanie Escobar-Tilton, and his Havanese, Cash (named after Johnny Cash), who was often seen with Steve sprinting down the Jud Wiebe trail or hiking to the summit of Ajax Peak, a 12,800-foot summit at the end of Telluride's box canyon.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Tilton, and sister Terri Bechtold.

An adventurer, artist, disciplined worker and jack-of-all-trades, Steve thrived on the simple mountain life and surrounding beauty of Telluride. He appreciated warm-weather escapes to the beach or desert during off-season. Every winter since settling in Telluride, he skied as often as possible, especially Log Pile, Little Rose, or Milk Run on a powder day. He relished a solitary snowshoe day on Lizard Head Pass and recently learned to backcountry ski with Morgan. In the summer, he was a skilled golfer, enjoyed gardening—he was thrilled to harvest the tastiest, tiniest carrots from his backyard—and mountain bike rides in the canyon or up high on Prospect Trail. He loved hiking—never tiring of the classic trails in his backyard—and venturing by motorcycle to camp solo among the aspens, soak up fall foliage, visit national parks with friends, or explore incredible landscapes like riding the White Rim trail with James or through Arches National Park with Morgan. Steve embraced the old and new, refined and rugged, with collections of old records, vintage neon signs, and antique furniture in the living room garnished with fresh cut flowers on the kitchen table and modern bar stools. He was a goofy kid at heart—he got a kick out of wind-up toys—and had an impressive rock collection (that he smartly labeled). He also maintained impressive stashes of breath mints and dental floss picks. With twinkling blue eyes, Steve believed in practicing a positive perspective, was an astute and gen-

erous listener, excellent at giving advice, and humble. He was the most thoughtful gift giver.

Steve genuinely loved his life and his kindness will be deeply missed by his two kids, his community of Telluride, his neighbors, and many friends and business associates.

Per his wishes, his cremation was placed in the care of Crippin Funeral Home in Montrose, and a portion of his ashes will be buried and can be visited on the west side of Lone Tree Cemetery in Telluride, adjacent to the first home that he built for his family, where he taught his kids to walk, hike, and play in the snow overlooked by Bear Creek Canyon, Ajax Peak and Ingram Falls, and his favorite ski area.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Steve's life from 2-6 p.m. on Saturday, July 9th, at the Core Area and Warming Hut of Telluride Town Park. Everyone is welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice or to the Colorado Lions Camp (via the "Camperships" fund) to support campers of varying abilities to experience the outdoors and independence; or to the Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, a Michigan-based camp that teaches domestic and outdoor skills to visually impaired kids and young adults, both in honor of Steve's beloved Grandmother Thompson, who was a skilled painter prior to losing her eyesight. Online guestbook and information may be found at <https://crippinfuneralhome.com>.



COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

HILARIO (JOE) A. MARTINEZ

June 16, 1928- April 18, 2022



HILARIO (JOE) A. MARTINEZ passed away on Monday, April 18, 2022, peacefully at home accompanied by his family in Montrose, Colorado. He was 93.

Rosary will be held on Friday, April 29th, at Crippin Funeral home from 5pm -7pm with viewing. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 30, at 10am at St.

Mary's Catholic Church with final resting place at Cedar Creek cemetery.

Hilario was born on June 16th, 1928, to Alcadio and Maria Luz Martinez in Park View, New Mexico. He moved to Montrose when he was five years old and attended the grade schools until the 7th grade, then went to work to help support the family.

On December 3, 1952, he was drafted into the Army with the 45th Infantry and served overseas in the Korean War. He was transferred to the Army Reserve for 8 years in 1954. He received the Republic of Korea, Good conduct, National Defense, Korean and United Nation Service Medals. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, and an usher at St. Mary's Catholic church for many years.

On November 25th, 1954, he married Elma Martinez (Garcia) and they enjoyed 67 years together. Elma survives him along with his eight kids; Tom (Vicki),

Grand Junction; Regina Chayer, Montrose; Ricky (Nina), Grand Junction; Ann Clay, CA; Nancy (Don) Smith, Florida; Hope Seegobin, Michigan; Daniel (Katy), Dubai; and Marylou (Clee) Jones, Grand Junction. He also has 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Hilario's occupation was a farmer since a young age, and then worked at the sawmill until his retirement in 1990. He loved his vegetable and flower garden, feeding his cats, and telling his Korean war stories.

