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DELTA CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



With fun including a dunk tank, the end goal of National Nights Out, like that celebrated in Delta Aug. 2, is to make communities safer.

By Paul Arbogast

DELTA-The Delta Police Department held a National Night Out event with the community in Cleland Park the evening of Aug. 2. This was the second annual National Night Out for Delta. These events, which occur across the nation, are meant to bring back a sense of community and enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement. The end goal is to make communities safer.

There are various activities for the kids, a free meal for all, and informative speeches by local law enforcement and sometimes various elected politicians. The Delta Police Department reached out to various representatives, and had Congresswoman Lauren Boebert accept their invitation and show up to speak to the citizens of Delta.

"Fentanyl is a massive, massive

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CITY AWARDS CONTRACT FOR HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

By Caitlin Switzer

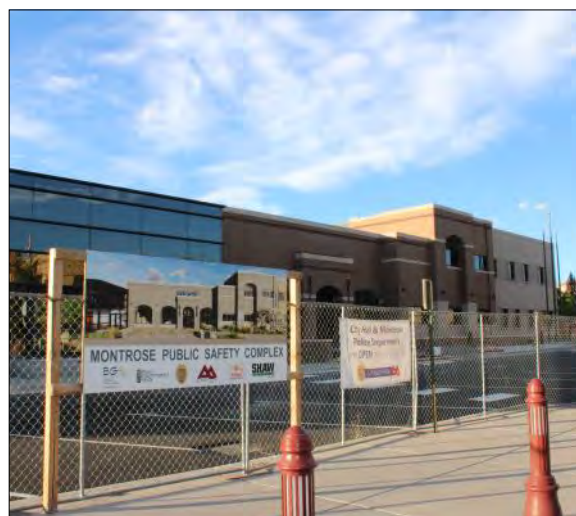
MONTROSE-All councilors were in attendance, with Councilor J. David Reed attending remotely, for the regular Montrose City Council work session of Monday, Aug. 1.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Community Engagement Specialist Ross Valdez opened the work session, asking Council to consider the award of a professional services agreement to Points Consulting in the amount of \$48,890 for completion of a City of Montrose Housing Needs Assessment. The study will enable the city to make data-driven decisions, Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum said. The study, identified as a need in the City's comprehensive plan, will open up available dollars from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Valdez said.

Background-A memo from Valdez to Council states, "December of 2021, The City of

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The new City of Montrose Public Safety Complex, above, has been granted a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy, and furniture has been moved into the building, Police Chief Blaine Hall said.

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We will meet at a local restaurant 4PM-6PM to get acquainted. This is an opportunity to meet new friends, do new things. For more information: <http://meetup.com/montrose-singles-over-65or> call 520-282-9060.

HISTORIC MUSEUM PRESENTS WALKING TOUR 'LEGENDS AND TRUE TALES' AUG. 12

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MONTROSE-The Montrose County Historical Museum will be offering one of the last Historic Walking tours for the season. The "Legends and True Tales" tour on Aug.12 starts at 7 pm. This short walk will take you to the alleys of our historic downtown, where you will learn the location of our first jail and courthouse, famous visitors who had "come" to town to work, and visit, and the stories behind the walls. Please meet at the Museum (21 N. Rio Grande Ave) space is limited, so RSVP by email or phone. There is a cost of \$10/per person. If you have any questions or would like to join us please call 970-249-2085.

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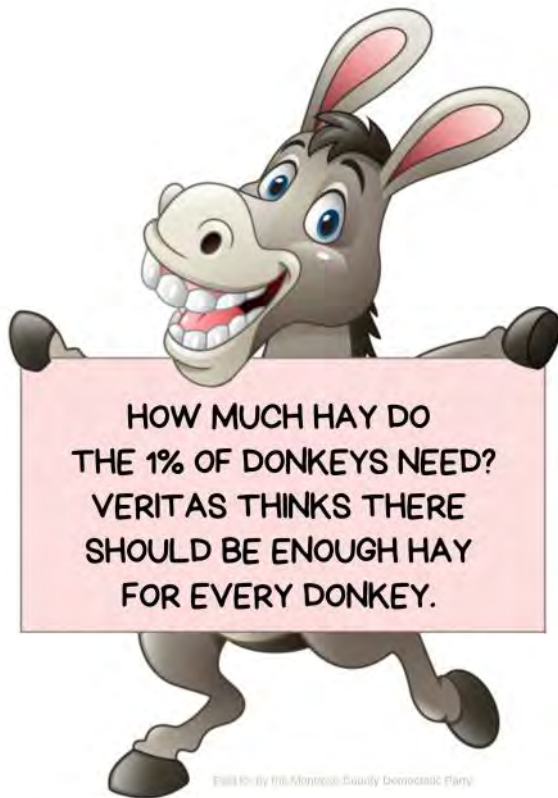
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MONTROSE-The white 1997 Jeep [CO Lic. # BUKC13] pictured in these photos was stolen from Sweet's Automotive sometime in the last few days. It has a very distinctive front bumper [see picture], and purple tow hooks and a purple skid plate. On the back window is a "Circle 3 Cowboy Fellowship" sticker in the back window. The wheels are described as oversized, and it is lifted.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

NANCY AND I VISIT TAIWAN...

... just about 43 years apart and with little foreign relations progress in that interlude

By Scott Rizzo

On the occasion of Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, I'm reminded of my own visit to the island in 1979. Politically, not much has been resolved in the interim with regard to a "One China" policy as it was an issue in the forefront of US/China foreign affairs then and remains even more so today.

My visit did produce a roll top desk currently at home in my loft full of memorabilia and other crap with which I can't seem to part. I bought it in Taipei shortly after President Jimmy Carter normalized relations with the Peoples' Republic of China beginning a long, vague, confusing, unresolved "One China" approach that continues with the Republic of China (Taiwan) to this day. I was serving in the USS Mauna Kea (AE-22) on a Western Pacific deployment as the Cargo, Dispersing, Ship Services, Postal, and occasional Public Relations Officer.

The Mauna Kea was an ammunition ship that carried about 4K measurement tons of high explosive as well as other nasty ordnance. Today, it's a reef in the Hawaiian Islands. But, in 1979 it was on the WESTPAC 'milk run' with its load of ammo prepositioned in the Far East just in case the 'balloon went up.' We would occasionally top off the ammo loads of other combatant vessels or consolidate a naval magazine's inventory ashore because of shelf-life considerations, but mostly we just went from liberty port to liberty port.

So, we were scheduled to visit Keelung, Taiwan, which was Taipei's primary commercial port, to pick up a load of furniture for the 7th Fleet staff whose wives had been on a shopping junket a month or so prior.

It was my job to hire trucks in Keelung to pick up the furniture in Taipei and return it to the ship. We even off-loaded some inert ordnance at the Subic Bay Naval Base, RP, to make room for the furniture, which would be reloaded when the furniture was offloaded. In addition, it was an opportunity for the ship's crew to buy teak, monkey pod, and mahogany items for themselves. My desk is actually narra wood.

On the way to Keelung, however, Taiwan/US tensions began to escalate and it just so happened that the Mauna Kea was going to be the first US warship to visit Taiwan since Jimmy Carter's so-called 'normalization' which was very unpopular with the Taiwanese. As a result, our visit to Keelung was temporarily halted, but then who would retrieve the furniture bought and paid for by the wives' club? So, the visit was back on track with a State Department rep helo'd aboard the ship from the battle group to brief us on the potential political ramifications, i.e. protests that we might encounter limiting our liberty call. Interestingly, the potential explosive arc of 4K tons of high explosive in a commercial port was never really addressed despite the Cargo Officer ask-

ing, "Hey, what about all the bombs onboard?"

Once pierside in Keelung, we were met by a Taiwanese government welcoming committee that wanted to show their fondness of Americans by encouraging us to pursue all the tourist attractions that Taiwan had to offer assuring us that it would be without incident. Because they also wanted us to understand their personal disapproval of Jimmy Carter and not Americans, especially the US military and its Sailors, the pier was covered in peanuts that we had to walk over to get anywhere.

I hired the trucks, was driven to Taipei, and loaded all the furniture, bringing it back to the ship in a torrential, tropical rainstorm. On the return with almost no visibility, I saw very little of the road ahead as my Taiwanese driver giggled maniacally every time the truck would skid a little sideways. I can't say for sure, but I think my visit may ultimately be more memorable and productive than Nancy's will be.

There may still be a peanut or two in the drawers of my roll top.

Scott Rizzo is a retired Naval Officer, former NJROTC Senior Naval Science Instructor, builder of fine boats with Montrose youth, scourge of Gunnison River trout, and his pronouns are based on the immutable fact that he wears his gonads on the outside. Oh by the way, when the Chinese do take over, they're not going to give a rat's fuzzy butt what our pronouns are.



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DELTA CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT From pg 1



Above, citizens gathered for a cookout and to celebrate National Night Out with law enforcement in Delta. At right, Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Colo) spoke about the dangers of Fentanyl.



problem in our nation, and in Colorado we are the number two state for fentanyl overdoses. This is a problem that does not need to be happening in our communities. This is something we can begin to work on and prevent. We know exactly where it is coming from, we know exactly how it is getting into our country," Boebert said.

After speaking about Fentanyl, she continued to talk about immigration and the second amendment.

The event was sponsored by the Delta Police Department, Delta Elks Lodge, Odd Fellows, the Rivers Church, Grace Community Church, Doughty Steel, Mountain Offroad Enterprises, Delta Ambulance District, Delta Rec Center, Helman Ford,

Delta Fire Department, and the Colorado State Patrol.

Donations for raffle prizes were provided by Dominguez Canyon Fruit, Brenan Farms, Ace Hardware, Tractor Supply, Quickie Tires, Safeway, City Market, Sunflower Room, Helman Ford, Helman Chevy, Devils Thumb Golf Course and the Delta Rec Center.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WHAT NEXT? HOW ABOUT AN OVERPASS?