Hilario is preceded in death by his parents, his two half-sisters Alice Paiz and Lucy Sanchez, son-in-law Sherlock Seegobin and grandson Christopher Martinez. The family would like to express their appreciation to the Hope West nurses, Melissa, Maryann, Wendy, Rosie, Jim, and Kim, Dr. Emmons Team and to First Light staff. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hope West., 725 S. 4th Street, Montrose, CO 81401.

SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING



970-249-8500

ANONYMOUS CALL

MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS



paul taylor

Wonders Down Under THIS Friday

April 29. Doors, 5:30 pm. Show 6 pm.

**Under 6, Over 60
FREE**

Admission on SALE

\$20 Adults | \$5 Kids 6-15-

\$50 Family Pkg. (2 adults, 2-3 kids)

\$25 Walk-in, Space available

Reserve online



Interactive performance. Australian storyteller Paul Taylor entertains with stories, song, dance, theater, and music featuring the mesmerizing didgeridoo. FAMILY FUN!

Museum of the Mountain West

68169 E. Miami Rd., Montrose CO. 970-240-3400

2 1/2 mi east of town, Hwy 50 & Miami Rd.



ISSUE 367 April 25, 2022

ART & SOL

DRESS FOR OUR PLANET



Do you really need that shirt? When you buy new, buy just what you need, buy for value and durability, and wear your new clothes for longer before replacing them. According to the Council for Textile Recycling, the average person throws away around 70 pounds of clothing and other textiles every year! (Photo Credit: Friends of Youth and Nature)

By Anne Janik,

Friends of Youth and Nature

REGIONAL—Clothing choices are an easy first step in reducing our carbon footprint. By extending the active life of our clothing by just nine months and cutting our con-

sumption of new clothing we can significantly reduce our contribution to fashion's carbon footprint and worldwide waste. According to the Council for Textile Recycling, the average person throws away around 70 pounds of clothing and other textiles every year! That's a lot of waste that could be diverted from our landfills.

Textile production requires energy, and many fabrics use synthetics that are made from petroleum and fossil fuels. The clothing you choose has an impact on the carbon footprint created by the clothing industry. The fashion industry fuels textile consumption, which in turn increases the carbon footprint at levels that can give motorized travel and energy production a run for their money (www.earthday.org/our-toolkits/)

You can choose to make clothing choices that reduce your carbon footprint and improve our planet's soil, fresh waters, and oceans. Here are a few tips to get you started.

Recycle clothes—shop secondhand first. Buy pre-owned clothing from thrift shops, consignment stores, vintage sources, and online resale sites. When you buy new, buy just what you need, buy for value and durability, and wear your new clothes for longer before replacing them. Check seams, zippers and the quality of the textile. Better-made clothes wear longer, fit better and help you avoid volumes of

cheaper clothing that often are thrown out. Trendy, low quality clothing will only last a season or two of wear and washing. Investing in well-made clothes will save you money by not having to replace items every season. High-quality items usually have lifetime guarantees and can be repaired. Some designers will even repair clothing free or for a small fee. Consider developing a wardrobe that creates your own style for years to come, rather than quick-changing fashion trends.

Buy clothing made with organic or natural fabric fibers instead of synthetic fabrics. Natural alternatives to synthetic fabrics include cotton, linen, bamboo, flax, jute, silk, wool, and alpaca. Avoid polyester, nylon, spandex and acrylic. These materials are made from petroleum, a high-emission fossil fuel. You'll play a part in reducing the use of pesticides and herbicides and you'll reduce the amount of microplastics in rivers and oceans from synthetic fibers that shed during washing. Check out modal or lyocell, two environmentally friendly, durable plant-based textile options.

Shop sustainable brands and look for certification labels that indicate clothes are made sustainably and ethically. Ecolabels (www.ecolabelindex.com) provides a detailed list of certifications for a company's products such as organically grown cotton, fair-trade marketing, certified humane

Continued next pg

DRESS FOR OUR PLANET From previous pg

humane raised and handled, or certified wildlife friendly. Many companies promote certain clothing lines as having been made with renewable materials, but still use unethical labor practices to make the clothing. Make sure to do your research on a brand before you buy from them.

Sell your unwanted clothing online or in resale shops. There are so many websites and apps which allow you to buy and sell used clothing. For a short list of sites to help you simplify your closet go to www.rd.com/article/best-place-to-sell-clothes-online/. You'll divert waste from landfills while earning money.

Consider upcycling your clothing. You can work wonders with a pair of scissors and a needle and thread to give new life to an old garment. By repairing your clothes you will divert waste from landfills and save money! Many outdoor clothing companies have free repair services so your expensive outdoor gear can live on.

This Earth Day, celebrate differently! Host a clothing swap where you exchange spring/summer clothing items with your friends; you'll divert waste from landfills while having fun adding pieces to your wardrobe. A google search can provide fun ideas for a swap or go to Fashion Revolution (www.fashionrevolution.org). Fashion Revolution is a global movement calling for more transparency in the fashion industry. Follow #WhoMadeMyClothes or #WhatsInMyClothes for more information on fashion transparency. If you have clothes that no longer fit or you don't wear anymore, donate them to thrift stores or shelters instead of throwing them out. One person's trash is another's treasure.

Let's take a closer look into the current fashion industry. Fast Fashion is the design and production of high volumes of low quality garments bringing cheaply made, trendy styles to the consumer. Many "fast fashion" brands earn millions of dollars by selling large numbers of cheap garments. These are the items that end up in the landfills. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, Americans send more than 11 million tons of textile waste to landfills each year. These are mostly synthetic garments full of toxins, heavy met-

als, dangerous dyes and countless other chemicals that rarely break down. Instead, as they lay in landfills, toxins are released into the air and local water systems adversely affecting the health of the local residents and animals.

Fast fashion also affects the health of consumers and garment workers. Harmful chemicals such as benzothiazole—linked to several types of cancer and respiratory illnesses—have been found in apparel on the market today. Our skin is the largest organ of the body, and wearing these poorly made clothes may be dangerous to our health. Garment workers for many brands are paid well below the minimum wage, and in many instances work in sub-standard conditions.

In addition, the more clothes we buy, the more clothes are shipped from foreign manufacturers. Transportation costs have a huge impact on the carbon footprint of our global system. Collectively, as consumers, we can use our buying power to encourage the fashion industry to change its current business model based on price, volume, and transportation needs, and move towards a more sustainable and ethical future.

How do you care for your clothes? Whether clothing is new or second-hand, an everyday item or a special heirloom, all clothing lasts much longer with some simple, basic maintenance. As an added bonus, proper care saves money in the end and can have important earth-friendly consequences. Did your mom pass on these laundry tips?

-Wash clothing only when necessary. You can wear many items multiple times before they need washing. In dry climates like Colorado, there is no need to wash your bath towels after every shower— isn't your body already clean?

-Wash shirts less often if you wear them with a layer between them and your skin. Each washing shortens the life of a garment.

-Synthetics shed microplastics. Wash these items less frequently and use a Guppyfriend™ bag to capture the microplastics.

-Wash with cold water and on shorter cycles to save energy. According to the Sierra Club, every household that switches

to cold-water washing could eliminate about 1,600 pounds of carbon dioxide a year. Warm water is also more likely to break down dyes and cause shrinkage.

-Wash clothing (especially jeans) inside out keeps colors from fading.

-Avoid dryer sheets, which can be full of chemicals such as toluene styrene. Use earth-friendly detergents and use half the recommended amount with ½ a cup of baking soda to get clothes just as clean. Instead of chlorine bleach, substitute one half-cup of vinegar to the final rinse. Vinegar is a natural brightener that won't wear out the fibers of your clothing.

-Hang clothes to dry outdoors on a clothing line or a drying rack. You will save energy and money while your clothes suffer less wear and tear from the dryer.

-Avoid dry-cleaning, which uses petroleum-based solvents. If it's necessary to dry-clean your clothing, choose a dry cleaner that uses environmentally friendly cleaning solutions.

Bring your own reusable bag and hangers to reduce your impact.

-Change your clothing rotation to reduce wear and tear on individual pieces.

-Convert old t-shirts and other worn items to rags. You'll divert waste from landfills.

-If your favorite shoes are wearing out, look for a shoe repair shop. There are still cobblers around that can repair heels and soles.

-Earth Day is an opportunity to be a better global citizen and care for our planet. The extent you want to lessen your footprint is up to you, but now is a good time to re-think what changes you want to make. There is a lot you can do to reduce your carbon footprint on our planet just by your fashion choices and how you care for your clothes.