Editor:

NewsFlash. Stacking traffic jams at Hillcrest and Niagara intersection as a result of the Woodgate debacle now in full swing. Nearly all of the traffic is proceeding north. No doubt, the next multi-million dollar 'round-about' will be put on fast track to attempt to cover up yet another, self-inflicted, mismanagement decision by the City Manager and his fawning City Council. What next?

How about an overpass to get around South First and Cascade Street closures/eliminations and City behemoth building projects?

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CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER KENT BLACKWELL NAMED INTERIM CEO

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Effective August 1, Kent Blackwell was named Interim CEO of Delta-Montrose Electric Association. Blackwell joined DMEA in 2018 as its Chief Technology Officer (CTO), where he has directed all Elevate operations, including construction, plant design, network engineering, products and services, and sales. He has worked in the telecommunications industry for

more than 32 years, with 22 of those specifically for cooperative broadband utilities.

"Over the past four years with DMEA, I've had the honor of helping guide the organization through a time of monumental growth and change. It's an even greater honor to be selected by our board to help lead our cooperative and our dedicated employees through this new transition. I'm

confident that together we will continue providing safe and reliable service to our members," said Blackwell.

"As we move into the next chapter of leadership for DMEA, it was important to the board to select an interim leader with legacy knowledge and

experience from within DMEA and both of our industries. He will begin his role immediately to allow for the transfer of knowledge between him and Alyssa Clemensen Roberts," said DMEA Board President Kyle Martinez

DMEA will also work with the experienced executive search firm, CarterBaldwin, to perform a national search for the co-op's next CEO. CarterBaldwin specializes in executive recruiting and has more than 100 years of combined experience on their partnership team. They have been recognized among the Top 40 search firms in the nation and named by Forbes as one of America's best executive search firms.

"We anticipate our search to begin shortly and are committed to finding the most qualified candidate to serve as DMEA's next CEO. We are thankful for Alyssa's leadership over the past year and want to express our continued gratitude for her assistance during this transition," said Martinez.

Blackwell takes the helm at DMEA during a critical juncture as the cooperative awaits the final decision on the development of the 80-megawatt Garnet Mesa Solar array and kicks off the construction plan for more than \$20 million in broadband grant awards.

"DMEA and Elevate are no strangers to change. We will continue to push forward on our initiatives to bring more affordable energy and high-speed internet to our communities. Over the next few months, I hope to provide both stable leadership and support to our employees as they continue doing what they do best," said Blackwell



Kent Blackwell.
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CITY AWARDS CONTRACT FOR H2O RESOURCE INVENTORY, WELCOMES NEW PLANNING MANAGER

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All Councilors were present in chambers for the regular meeting of the Montrose City Council on Tuesday, Aug. 2. Mayor Dave Frank welcomed all and called the meeting to order. He led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum had no changes to the meeting agenda.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve the Minutes of the July 19, 2022 city council meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS ALCOHOL PERMIT

As discussed in work session, Council approved a Special Events alcohol permit in conjunction with the closure of Apollo Road for the annual FUNC Fest on Aug. 13.

ORDINANCE 2593-FIRST READING

As previously considered and discussed, Council voted to adopt Ordinance 2593 on first reading, delegating authority to the Board of Directors of the Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METSA) to set the rate of the charge imposed on service users pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 29-11-102, 102.5 and 103. Councilor J. David Reed recused himself from consideration of the matter as he serves as General Counsel to the METSA organization. METSA Director Matt Goetsch was present to answer questions. The METSA fee is \$1.81 to all users.

RESOLUTION 2022-12-VALE GRANT AUTHORIZATION

Council voted to adopt Resolution 2022-12 authorizing the Montrose Police Department to file a Victim Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant for two victim's advocate positions through the 7th Judicial District Victims Assistance Board for the total of \$48,080, authorizing the Chief of Police to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as required, and authorizing the City Manager, Chief of Police and Finance Director to sign the grant application and reporting documents. *Police Chief*

Blaine Hall and Victim's Advocate Chantelle Bainbridge were present, as was the Victim's Advocate Service Dog, Apple.

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT CONTRACT AWARD

As considered in work session, Council voted to award a professional services agreement to Points Consulting in the amount of \$48,890 for completion of a City of Montrose Housing Needs Assessment. Ulibarri asked whether transitional housing will be included; Community Engagement Specialist Ross Valdez said that it will be.

WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AND MASTER PLAN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Council voted to approve a professional services contract award to LRE Water in the amount of \$75,000 for completion of a water resource inventory and master plan. The resource inventory is geared toward compiling a comprehensive inventory of water resources into one document.

City Attorney Bennet Morris said that former City Attorney John Kappa had prepared a comprehensive history of Montrose water rights. "...It was done orally in a council meeting...We thought his information was very valuable...it's fascinating stuff if you like historical information...this might be useful to the contractor but also to you, Scott..."

Morris offered to send a media file to Murphy, who said that he would appreciate having the file, and was aware of Kappa's work.

"That's where I learned from," Murphy said. "All the work of Kappa. He laid a lot of great groundwork for what we're doing now." Frank asked that the file be sent to council as well.

Background-According to a memo from Murphy to Council, goals of the water resource inventory and master plan include: -Prepare an inventory/master plan report that can be used to educate City Staff/Management, City Council, and the public regarding the City's water resources and their management. This will also prove

useful for succession planning within City departments involved with water. -Use the inventory/master plan findings and report to facilitate and guide responsible development, effective land-use regulations related to water, practical water conservation programs, efficient City water operations, and capital improvements to reduce consumptive water use. -Understand if the City's existing water resources are enough to cover the anticipated urban buildout within the City's service area boundary. Based on these data, identify the amount of conservation or water resource expansion that would be required to fully develop the City's service area. The city also receives requests for expansion of our service area from time to time; these growth projections will help to determine if these expansion requests should be entertained. -Understand risks to the City's water supply due to prolonged drought, a Colorado River compact call, local calls within the Uncompahgre watershed, climate change, and/or watershed damages (wildfire, spills, etc). -Develop Montrose as a local leader in responsible water resource management and ultimately serve as a resource to other communities looking to do the same.

CEEDAR CREEK TOWNHOMES SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY PLAT
The Cedar Creek Townhomes Subdivision Preliminary Plat was unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS

Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler introduced the City's new Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt. "His first day is today and he's here at the council meeting,



The City welcomed new Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt. Meeting Screenshot.

CITY AWARDS CONTRACT FOR H2O RESOURCE INVENTORY From previous pg

jumping right in," Morgenthaler said.

Hochwalt will head the planning department and the community engagement division.

Said Hochwalt, "I've had my eye on Montrose for quite a bit now, I think Ann has reached out over the last couple of years." He previously worked in Grand Junction as a senior planner and in Washington State.

"Thrilled to be a part of this community, really excited to kind of lead the planning efforts moving forward, and happy to be

here," Hochwalt said.

"Welcome aboard," Mayor Frank said.

"Thanks for joining us tonight."

Community Engagement Specialist Ross Valdez said that Denver Recovery Group will conduct an open house Aug. 5 at 130 North Park Ave. "I will be in attendance as well as some additional planning staff in case there are any questions," he said.

Mayor Frank said that Council will set up a tent at the Farmers Market.

"We just look forward to seeing people

there," he said. "We'll be taking shifts, so you might not catch all of us there at once."

FUNC Fest is coming up, Councilor Doug Glaspell said.

FUNC Fest is a great opportunity for people to come out and play at the water park, listen to live music with tasty beverages, and enjoy a nice day out on the river, Frank said.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION SETS RECORD OF OVER \$658,000



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MONTROSE— The Montrose County Fair and Rodeo Junior Livestock Auction set a new record last weekend with a total of both additional contributions and bids at \$658,000 and growing.

The sale continues to set strong records and reflects of both the strength of the local economy and support for agriculture within Montrose County. Add-on contributions are still accepted until Thursday evening.

"The sale has continued to exceed our expectations the past two years. I was concerned about the sale performance during the pandemic, but each year the numbers continue to grow," said Chris Cohick, Montrose County Fair Board President.

"On behalf of the fair board, I would like to thank the buyers and add-on contributors, as well as the Montrose County Stockmen's Buyers Club. To me, this is a clear sign that the stockmen's buyers club is working as intended—to increase the average sale amount of the animals."

This year, there were less animals due to highly pathogenic avian influenza—meaning no turkeys, ducks, or chickens were present in the show; yet the sale still continued to set a high bar for success. In

2019, the auction grossed \$326,765, in 2020 the sale topped \$341,825, and in 2021 \$498,995 total in bid and contributions. The stockmen's buyers club was formed in 2020 and now boasts nearly 40 members. Membership fees are used to help raise the average of all animals sold via the auction. To learn more about the stockmen's buyers club, please visit [here](#).

"The participants have worked all year round on these projects—investing money in purchasing the animal, feed, and supplies—it's great to see that hard work rewarded at the end of the fair," said Montrose County Fair Board Member and Livestock Auction Chair Cody Brown. "I would also like to thank the volunteers that helped make this sale possible. The buyers and add-on contributors are also to be recognized for setting a record high that will positively benefit these kids and their future projects."

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MCSO ACCEPTING CITIZENS' ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—The application period is now open for the Montrose County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy. The academy starts Wednesday, Oct. 5, and will continue for 12 weeks with a graduation ceremony in December.

"The academy is a great way for residents to learn more about the way the Mont-

rose County Sheriff's Office helps protect and serve our community," said Sergeant Steve Gustin. "This hands-on experience provides participants knowledge of procedures, policies, and information on supporting agencies including both dispatch and the posse."

The classes will be held for 12 weeks, every Wednesday, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Training will take place at the MCSO—1200 North Grand Avenue—in the conference room.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of

age to attend. The comprehensive instruction will cover a wide variety of law enforcement issues each week including the following: Sheriff's Posse, Traffic Stops, DUI Investigation, Response to Resistance, Investigations, Crime Scene and Evidence Collection, Less Lethal, Records & Civil Process, Reception, Victim Services, Procurement, Peer Support, Drug Investigations, Recruitment and Hiring, Field Training Program, K9, SWAT, WestCo Dispatch, and Detentions.