*Friends of Youth and Nature is a non-profit that promotes opportunities for youth and families to get outside, experience outdoor activities, and explore nature. See the Earth Day 2022 action, science and education toolkits **How to sustainability shop for your clothes, and How to care for your clothes** for more on this topic (www.earthday.org/our-toolkits/). For more information and links to Restore our Earth and Earth Day 2022 Action toolkits, Visit: www.friendsofyouthandnature.org*

Friday May 6th 9.30-6.00pm | Saturday May 7th 9.00am-4.00pm

Friendship Hall, Montrose County Fair Grounds



Free admission

Hourly door prizes

Over 70 vendors for your shopping pleasure

For Vendor information call Debbie 970.531.2438 or email: montrosefootwear@aol.com

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

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

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

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

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

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

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

office@montroseumc.org, montroseumc.org
Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Lisa Petty
Worship service times: 8:15 am - Blended Service - Sanctuary & Virtual. 9:30 am - Contemporary Service - Sanctuary, 11:15 am - Traditional Service - Sanctuary
Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully

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

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

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

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

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

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

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

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation:

Southern Baptist

Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

Office hours: Varies

Contact information:

phone number: 970-275-7026

email: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com

website: www.summitchurchmontrose.org

Name of current Senior Pastor: John De-

Sario

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

Summit Church Montrose is a new church

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

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

Denomination Affiliation: Independent Baptist

Address: 2890 N Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-12pm

Contact Information: Phone (970) 249-6874;

email at info@vbcmontrose.org; website: vbcmontrose.org

Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

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

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

Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

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

formation to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?



*Save a tree –
Read the Mirror!*

THE MONTROSE MIRROR
Your Source for Local Business News and Information

Call For Ad Rates: 970-275-0646



MONTROSE REGIONAL
LIBRARY DISTRICT

SPRING BOOK SALE

Public Book Sale Hours:

Friday, April 29: Noon - 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 30: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 1: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

\$5 Bag Sale - Sunday Only

Friends of the Library (FOL) Members Only Pre-Sale:

Thursday, April 28: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday, April 29: 10 a.m. - Noon

Montrose Library Meeting Room

320 S. 2nd St.

Montrose

970-249-9656



Friends
of the
Montrose *Library*



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

THE COLORADO AUTHORS' HALL OF FAME IS OFFERING UP TO FIVE \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO ASPIRING COLORADO AUTHORS

Special to Art & Sol

DENVER- The Colorado Authors' Hall of Fame is offering up to five \$2,000 scholarships to aspiring Colorado authors, as well as an extensive 18-month mentorship to support their success as an author. The scholarship is part of The Hall's commitment to encourage, support, and nurture Colorado connected writers.

Sponsored by the Colorado Authors' Hall of Fame, an organization that celebrates the most prolific authors with ties to the sunny state of Colorado, the Hall's Board voted to create up to five Aspiring Authors Scholarships to be awarded this year.

Applications must be received by June 1, 2022, and the winning recipients will be announced in early August. Recipients will be honored at a luncheon event to be held on Friday, September 16, 2022.

For Application requirements and additional information, visit the Colorado Authors' Hall of Fame website: <http://ColoradoAuthorsHallofFame.org/>

[scholarships.html](#)

The Hall is dedicated to recognizing and preserving the history of the accomplishments of past and present authors who have created and published books in or about Colorado.

The organization is an all-volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Its mission is "to honor and promote the works of outstanding published authors from all

genres and generations with a vibrant connection to Colorado, to ensure their legacies will not be lost."

Information about the application process, nomination criteria for Hall Inductees, donations, events, board members can all be found at

www.ColoradoAuthorsHallofFame.org.

Press inquiries: Judith Briles, Judith@Briles.com or 303-885-2207.





MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS
EST. 1959

The Magic of Live Theatre

FOR 62 YEARS

Book & lyrics by Eric Idle
Music by John Du Prez & Eric Idle
Directed by Merrilee F. Robertson & Renee Lee

THE TIME: 932 AD and now THE PLACE: Medieval England and Here
THE TALE: Spamalot is the irreverent tale of King Arthur traveling the land with his servant, Patsy, trying to recruit Knights of the Round Table to join him in Camelot, and assist in his quest for the Holy Grail. Discoveries are made, journeys are taken, but it's not until the Lady of the Lake and her Laker Girls join the mission, that the search is rewarded!

MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT™

A new musical *lovingly* ripped off from the motion picture
MONTY PYTHON and the Holy Grail

AUDITIONS
MAY 16 & 17, 2022 @ 6:30 PM
@ MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE

CASTING 20 ACTORS
over the age of 16
(14 Men, 10 Women)

Monty Python's SPAMALOT is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide 1195 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 640, New York, NY 10036. www.theatricalrights.com

COME **Audition** WITH US







MagicCirclePlayers.com • 420 S. 12th • Montrose, CO • 970-249-7838 • mcp@montrose.net

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

WESTERN COLORADO FRIENDS OF THE HIMALAYAS WELCOMES COMMUNITY TO SPECIAL EVENT



Courtesy photo Danika Gilbert.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Western Colorado Friends of the Himalayas invites the community to a special event on Friday, April 29th at 7 pm, in the Chipeta Room of the Ute Indian Museum. Danika Gilbert, the WCFH 2021 Peace Award Winner will be sharing her recent adventures trekking in Nepal and Africa. Gilbert has been working with young Afghan women impacted by the takeover of the Taliban in that country and the withdrawal of the American troops through the Hamdali nonprofit organization.

She accompanied one of these young Afghan women to the Mt. Everest Base Camp, where they unfurled the Afghanistan flag in support of the other Afghan women who had to flee their country and those who still remain under the Taliban rule.

Gilbert also checked in with the latest WCFH projects in Nepal, the Clean Water Project in Simagau and the Hygiene Project in the remote village of Riku in the Rolwaling district. The WCFH and Montrose Altrusa International partnered to build a community toilet structure in the village.

There will also be a silent auction and a short annual meeting with a report by WCFH President, Val Burnell on the other successes of the WCFH over the past year. Chai and snacks will be served. The WCFH is a local humanitarian organization supported by public donations and volunteers working to make a difference in the lives of people in the Himalayan region. For more information call 970-275-3671.

Alpine Women's Centre **CLINIC & MED SPA**



BioTe Hormone Replacement Therapy

Addresses hormone imbalances
using pellet HRT

\$350+

- **MonaLisa Touch** **\$2,500+**
Promotes gynecologic health with laser technology
- **Chemical Peel** **\$135 - \$300**
Improves the appearance and texture of skin
- **Platelet-Rich Plasma** **\$700 - \$2,800**
Utilizes platelets and plasma to rejuvenate the skin
- **Facials** **\$45 - \$135+**
Cleanses, exfoliates and nourishes the skin
- **Plasma Pen** **\$300 - \$1,500**
Treats wrinkles, sagging, and dull skin
- **Microneedling** **\$275 - \$800**
Stimulates collagen production

The new Alpine Women's Centre Clinic & Med Spa is proud to provide advanced, nonsurgical aesthetic services for our communities.

Saturday treatments available by appointment.



Alpine Women's Centre
900 S. 4th Street
Montrose, CO 81401
970-497-5891

MontroseHealth.com/MedSpa

WONDERS DOWN UNDER – COMING TO MONTROSE THIS FRIDAY!



Paul Taylor performing. Courtesy photo.

Kathryn R. Burke

MONTROSE Do you love stories? Do you enjoy fascinating stories with song, dance, theater, and music? Australian storyteller Paul Taylor offers it all, including a performance on the mesmerizing didgeridoo, in an interactive performance this Friday at the Museum of the Mountain West. Doors, concessions, and gift area open at 5:30 pm. Show starts at 6 and goes about one hour and 15 minutes

Paul invites kids up on the stage with him to participate in the show, which may in-

clude dramatic story versions of classic Aussie folk songs with interactive participation; classic Aussie Bush Ballads or cowboy poetry; *Gujingga Song* with boomerangs, story, science and throwing; Digeridoo demonstration, and more.

Paul shares with his audiences a unique look at the wonderful Aussie character, drawing comparisons in American history and culture. Focusing on many of our cultural icons, his show honors both Aboriginal and European roots.

Paul's fascinating stories include Australi-

an Aboriginal wisdom offering a gateway into the beauty of "Dreaming," the essence of the "world's oldest living culture."

This event is especially entertaining to seniors and kids and is free to both (over age 60 and under age 9). Before and after the show, and during intermission, the concession stand will be open with soft drinks and snacks, and the museum will also host a mini gift shop.

Wonders Down Under takes place at the Museum of the Mountain West, 2 ½ miles east of Montrose, at the intersection of Hwy 50 and Miami Road. Enter through the main gate off Miami Road and follow the signs to park at the big white church, which also serves as the Museum's Event Center.

Please reserve your seat online. Walk-ins are welcome, if we have the space, but unreserved seats are \$25 (for any age) at the door. Save money and reserve online now. Reserved seats **Sale Price Admission all this week:** \$20 adults, \$5 ages -9-15. Family packages for 2 adults and 2 or 3 kids under 16 is just \$50. Free over 60 and under age 9. Reserve your seats online at museumofthemountainwest.org/downunder Join us at the Museum of the Mountain West this Friday to welcome storyteller Paul Taylor. Be a part of the show, have fun, and learn more about the Museum and the world's oldest living culture in Australia.