Applications are available online or in person at the MCSO (1200 North Grand) during regular business hours. For more information, please contact Sergeant Gustin at 970-252-

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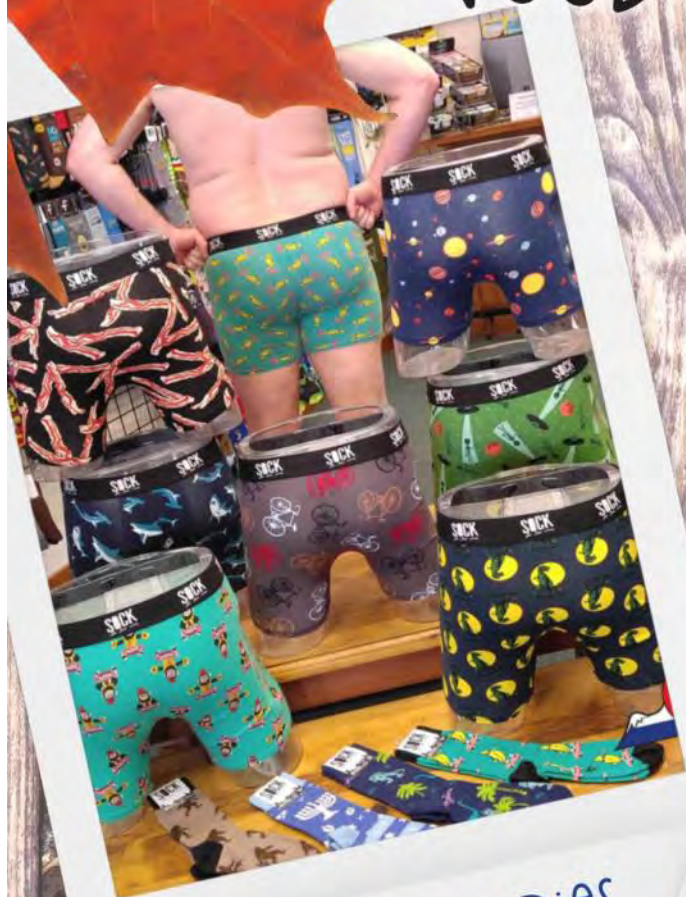
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Application packets are available for download at www.montrosehealth.com, by email request to BODapplications@montrosehealth.com, or pick up at the Montrose Regional Health Administration office, located at 800 South 3rd Street, Montrose, Colorado, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The deadline for return of completed applications is **Friday, August 12, 2022**, at 5:00 p.m. at the MRH Administration office.

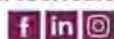
Interviews will be conducted on September 14th and 15th. Elections will be held by the Board of Directors at its annual meeting in October, date to be announced.

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CITY AWARDS CONTRACT FOR HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT *From pg 1*

Montrose applied for the DOLA Innovative Housing Strategies Planning Grant after receiving authorization from City Council via approval of Resolution 2021-25. The Planning Grant Program provides grants to local governments to help them better understand their housing needs and adopt policy and regulatory strategies in order to promote the development of affordable housing. On January 27, the City of Montrose was awarded \$114,000 from DOLA's Planning Grant Program with the understanding that the City would provide a matching contribution of up to \$76,000. Through this grant, the City will conduct a Housing Needs Assessment and will pursue adoption and refinement of affordable housing policy and regulatory strategies supported by the City's Envision 2040 Comprehensive Plan."

Following a Request for Proposals (RFP) process and design team recommendation, low bidder Points Consulting was selected as the best value. The Housing Needs Assessment is expected to be complete by March 2023.

Council considered special events alcohol permits for three upcoming events.

Background-A [memo](#) from City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo to Council states, "Three applications were received for Special Events Permits to sell and serve alcohol in conjunction with street closures:

-FUNC Fest-The annual FUNC Fest event, hosted by the City of Montrose, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Montrose Watersports Park in Riverbottom Park. As in previous years, Apollo Road will be closed during the event. Montrose Black Canyon Rotary Club is the applicant for the alcohol permit for this event.

-MADA 50th Anniversary Fiesta-MADA is celebrating 50 years with a fiesta at La-Raza Park and the MADA facility on Saturday, Aug. 20. N. Sixth Street will be closed as part of this event. MADA is the applicant for the alcohol permit.

-Business After Hours – Block 93 Shelter Insurance is hosting a Business After Hours event on Thursday, Aug. 25, on Cascade Avenue between Main Street and N. First Street. The Greater Montrose Chamber of

Commerce is the applicant for the alcohol permit. The Municipal Code and Regulations Manual requires City Council approval for Special Events Permits issued in conjunction with a street closure."

During the discussion of the Block 93 project, Councilor Ulibarri asked about use of AARPA funds for improvements. City Manager Bill Bell gave a quick recap of city projects funded with AARPA monies.

Ulibarri asked Bell for a memo detailing the use of the AARPA funds. "...I haven't found any information on the Internet to let me know what they are for..."

"I think it is going to benefit all of us to have that information," Mayor Frank said. He noted a correction made to the Black Canyon Rotary application; Ashley Piatek is now Rotary president rather than Bill Bell.

The State liquor code has been recodified, City Attorney Bennet Morris said. "I don't think the substance has changed, it's just the cross references to the state...our cross references are wrong." He said that he would prepare an Ordinance for Council updating the cross references.

STAFF COMMENTS/POLICE STATISTICS

Police Chief Blaine Hall presented an update on First Half and [Quarterly crime statistics](#).

"I think overall we're seeing drops in our property crime..." Hall said, adding, "...Be real careful about just looking at the percentages alone..."

Person crimes and assaults are up, he said. Sex assaults are static. "We have had a substantial increase...in our public peace and disorder crimes...some of those do tie into domestic violence and you can see a slight increase there."

Felony and misdemeanor crimes are down. "Our total incidents were down overall by about 11 percent, so that means that our officers have a little bit more time," Hall said. "Some of the things that our officers have been doing to fill that time, which has been very necessary, is getting our summer police academy up and off the ground. A lot of our officers have been involved in lesson planning and

things like that."

Drug arrests are up by 30 percent, Hall said. "It's not the marijuana. So that's our Fentanyl, that's our methamphetamine."

The Drug Task Force is now up to 32 Federal indictments, while weapons and firearm-involved crimes have substantially increased, Hall said. Use of Force by police has also increased.

Having the mental health co-responder ride along has helped increase mental health referrals substantially.

"We are now able to directly interject that masters-level clinician on scene to mitigate the situation...it saves our officers a lot of time, it gets those individuals in crisis direct access to services immediately.

"It has been a fantastic program," Hall said.

Councilor J. David Reed asked Chief Hall what percentage of drug arrests are Fentanyl-related. Hall said that he did not know the percentage, but officers are seeing quite a bit more Fentanyl. "In comparison to last year's stats I am sure that the Fentanyl represents a higher number this year."

The new public safety facility has received a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO), Hall said. Furniture is being moved into the building. "...It's looking great." There will be a grand opening ceremony on Sept. 27.

Woodgate Road is now open, City Engineer Scott Murphy said. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 4:30pm on Aug. 16. The CDOT Townsend Overlay project should be finished by the week of Aug. 15.

City Manager Bill Bell discussed [the AJGA junior golf tournament](#) taking place at the Bridges, presented by the City and the Bridges.

Bell encouraged community participation. "It's amazing to watch some of those kids."

The City Office of Business & Tourism will have a booth at the tournament.

Mayor Frank said that the City Council will have a booth at the Montrose Farmers Market on Saturdays.

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LINDSAY MITCHELL APPOINTED NEW PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST FOR DELTA COUNTY



**Delta County Public Information Officer
Lindsay Mitchell. Courtesy photo.**

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County is pleased to announce that Lindsay Mitchell has been appointed as their new Public Information Specialist. Mitchell's first official day was on Monday, July 18th. The position was previously held by Darnell Place-Wise, who is now the new Executive Director for Delta Health Foundation.

Mitchell brings with her a wealth of expertise and experience in internal and external communications, marketing, and event planning. Serving as the Director of Corporate Communications for a Colorado based prestigious senior living company for six years, her past experience also includes working for Rocky Mountain Health Plans in marketing and sales in their Denver based satellite office for five years.

"We are thrilled to welcome Lindsay as our Public Information Specialist," said Robbie LeValley, County Administrator for Delta County. "Lindsay is stepping into a role previously held by Place-Wise, and while she might have big shoes to fill, we are fully confident in her ability to be a success in working with our County Commissioners to disseminate information to

Delta County residents."

"Serving as the Public Information Specialist for Delta County offers me an opportunity to serve the community in which I live," said Mitchell. "As a Delta resident for the past two years, I've been very active in the community, and that is what makes this position so significant to me."

Mitchell grew up on the Western Slope and after moving away after graduating from Colorado Mesa University, she moved to Delta in 2020. She lives close to Main Street, and enjoys walking to all the great restaurants, coffee shops, retail stores, and everything else Downtown Delta has to offer.

"I have spent my time in Delta volunteering for HopeWest Hospice, and serving on the board for ASEDD (Awareness, Support, Education for Dementia in Delta County)," she said. "I have truly enjoyed

my time in Delta, the people are incredibly kind and welcoming. I spend as much time as possible kayaking, hiking, and exploring all the wonderful communities in Delta County."

Mitchell's intuitive and logical marketing perspectives and communication skills are closely aligned with the vision of Delta County.

"I am beyond excited to learn everything I can about Delta County and how we can best serve our residents when it comes to sharing information," said Mitchell "Delta County is open to looking at different and new practices to meet changing needs when it comes to communications and marketing."

Mitchell will also serve as executive assistant to the Delta County Commissioners and the Delta County Administrator. To learn more about Delta County, please visit www.DeltaCounty.com.



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MONTROSE COUNTY HONORS CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners proclaimed August as Child Support Awareness Month at the Aug. 3 board meeting. Child Support Awareness Month stresses the importance of child support in developing healthy communities and families.

"I want to thank [Child Support Manager] Chris Sorenson and her team for staying on top of child support and helping parents stay accountable to their children," said Commissioner Sue Hansen.

"I will echo that—thank you for all the hard work that you all do," Commissioner Roger Rash said. "There are all kinds of pieces to this puzzle and all of those pieces help these kids have better lives. As someone who grew up in a household without fatherhood support, I know how important it is to have the financial support of both parents if possible. Living in poverty is difficult and often times that child support payment could be the difference between dinner or not. It's not easy living in a split household and keeping up with child support—it's difficult but I would like to thank the parents that make this happen."

Not only do children need financial and

emotional support, they need the support of parents, extended families, caregivers, and the community around them. This support helps children thrive and grow up to become healthy, productive adults that can contribute to the community. Payment of child support helps build stronger connections between the parent and their child. A stable financial environment helps children to be successful in school and also reduces reliance on public assistance programs. In 2021, over \$345 million dollars was collected for families across Colorado. We would like to recognize all individuals who consistently pay child support, not

only in Montrose County but also across the State of Colorado.

Montrose County believes in the importance of bringing awareness to the growing need for child support and is proud to proclaim August as Child Support Awareness Month. Montrose County also aims to educate families on the availability of child support services while also enhancing those services. The goal is to meet all the needs of all family members. For more information on child support, please visit <https://www.montrosecounty.net/825/Child-Support-Services>.



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DELTA POLICE EXECUTE SEARCH WARRANT, ARREST THREE

Delta Police Department

DELTA-On August 3, 2022 at about 2:45 pm, the Delta Police Department executed a search warrant at 1302 Crawford

Avenue for suspicion of illegal drug possession and distribution. The police department was assisted by the DEA, CBI, 7th Judicial Drug Task Force, U.S. Postal In-

spection Service, Delta County Sheriff's Office, 7th Judicial District Attorney's Office and the Montrose Police Department Animal Control.

During the search of the property, law enforcement officials located 85 suspected fentanyl pills, over 1 ounce of suspected methamphetamine, property stolen in burglaries in the City of Delta, a baggie of unknown pills and electronic devices. Gerald McNeil (40) was arrested on numerous outstanding warrants. Daniel Barbee (27) was arrested on an outstanding warrant. Jarred McDonald (40) was arrested on two separate charges of Unlawful Distribution of a Controlled Substance, a class DF2. The investigation is ongoing and more charges are pending.

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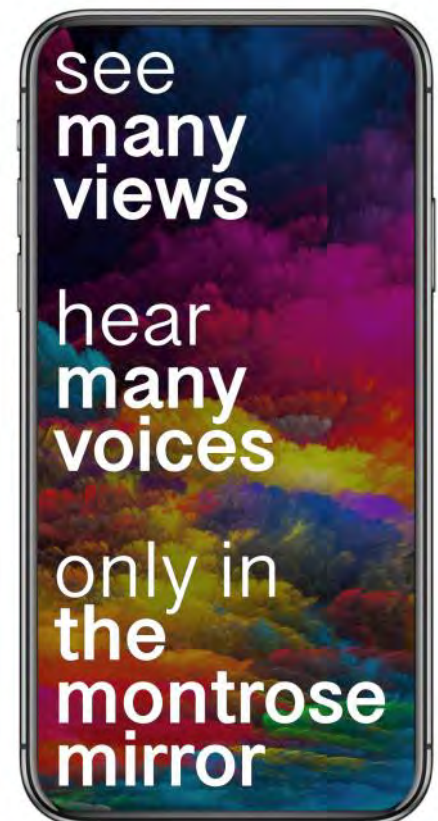
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Hep A	Typhoid
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Hep B	Varicella
Hep A/Hep B	Pneumococcal
HPV	Meningococcal
Shingles	Hep A/Hep B
Typhoid	Japanese Encephalitis
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"As a culture, we need to say comedy is worth fighting for" GAIL MARVEL TALKS WITH KYLE MANN OF THE BABYLON BEE



The Montrose Republicans Lincoln-Reagan Fundraising Dinner & Auction was held at the Montrose County Event Center on Aug. 6. The keynote speaker was Kyle Mann, Editor-in-Chief of The Babylon Bee, which is a conservative Christian news satire publication. Mann said, "I think humor has important worth to society...but we're living in a world that can't take a joke." Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE- The Montrose Republicans held their 2022 Lincoln-Reagan Fundraising Dinner & Auction at the Montrose County Event Center on Aug. 6. The keynote speaker for the event, Kyle Mann, is Editor-in-Chief of *The Babylon Bee*. According to Wikipedia, "*The Babylon Bee* is a conservative Christian news satire website that publishes articles on topics including religion, politics, current events, and public figures. With the tagline 'Fake news you can trust,' the publication has been referred to as a Christian, evangelical, or conservative version of *The Onion*." According to the *Babylon Bee*, "*The Babylon Bee* is the world's best satire site, totally inerrant in all its truth claims. We write satire about Christian stuff, political stuff, and everyday life. The *Babylon Bee* was created ex nihilo on the eighth day of the creation week, exactly 6,000 years ago. We have been the premier news source through every major world event, from the Tower of Babel and the Exodus to the Reformation and the War of 1812. We focus on just the facts, leaving spin and bias to other news sites like CNN and Fox News. If you would like to complain about something on our site, take it up with God."



Led by Zan Waller (second from the left), the Mixed Bag ensemble provided entertainment for the 252 attendees at the Montrose Republicans Lincoln-Reagan Fundraising Dinner & Auction, which was held at the Montrose County Event Center on Aug. 6. Photo by Gail Marvel.

Unlike other satire sites, everything we post is 100 percent verified by Snopes.com."

It's no joke that *The Babylon Bee* has a growing online presence with their website, newsletter, and social media platforms. The publication averages 20M page views a month, with a half-million email subscribers.

Prior to the Lincoln-Reagan event the *Mirror* had a one-on-one interview with Mann. Taking an unconventional path to journalism, Mann was in construction sales before he became a writer and then editor-in-chief. He said, "I love comedy and comedy writing. I had a few things published online. Basically, I've been with the *Bee* since day-one [2016]."

The name, *The Babylon Bee*, has Christian religious significance as it harkens back to the exile and forced detention of Jews in Babylonia (586-538). Mann said, "Bee had a nice sound with Babylon...and a bee has a stinger." While the corporate office is in Florida, the offices for writers of the creative content are located in California. Mann said, "There are a couple dozen full-time and part-time employees. We don't use bylines; we want the content to be the voice of the *Bee*. We brand the voice, rather than individual writers. It's a team effort."

Seldom does the *Bee* use freelance writers. Mann said, "It's better to bring people

onboard. Occasionally someone will pitch us an idea." Paid subscribers are afforded the opportunity to make online comments on the articles. Mann said, "It's a fun group. They play along with the satire. People goofing around. It's a community; a fun community to joke around in."

Mann does not consider the *Bee* to be in competition with other satirical publications. He said, "It's hard to objectively evaluate. We love what we do and we earn our place. We are often number-one in the satire arena."

When asked which topics, politics or religion, generate the most reader interest Mann said, "Current events is the number-one driver. We probably get an equal amount of hate mail. Religion and politics are very similar. For some people, politics has become their religion."

Asked how much time he spends watching the news and looking for topics on current events he said, "I don't enjoy watching the news. It's sort of depressing. We want to look at news in a fun way, through the lens of comedy. We can look at social media and find out what people are talking about."

Although it is a Christian publication, only occasionally will the articles quote Scripture. Mann said, "We use Scripture when it's appropriate, but not as the punch line." Mann cited two examples of satire found in the Bible. He said, "Elijah and the Prophets of Baal. The prophets of Baal mocked the prophet of God, and they mocked God (1 Kings 18:22-40). Then there is Jesus talking about a camel going through the eye of a needle (Matthew 19:24)."

When asked if the mainstream media feel threatened by the *Bee* Mann said, "I think so. I'll give you a recent example. The United States killed al Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri in a drone strike. CNN did not like that more people were reading our headline than theirs. CNN is gate-keeping. The traditional way of communicating news is going a different direction. There is an alternative way to communicate." Occasionally people have mistaken

GAIL MARVEL TALKS WITH KYLE MANN OF THE BABYLON BEE From previous pg

the *Bee's* satire for news, which has resulted in accusations of fake news and deceptive practices. Those that have tried to silence the *Bee* include mainstream news networks, social media, fact-checkers, big-tech, and political PACs. No topics are off-limits to the *Bee* (homeless, handicapped and drug addicts). However, the writers are sensitive to readers and subjects. Mann said, "We're going for humor. I weigh the pros and cons of a certain topic for a joke. It may not be worth the joke."

In his final thoughts, speaking for himself and not the *Babylon Bee*, he said, "I think

humor has important worth to society. I defend people telling jokes. Liberal comedians are getting in trouble for telling jokes and I defend them.

"As a culture we need to say comedy is worth fighting for. There is importance in comedy, but we're living in a world that can't take a joke."



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Editor:

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CONCERNED THAT TRUMP HAS DONE IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO OUR COUNTRY

Editor:

Well the recount is complete, and Tina Peters again lost by more than 80,000 votes. It's interesting that 37 uncounted votes were found in Elbert County where county clerk Schroeder, a Republican, had sued the Colorado Secretary of State along with Mesa County Clerk Peters where 574 uncounted uncounted votes were found in a previous Mesa County election. Other than Mesa County and Elbert County there have been no incidents in the last decade of uncounted votes discovered after an election.

For those who contributed money toward the more than \$250,000 cost of a recount for Peters, this lady "took you for a ride." Colorado County Clerks Executive Director Matt Crane, a Republican and former county clerk, said democrats would have laughed Peters out of the room, but her supporters are doing this to defend Trump. The sad thing is that across the country candidates who support Trump are calling elections fraudulent before votes are even tallied. It is threatening our entire voting process and the peaceful transition of power which is such a fundamental part of our system of government. It is absolutely amazing to me that Trump is able to continue to manipulate and control so many people. I did not think it would ever happen in our country, and I am concerned that Trump has done irreparable damage to our country.