Welcome Spring with a Hug

MacKenzie's Thoughts on Hugs

FREE
Coloring Pages
HERE

dexterstreetbooks.com



DEXTER ST.
BOOKS

Museum of the Mountain West

Vendors & Volunteer Meeting.

10 am Today, and also on Tuesday

*At the museum: 68169 Miami Rd.
3 mi. east of town, off Hwy 50*

Coffee & pastries served. Mini tour of museum.

**Learn about Vendor Options for shows
and our volunteer opportunities**

Docents, Tour Guides, Sit-down Storytellers

Artists, Musicians, Craftspersons

Help in Gift Shop and Office

Carpentry & Handyman Help

Social Media Updating

**Questions? Call Darcie or Kate
970-240-3400**



Museum of the Mountain West
68169 Miami Rd., Montrose CO 81401 • 970-240-3400
info@mw-museum.org • museumofthemountainwest.org

Family MOVIE EVENT

Help Our Community Stop Child Abuse, Call 1-844-CO-4-KIDS



April 29th

at The Fox Theatre
27 S Cascade Ave • Montrose, CO

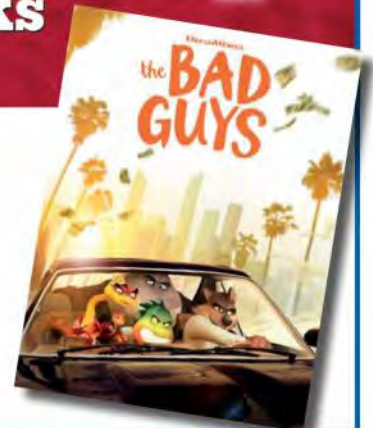


Movie at 1pm . Free Snacks

MOVIE COST SPONSORED BY MONTROSE COUNTY

- **Featuring the Family Film**
- **Complimentary pop and popcorn provided**

DREAMWORKS
the BAD GUYS



APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



Help Our Community Stop Child Abuse
Now, Call 1-844-CO-4-KIDS



SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

ONGOING-

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

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

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

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

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

MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET 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 25-Monday--1 p.m. Local genealogists Dorothy Causey and Myrna Shirey will speak on the "Find-A-Grave" website with a review of the latest updates. This program sponsored by the Montrose Genealogy Center is at the Warrior Resource Center on 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way and all are welcome.

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 6-7-Friendship Hall-Mother's Day Craft Show. Friday 9:30a.m. to 6pm, Saturday 9am to 4pm. Free admission.

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

May 2- Quarterly meeting of the Womens Giving Club, May 2nd. 5:30 Remington's Golf and Country Club. All women invited. 5:30 Remington's Golf and Country Club. All women invited.

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

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

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



**Western Colorado
Farm & Ranch Brokerage**
(970) 835-9350 • (970) 596-4744
(970) 874-LAND
WESTERNRANGE.COM

Since 1990



Contact the Montrose Mirror:
970-275-0646

Editor@montrosemirror.com
www.montrosemirror.com

At right...Early spring blooms...Basket of Gold Alysum.



Tacos El Gordo
970-964-4022

Remington's at the Bridges
970-252-1119

Horsefly Brewing
970-249-6889



Rio Bravo
970-964-4477

Jimmer's Steak & BBQ
970-252-1227

Fiesta Guadalajara
970-249-2460

El Jimador
970-249-8990

Buckaroos Slices & Scoops
970-787-9437

San Juan Brews
970-901-8594



Camp Robber
970-240-1590

Crash Burger
970-249-0825

Heidi's Brooklyn Deli
970-240-1605

Coffee Trader
970-249-6295
970-787-9021

Tacos & Beer
970-964-4448

Alpen Confections
970-648-0609

Busy Corner White Kitchen
970-323-6215

Pahgre's
970-249-6442

Amelias Hacienda Restaurante
970-249-1881

Trattoria de Sofia
970-249-0433

Rib City
970-249-7427

Double Barrel Taco Co.
970-417-4340

Stone House
970-240-8899

Cold Stone Creamery
970-252-8014

Mimo's
970-249-0616

My Favorite Muffin
970-765-0076

Sidelines Sports Bar
970-765-0129



DineOutMontrose.com