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ROUTES SET, REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CROP DUSTER BIKE RIDE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — Registration for the upcoming Crop Duster bike ride through Uncompahgre Valley farmland is now open as the first-of-its-kind bike ride fundraiser is set for Saturday, Sept. 17. The Valley Food Partnership's Crop Duster, sponsored by Alpine Bank, is a timed road bike ride that will feature both 34-mile and 57-mile routes that will weave riders throughout the fields and farms of the valley with the aim to have locals get to know the rich agricultural heritage of Montrose and the greater Uncompahgre Valley. The fun and accessible races are open to everyone of all ages. Registration can be found at

www.valleyfoodpartnership.org/cropduster.

The 57-mile timed ride will begin in Cerise Park at 10 a.m. (registration at 9 a.m.) and the 34-mile timed ride will begin in Cerise Park at 11 a.m. (registration at 10 a.m.). If you are not interested in being timed, you can start any time after 10 a.m. Following the timed event, a "harvest after party" will begin at 1 p.m. at the Rotary Amphitheater with local food, beverages, and live music. Riders will receive a drink ticket. Sponsors receive a locally-sourced BBQ meal and two drink tickets. Tickets to the Cerise Park feast and after-party can be purchased at www.valleyfoodpartnership.org. Those who do not want to participate in the race are welcome to attend the after-party for a \$20 donation. Kids under the age of 12 can attend the after-party for free. The fundraising race is a benefit of the Valley Food Partnership, VFP, a local non-profit organization whose mission is to connect local agriculture and local people.



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CITIZEN COMMENTS ON EAGLE HEIGHTS REPLAT, BOCC APPROVES REGION 10 REQUEST FOR HOTEL FUNDING

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All commissioners were present for the regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, Aug. 3.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Nick Oros (spelling uncertain) addressed commissioners about an item that came before the BOCC on July 6, the Conrad Subdivision proposal to address the legal description of retained land that was a part of the Eagle Heights Subdivision at Parcel 376522203002, Zoning: General Agricultural. He asked whether the replat could be in potential violation of the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA). "It might warrant further investigation."

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Jon Waschbusch asked to remove Item D-6 from the agenda, *"Consideration and possible authorization of the Chair's signature on an award of the Invitation to Bid Terminal Lounge Seating and Equipment to Vitra, Inc who submitted the most responsive bid for restaurant furniture, airline conference room table, chairs and break room table and chairs as well as waiting room chairs for airport administration office for the new terminal*

expansion, a budgeted one-time expense in the amount of \$61,168.96."

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners voted to approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Montrose Regional Airport Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold presented Change Order Request number 124 from FCI Constructors, Inc for the partial replacement for the main terminal entry road which is beyond its useful service life for the total of \$1,015,228; and a contract change for Change Order No. 1 in reference to the Federal Grant AIP-56 for the Terminal Expansion Project. This includes Federal and Non-Federal items for an overall deduction of \$211,080.07 changing the costs for the work described from \$33,131,241.45 to \$32,920,161.38. Both items were approved.

The BOCC issued a proclamation presented by Human Services Director Jennifer Sherwood, declaring August as Child Support Awareness Month in Montrose County.

Commissioners voted to approve a request by Region 10's Business Loan Fund Director Dan Scinto for a letter of request

to increase the contract amount for contract F18CDB18615 between the State of Colorado and Montrose County by \$200,000. The request is for a boutique hotel; Scinto did not know when the project would break ground. "It's all about jobs," he said.

The new hotel will be a welcome addition, Commissioner Roger Rash said. "We have a lot of hotels; some of them need to be updated...this would be a nice addition to our community."

Commissioners voted to approve the award of an Invitation to Bid Terminal Lounge Seating and Equipment to Arconas Corporation, having submitted the most responsive bid for bench seating, charging stations and bar stools for the new terminal expansion, a budgeted one-time expense in the amount of \$411,876.

MONTROSE COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

A public hearing on an application for a Colorado Liquor Retail License for the Billy Goat Hop Farm LLC, continued from the meeting of July 20, was continued once more as the applicants have chosen to pursue a special use permit. The Local Liquor Licensing Authority reconvened as the BOCC and the meeting was adjourned.

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DELTA HEALTH WELCOMES NEW EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

Special to the Mirror

DELTA— Delta Health is excited to welcome its newest Emergency Department (ED) Director, Kathryn Casey, RN.

Casey was born and raised in Colorado Springs and went to school at the University of Wyoming before ending up in Pueblo, Colorado, where she worked as an emergency room nurse for five years.

"I really like working at Delta Health, and I care for the people and this department and I wanted to make sure that the person who took the director position was going to have that high level of care and a good relationship with the staff and community," said Casey. "I wanted to make sure the ED was taken care of, and I felt like I could step up and be that person to care for the department and the people."

Casey said that her goals for the ED are to create a culture and space where patients feel safe and cared for, and a space where staff has opportunities to grow and increase their skills and education to provide exceptional care.

The Delta Health Emergency and Trauma department treats more than 14,000 patients each year and is certified by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as a Level IV Trauma Center with board-certified ER physicians and specially trained registered nurses.

"I want the communities of Delta County

to know that they will be very well cared for when they come into our Emergency Room," said Casey. "We have strong coverage 24 hours a day, and even if you need something that we don't have at this hospital, our team will stabilize you, and manage your pain and condition until we can get you the higher level of care that you need."

Casey was previously part of the ED nursing staff at Delta Health before taking the Director position. This perspective allows Casey to have a unique understanding of each ED provider and allows her to know exactly what each physician needs to provide great care to every patient.

"Working in an ED at a rural hospital has allowed me to see a variety of cases that we didn't always get experience within the larger city," said Casey. "Because we are the only hospital in the county we see all levels of acuity in the ED, and that is [both challenging and rewarding]."

Casey's experience with emergency care allows her to bring knowledge and awareness to Delta Health and its patients.

"Someone once told me that people don't come to the ER because they want to, most people come to the ER because it's the worst day of their life," said Casey. "So I am always keeping that in my mind. Sometimes we're bringing people back to life or helping someone deal with im-



Delta Health is excited to welcome its newest Emergency Department (ED) Director, Kathryn Casey, RN. Courtesy photo.

mense pain, but it's important to remember that we're here to care for people no matter what their story is."

Casey and her wife currently live in Hotchkiss while renovating their home in Paonia. Casey's wife is a K-8 teacher in Paonia, and the two enjoy spending time with their cats and seven-new baby fainting goats. The two are happy to be on the Western Slope and are looking forward to serving the community.

To learn more about the Emergency Services at Delta Health, visit deltahealth-co.org/emergency-services/ or call 970.874.2222.



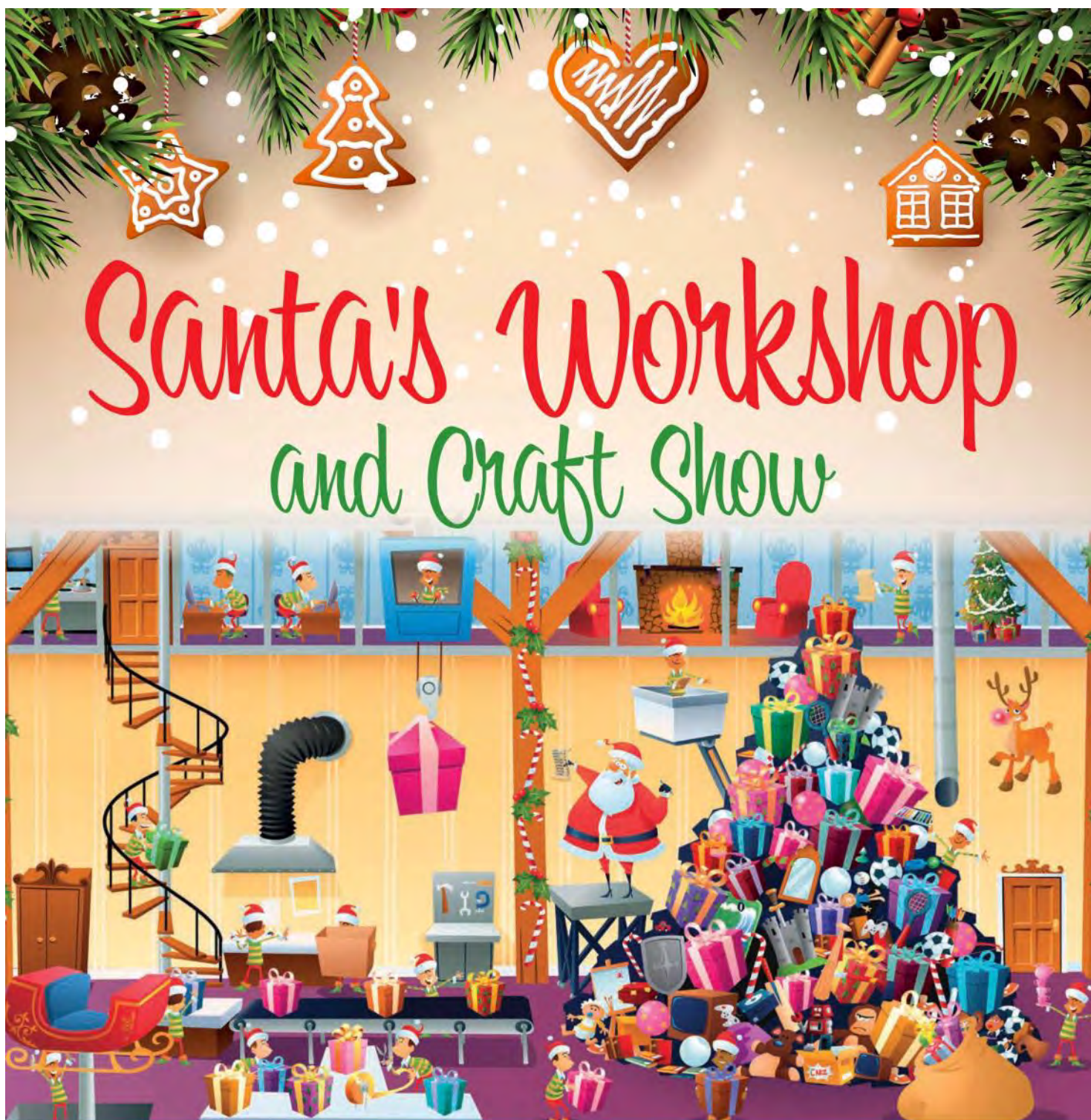
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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

ARE WE ATHENIANS OR SPARTANS?

Editor:

At the last city council election, the 'family' (otherwise known as the city council) received a new member, now councilman Ulibarri. One would expect that this would be an opportunity to rejoice, much like a real family having a baby.

With a new baby in a family everyone is anxious to see that it is brought along correctly. That it is taught the right ways to do things and all members try to teach the new member to be useful to the family group. Unfortunately, this does not appear to be the philosophy with the city council family. Instead, they have apparently decided that instead of having another worthwhile person who has a constituency, experience, and a true desire to contribute, that they will ostracize this new and highly capable asset by ignoring his questions and requests and shove him off into a corner at every opportunity.

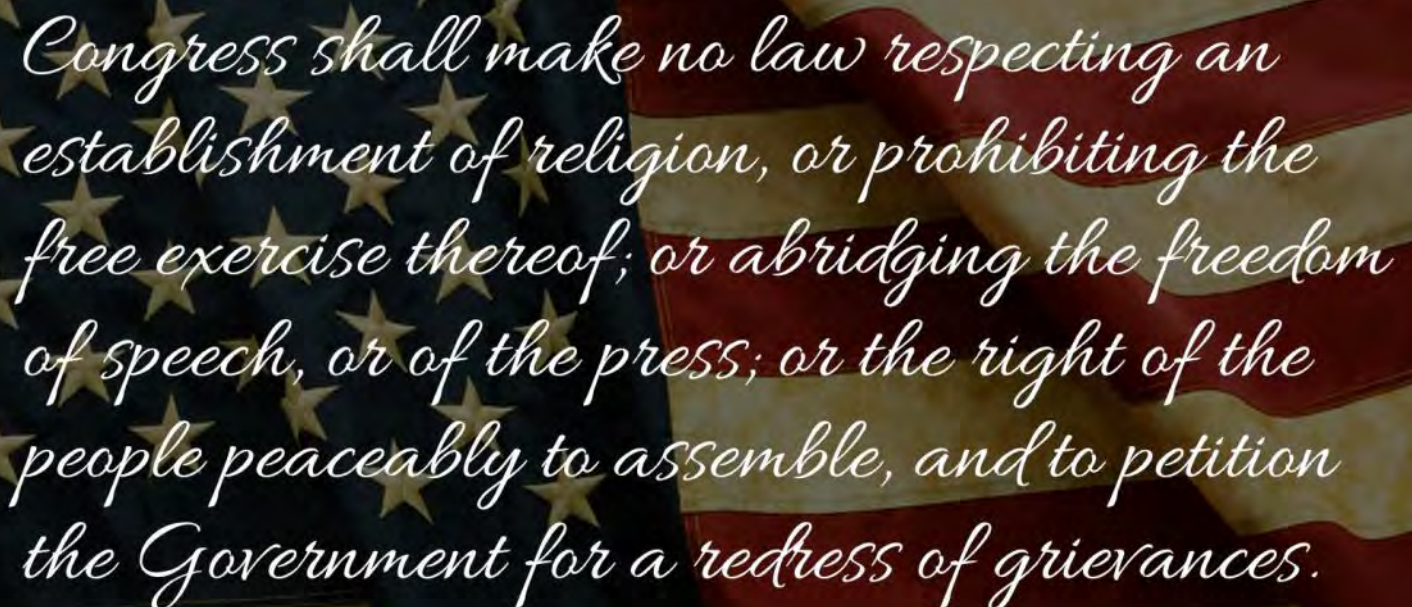
We recognize that Mr. Ulibarri did not spring from the same demorat party as most if not all the incumbent councilmen, but he did get elected to a position representing twenty percent of our fellow citizens. To have the so called 'council family' treat my representative in this manner is highly offensive--and it should be highly offensive to all voters in Montrose in that if it can be done to Ed, this ostracism practice can, if it is accepted by the electorate, be used against any minority (2 out of 5) that ever achieves membership on the council.

This does not achieve decent or honest governance---it achieves a bullying atmosphere---and a dictatorship, rather than being governance by all five members achieving the best possible solution through discussion and compromise.

This city council needs to take some lessons in republican government because they obviously have no foundation for governing their town---or they have chosen to ignore what they were taught.

Thank you, Councilman Ulibarri, for serving the people. We will be watching and supporting your voice for good, open government.

Bill Bennett, Montrose



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BIDEN CONTINUES TO COLLUDE WITH COMMUNIST CHINA

Editor;

Today, Joe Biden must feel like he's in the driver's seat, because he is. His corrupt Democrat cult controlling the House and Senate are now drawing up the worst tax and spend bill in history. The Democrats have this hysterical last chance to completely disable America while they have the majority power in Congress. This is a massive power grab. Some of their hysteria comes from their frustration that they couldn't impeach President Trump with honest and truthful evidence. They resorted to the lowest of the lowest of the lack of any integrity or any core values. All they had was lies, lies, and more lies which actually described just who they really are. Their lies were so despicable that it would have been impossible to make them all up if there was no pattern to copy from. Then, the answer became apparent. All they had to do was look in the mirror, if they shaved, and there were their answers. They were accusing President Trump of being who they saw in the mirror! And now they are at it again. They still want to impeach him again with their China-style Jan 6 trial even though he is out of office!! They think that way he won't be able to run for president again. Hate to disappoint all those America/Trump haters. Don't hold your breath! Trump is still drawing massive rallies everywhere and his endorsed candidates are winning primaries. Watch out Democrats, their coming for your jobs!! Trump's not doing this for entertainment! Now, just look at what Democrats idiotic plans have in store for America with their widely publicized Bilk Back Broke Tax and Spend Bill that they are launching on Americans. They call it the "Inflation Reduction Act"! Another official lie! Spending increases inflation! Not decrease! They even continue to lie when they attempt to

name their despicable attacks on America. They deny out-of-control government spending increases inflation....not decreases it. This massive spending bill gives \$369 Billion to so-called energy and climate efforts. \$300 Billion to Green Loan guarantees. \$80 Billion to double IRS agents for audits (adding 87,000 agents to what they already have!). This doubles the size of the IRS and makes it bigger than the combined size of the Pentagon, State Dept. FBI, and Border Patrol! And they won't be going after \$billionaires or corporations because that's their source for political payoffs. They will be going after families and small businesses. There is \$9 Billion for tax credits to wealthy families to buy electric vehicles! They already are getting a bargain by not having to pay any road tax like gasoline users do. And those conceited electric car owners are charging their car batteries with the burning of fossil fuels and they won't mention that! They should also mail a check to the State and Federal governments for their share of road tax according to their mileage driven. After all, they help contribute to the pot holes in the road! There is \$2.6 Billion to conserve coastal habitats! There is even \$1.5 Billion to plant trees! There has been numerous amendments introduced by Republicans and ALL have been voted down by Democrats. In fact Democrats announced before this fiasco started that they would automatically vote down any amendments Republicans offered!! Ya just can't make up this hideousness! One amendment was to make it illegal for Biden to continue to sell our oil out of our strategic reserves to Communist China. ALL DEMOCRATS VOTED IT DOWN! So the Biden crime syndicate can continue to collude with Communist China and sell our oil to them! Biden said originally that the oil was to bring prices down for Amer-

icans at the pump. But us Americans got none! But it just means Biden lied again! Biden has already sold over two million barrels of oil to Communist China and now the door is wide open for more! By the way, has anyone ever thought about why Biden isn't impeached for collusion with Communist China?? Democrats wouldn't have to lie about Biden's guilt like they did with President Trump! Also in this Bilk Back Broke disaster is an increase in federal gas tax. EVERY DEMOCRAT VOTED FOR IT. There are \$ Billions of new taxes on oil and gas production! And don't forget those taxes will be passed on down to you! There is \$700 Billion in new taxes in 10 years for "Obama care" Guess where that will go? To their favorites over Americans, the Illegals of course! There will be massive new taxes on manufacturing of all kinds. And those costs will also be handed down to you, the consumer.

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Jerry Bartholome, Montrose



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GEYSER SYSTEMS PROMOTES THE ONE GALLON SHOWER CHALLENGE

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MONTROSE-Geyser Systems has announced its campaign to #SaveLakeMead by taking the "One Gallon Shower Challenge." As part of their mission to transform people's relationship to every drop of water, Geyser Systems promotes awareness of Lake Mead's record-low water levels and ways people can conserve water by taking a shower using less than 1 gallon of water.

"The Geyser System turns 0.8 gallons of water into a refreshing, 15-minute shower. If our friends in the city of Los Angeles alone used the Geyser System two days a week, then it would be enough to save 135 million gallons of water per week," says Jonathan, founder and CEO of Geyser Systems.

"We believe that, together, we can leave the world better than we found it and better for all of us. The Geyser System is a way for people to do their part in restoring Lake Mead to healthy levels that can sustain life. What's best is that, with the Geyser System, you can not only reduce water use, but also you can shower anywhere, anytime."

Dr. Solis, Chair and Acute Care Trauma Surgeon at San Francisco's Department of Surgery Sutter Delta Medical Center, says: "It's a solid system that only uses 3 liters of water. I use it. My family uses it. [It's] quick. Easy. Perfect. It's compact and fits in your car, so you can take it anywhere. You can go for a run, or a ride, or enjoy the outdoors and stay totally clean. Most importantly, this innovation could

help us navigate the extreme drought conditions and conserve water in ways that were not possible before."

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COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE TO HOST FOCUS GROUP

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MICHAEL F. NOLAN



MICHAEL F. NOLAN, retired academic from University of Missouri and resident of Cobble Creek in Montrose, CO died on July 29, 2022

after a hard fought battle of cancer at the age of 78 in the care of HopeWest of Montrose at his residence. Michael had a large blended family that he loved, supported, and led through many triumphs and tribulations including his wife, Paula Nolan (Miller); his son, Chris Nolan (Jenny Nolan); his two step-sons, Ryan Thrush (Barbara Thrush) and Evan Thrush (Jen Langfield-Thrush); eight grandchildren (Cole Grett, Payton Grett, Camden Thrush, Ryan Nolan, Alexis Nolan, Liam Thrush, Logan Thrush); and two great-grandchildren (Harrison & Sullivan Grett).

Michael was born in Ithaca, New York to Francena Lounsbery. He was raised by his mother and attended school in State College, PA. He graduated from State College High School in 1961 and went on to attend Muskingum University from 1961 – 1963 and then transferred to Penn State for his final two years of college

graduating with a B.S. in Sociology in 1965. The Penn State graduate went on to obtain his M.S. in Rural Sociology in 1967 and his PhD in 1970 from Penn State University. Upon completing his education at Penn State University, he moved to Columbia, Missouri where he began his very long prestigious career at University of Missouri. Professor emeritus and Associate Dean at the University of Missouri, Michael served 16 years as the director of Applied Social Sciences in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; then 28 years as the college's director of International Agriculture Programs.

As Division of Applied Social Sciences director, he was responsible for four academic programs, several large institutes, five undergraduate and 100 graduate students. From 1980 he served as principal investigator on external grants and contracts that attracted over three decades more than \$80 million in funding. Even in retirement he remained responsible for over \$15 million in external awards and approximately \$5 million in annual grant expenditures.

Along with his wife, Paula, he has endowed a scholarship at the University of Missouri that supports international experiences for undergraduates. Michael's

contributions to Mizzou have been recognized with that institution's Faculty-Alumni Award, College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources' Faculty Mumford Award and an Honorary Membership in the University's Agriculture Alumni Association.

Michael was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather to his entire blended family. He enjoyed traveling around the world, hiking in the Rocky Mountains and during his travels, experimenting with elaborate recipes to which many friends and family enjoyed; he was a musician, avid golfer, and reader.

He was a problem solver who often took on difficult and unwanted projects in both his personal life and career and continued even up until his death, to take care of business. He will be greatly missed, by his family, friends and all who truly knew him.

A memorial service will be held on Oct. 1, 2022 at 1PM at Cobble Creek Golf Course Club House.

Memorial Gifts – HopeWest (hopewestco.org) – Memorial gifts can be sent to HopeWest of Montrose in his memory for patient care and family support for patients who have no insurance or those with immediate need.

ROBERT MICHAEL BECKER

December 8, 1956 – July 14, 2022

ROBERT MICHAEL BECKER, age 65, of Montrose, Colorado passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2022. Robert leaves behind his wife Shelley, daughter Vanessa, mother Jeanine, grandson Clay, and sister Suzanne, as well as a large extended family and many friends. He will be greatly missed.

A celebration of life for Robert was held Saturday, July 23, 2022 at Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary & Cemetery in Centennial.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.olingerchapelhill.com for the Becker family.



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ART & SOL

39TH SAN JUAN CHAMBER MUSICFEST FEATURES EXEMPLARY MUSICIANS

Members of the award-winning Ulysses Quartet from New York City (From L to R) Colin Brooks on viola, Christina Bouey on violin, Rhiannon Banerdt on violin and Grace Ho on cello. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY COUNTY-The majestic San Juan Mountains will once again be the backdrop for the 39th year of classical musical excellence in Southwestern Colorado hosted by the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild. The San Juan Chamber MusicFest presents a week-long series of concerts to delight the classical music enthusi-

ast. OCPAG's flagship event, will again feature a group of musicians of international acclaim, under the artistic direction of renowned concert pianist Max Levinson. The exceptional musicians accompanying Levinson this year are the dynamic Ulysses Quartet from New York City, NY.

The multiple award-winning Ulysses Quartet has been praised for the "textural versatility," "grave beauty" and "the kind of chemistry many quartets long for, but rarely achieve" (*The Strad*), as well as their "avid enthusiasm...[with] chops to back up their passion" (*San Diego Story*), "delivered with a blend of exuberance and polished artistry" (*The Buffalo News*).

The group was founded in 2015 and include Christina Bouey and Rhiannon Banerdt on violin, Colin Brooks on viola and Grace Ho on cello. They have performed in prestigious concert halls and competitions all over the world. The quartet will have a debut album released later this year, with plans for more. And yes, their name does pay homage to Homer's hero Odysseus and his ten-year voyage home. Levinson has been working for years to feature this impressive quartet in Ouray County. More information about the

quartet and the performers may be found at ulysessquartet.com

Venues in Ouray and Ridgway during the week of August 15 - 20 will feature several events, from a larger concert theater to intimate a private home affair in a splendid setting.

The week begins with a Free Children and Family Concert on Monday, Aug. 15 in Ridgway at the United Church of the San Juans at 10 a.m. Children, their families and community members are invited to this interactive engagement with the musicians as they perform child-friendly classical music pieces, describe the instruments they play and answer questions from the audience.

The Classical Café is on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at the 4H Events Center in Ridgway which will offer a pasta meal before the concert for an additional cost. The pasta meal begins at 6 p.m. and then the concert, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will present music from all over the world, to include *Orpheus in the Underworld* by Jacques Offenbach, arranged by Christina Bouey; *Nocturne in C-sharp minor* by Frederick Chopin, arranged by Primrose; *Porgy and Bess Suite* by George Gershwin/Jascha Heifetz, and more. Reservations for the pasta meal must be made by Aug. 9.

A favorite event since 2005, the Evening Salon on Thursday, Aug. 18 at a beautiful private home in Ridgway. The program

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39TH SAN JUAN CHAMBER MUSICFEST FEATURES EXEMPLARY MUSICIANS

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will feature *Piano Quintet in F minor, Op. 14* by César Franck and *String Quartet in G minor, Op. 20, No. 3* by Franz Joseph Haydn. There are spectacular views of the San Juan Mountains from the home and a delectable catered meal by the Secret Garden Catering will be featured. Weather permitting, the seated dinner will be served on the patio outside. Reservations for the 5 p.m. Evening Salon must be made by Aug. 11. To finish the week of marvelous performances, the 39th Festival

Concert will be on Saturday, Aug. 20 at the historic Wright Opera House in Ouray at 7:30 p.m. Featured pieces for the evening are *Los Requebros* from *Goyescas* by Enrique Granados, *Quartet in E-Flat Major, Op. 74* by Ludwig Van Beethoven and *Piano Quintet No. 2 in A major, Op. 81* by Antonin Dvořák.

The Ouray County Performing Arts Guild is a not-for-profit organization

bringing quality events in music, dance, theater and other genres to Ouray and Ridgway. Its purpose is to sponsor presentations and performers of the highest caliber in the performing arts for the enjoyment of Ouray County's residents and visitors. For more information about the SJCMF, this year's artists and information about concert tickets, visit ocpag.org.



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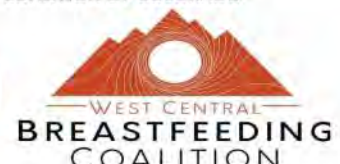
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

REGISTRATION STARTS FOR NEW SESSION OF NH BAND of MONTROSE

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE—"It's never too late" is a cliché that is coming to life, thanks again to the start of the Fall session for the New Hori-

zons Band program. From Sept. 14-Dec. 7, 2022 the Montrose Senior Center will again offer a band instrument class, an entry point for adults with no prior music experience, along with adults once active in a school music program. No previous

musical experience is required. Classes are taught by retired band director/music educator Kim Lundgren.

There will be an Informational Meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, 9:30 am at the Montrose Senior Center, 1800 Pavilion Drive, 81401. Information shared will include how to obtain a quality and affordable band instrument, instrument repair, supplies needed, and rehearsals.

Classes for the next session be on Wednesday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 AM, from Sept. 14 to Dec. 7, 2022 at the Montrose Senior Center. There is no class on Nov. 23. The fee for 12 classes is \$40, with registration and payment made through the Montrose Recreation District. Information about registration is in the Fall Recreation District booklet and at the MRD website. Or you may call the Montrose Senior Center at 970-249-7705. Participants will also pay \$10 to the instructor for music.

Participants will need to provide their own band instrument and supplies, and can learn to play clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, or baritone/euphonium.

This band program is organized in partnership with the New Horizons International Music Association, founded in 1991 to encourage music making for those 50+. According to NHIMA founder Roy Ernst, "Playing music in groups supports good mental and physical health, besides being an unending source of joy."

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

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

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

Affiliation: Presbyterian
Address: 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO. 81401
Office Hours: M-Thu 9AM - 12PM

Contact Information: 970-249-4732, info@fpcmontrose.com, www.fpcmontrose.com
Pastor: Jesse Mabanglo
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 encourage children and youth to grow their relationship with Christ through our children and student ministries

HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Denomination affiliation: United Church of Christ
Address: 611 South Hillcrest Drive, Montrose, CO 81401
Office hours: By appointment
Contact information:
Phone number: (970) 249-9047

Email address: office@montroseucc.org
 Website: montroseucc.org
Current Pastor: Rev. Wendy Kidd
Worship service times: Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
 Please give a one sentence description of your church and its mission in the Montrose community: Hillcrest Congregational UCC is a welcoming, open and affirming church, open to all no matter who you are

or where you are on life's journey.
 Church demographics: HCUCC welcomes all ages to worship with us. (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles) Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare? We offer inter-generational worship with a children's "prayer-ground" and activity packets. A cry room is also available.

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

office@montroseumc.org, montroseumc.org
Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Kevin Young
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-Thu, 9am-4pm
Contact information:
 Phone: 970.249.4887
 website: www.RosemontBaptist.org
 email: office@rosemontbaptist.org
Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson
Worship Service Times: Our engaging and relevant Sunday Worship Service is at

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

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

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

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: In-person Sunday Unity Service at 11 a.m., (Social Time begins at 10 a.m.); Quiet Meditation at 10:30 a.m. Virtual Afternoon Service on Zoom at 2:00 p.m.; Chai Chats, a Wednesday morning midweek informal gathering at 10:30 a.m. at Pun Hill Himalayan Restaurant, Montrose; Thursday Empowerment Circle at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. Everyone is wel-

come. *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 Give-away and Wellness Fair. People of all ages are welcome. There are currently no Sunday School or nursery services provided but craft supplies are available for youth.*

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).

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: NEW BUSINESS

BARN BOUTIQUE FRUITA NOW OPEN

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FRUITA-The Barn Boutique Fruita celebrated its grand opening on Aug. 4 at 210 E Aspen Ave in Fruita, Colorado. We are

excited to offer women's clothing and apparel to the Western Slope and couldn't be more happy to be in downtown Fruita. We cater to women of all ages and sizes

and will be offering community focused events for both connection as well as giving back. We also feature several local vendors for accessories, bath products and art.

Our community is all about inclusivity, fashion, comfort and giving back to our community!

"I am so excited to bring a new boutique to downtown Fruita. I started my community to empower women to feel at home in their bodies and enjoy the shopping experience. We've grown into a large tribe of women who want to support each other in all walks of life. The clothes are an avenue but the real heart of this business is helping women connect and have fun," Emily Kempton, owner, said. You can connect with us through facebook, and by the end of the month we will be offering shopping opportunities online at our website. <https://www.facebook.com/thebarnboutiquefruita>
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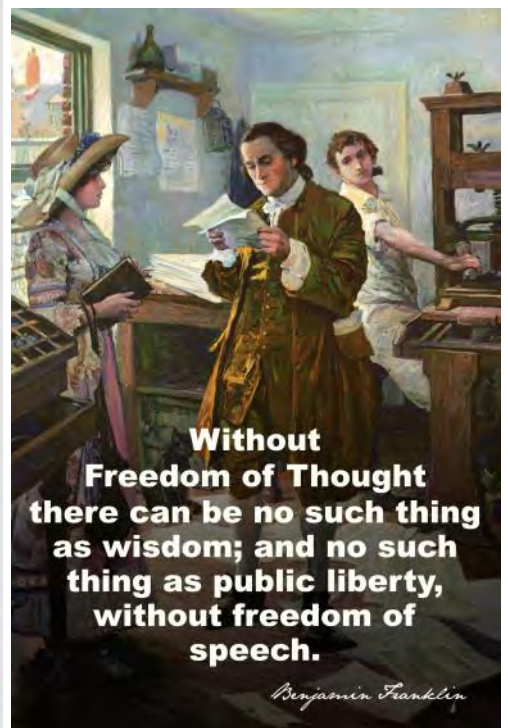
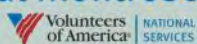
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: HEALTH & WELLNESS

NEW SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY ESSENTIAL TREMOR STARTS IN MONTROSE

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-The International Essential Tremor Foundation (IETF) is proud to announce a new support group for those affected by essential tremor. The first meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 19 at Montrose Public Library meeting room, located at 320 S 2nd St in Montrose. The

group will serve individuals in Montrose County and Delta County, CO; but anyone on the western slope is welcome.

Essential tremor is a neurological condition that affects an estimated 10 million Americans. Although it is not a life-threatening condition, it is a life-altering condition that causes rhythmic trembling

of the hands, head, legs or voice; frequently impacting everyday activities such as eating, drinking and writing. While the severity of the tremor may vary from person to person, it often makes those affected self-conscious or anxious in social situations.

"Essential tremor can be frustrating and embarrassing and affect the quality of people's lives," explains Cathy Trujillo the Montrose Support Group Leader. "This group will offer an informal place where those affected can be themselves. At our group, individuals won't be asked if their hands are shaking because they're cold or nervous, or because they need another drink. They will find support and fellowship among others just like them—others with essential tremor."

Family members of children or others with essential tremor are also welcome. Anyone interested in attending should contact Cathy Trujillo at 405-205-9397 or catvol2022@currently.com to RSVP or with questions.

About The International Essential Tremor Foundation: Headquartered in Lenexa, KS, and founded in 1988, the International Essential Tremor Foundation is the leading organization in the world dedicated to those affected by essential tremor (ET). The mission of the IETF is to fund research that will find the cause of essential tremor and lead to better treatments and a cure, increase awareness about ET, and provide educational materials, tools and support to healthcare providers, the public, and those directly affected by ET.

The IETF has distributed more than \$750,000 in research grants, to fund numerous promising studies, in the search for the cause of ET. The Foundation has hosted numerous community awareness events across the U.S. to provide those affected with the basic knowledge necessary to become their own advocate when seeking treatment. And the IETF also provides assistance to a vast network of support groups around the world. To learn more about essential tremor and the IETF mission, visit the IETF website at www.essentialtremor.org.

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RIDGWAY-As part of our Summer Program Series, Ridgway State Park is pleased to announce guest speaker, Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk on Aug. 13 at 7:30pm, Visitors Center overlook.

Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk was born and raised in southwestern Colorado and resides on the Ute Mountain Ute reservation.

She is an enrolled member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe of Towaoc and spent 10 years in the information technology field, working for Chief Dull Knife College, the Southern Ute Indian, and Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribes. In October of 2013, she was elected to serve as a member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council.

At an early age, Lopez-Whiteskunk began to advocate for land, air, water, and animals, and strongly believes that the inner

core of healing comes from the knowledge of our land and elders.

She is a Master of Environmental Management candidate with Western Colorado University.

Most recently she was appointed by Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland to serve on the Bears Ears National Monument Management Advisory Committee. She has also been employed by the Montezuma Land Conservancy as the Cross-Cultural Programs Manager, she serves on the Telluride Institute Board, Advisory Board for Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Torrey House Press Board, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance Board, and as an advisor for the Women of Bears Ears, she has traveled extensively throughout the country sharing the Ute culture through song, dance, and presentations. She is honored to continue to protect,



Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk . Courtesy photo.


preserve, and serve through education, creating a better understanding of our resources, culture, and beliefs— the greatest foundation for a better tomorrow.

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More info. and Reservations: kathrynrburke.com/history

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ONGOING-

RIDGWAY TRUE GRIT WALKING TOUR Every Friday through September 2.

Arrive Hartwell Park gazebo 2:45pm, depart 3pm.

THE HEALING COLLECTIVE OF WESTERN COLORADO offers local practitioners, who focus on healing the whole being, to attend a free one hour informative get together every 1st Tuesday of the month from 12p to 1 pm upstairs at the Mother Earth store on Main Street. We support one another with our practices, business and personal needs. For more information please contact Erin Easton at ErinKEaston@gmail.com

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.)

MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET SCHEDULE

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

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

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

Aug. 8-The Giving Club will meet Aug. 8 @ Bridges Golf and Country Club / 5:30. All women welcome. Call 209-9598 for more information.

Aug. 11-13-Ouray County Fair

Aug. 11-from 2-3pm at the Montrose Library, CPW is hosting a focus group in Montrose, Colorado to learn more about how you use Ridgway State Park, and other beautiful state parks. Let your voice be heard and please share! Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/colorado-parks-and-wildlife-focus-group-montrose-tickets-358280034227>

Aug. 13-FUNC Fest 2022.

Aug 15-10 a.m.– FREE Children and Family Concert, **Ouray County Performing Arts Guild** San Juan Chamber MusicFest – United Church of the San Juans, 295 N Lena, Ridgway. Free concert for children, their families and the community. OCPAG.org

Aug. 16-7:30 p.m. – Classical Café Concert plus optional Pasta Dinner. RSVP a ticket by August 9 for Pasta Dinner. Ouray County Performing Arts Guild San Juan Chamber MusicFest – 4H Center in Ridgway, 22739 US-550, Ridgway. OCPAG.org

Aug. 18--5 p.m. – Evening Salon and Seated Meal. Tickets and RSVP by Aug. 11. Ouray County Performing Arts Guild San Juan Chamber MusicFest – Private home in Ridgway. OCPAG.org

Aug. 20-7:30 p.m. – 39th Anniversary Festival Concert with Closing Reception, Ouray County Performing Arts Guild Juan Chamber MusicFest. Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray. Tickets \$40 adults, \$5 students (18 years and under) available online or at the door. OCPAG.org.

Aug. 27-The 2022 Montrose Wine & Food Festival, sponsored by Alpine Bank, will be held Saturday Aug. 27, 2022 from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Montrose County Event Center. All proceeds from the event benefit the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club. Tickets and sponsorships are available now and information can be found online at <https://www.blackcanyontickets.com/tc-events/2022-food-and-wine-festival>.

Aug. 27-Saturday, August 27. 10 am - 5 pm. Tribute to Western Movies. Pony rides, kids' activities, live music, cash bar, vendors, food & drink, history demonstrations. Movie reenactments. GHOST RIVER BAND 2-5 pm. Museum of the Mountain West. 68169 Miami Rd., Montrose CO. Tickets \$0-15. At the gate or online. museumofthemountainwest.org

Aug 28-Fortuna Tierra Club's Log Hill Hustle 5k/10K Fun Run, Divide Ranch & Club, 8 am

Sept. 17-Love Your Gorge, Saturday, September 17, Uncompahgre River Gorge, Ouray, Colo. Volunteer work day and picnic with the Ouray Ice Park and UWP. Co-sponsored by the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, Ouray Ice Park, and City of Ouray. Information/

Sept 24--At 4 pm on Sept. 24 don't miss the Ridgway Old West Fest/Glen Campbell Tribute Concert by Debby Campbell.

Sept. 29-30-Ouray Reconnect & Reboot, Thu. & Fri., Sept. 29 & 30: A meetup organized by the San Juan Mining & Reclamation Conference Committee. Join mining, reclamation and water science professionals, researchers, analysts, educators, policymakers, and regulators to advance mine restoration knowledge, technology and projects to benefit local water quality. This two-day event includes a keynote talk at the Wright Opera House, an open house at Ouray Silver Mines offices, happy hours, and field trips to mine restoration projects in the San Juan Mountains. Information, sponsorships & registration soon: <https://www.mountainstudies.org/sjmrc>

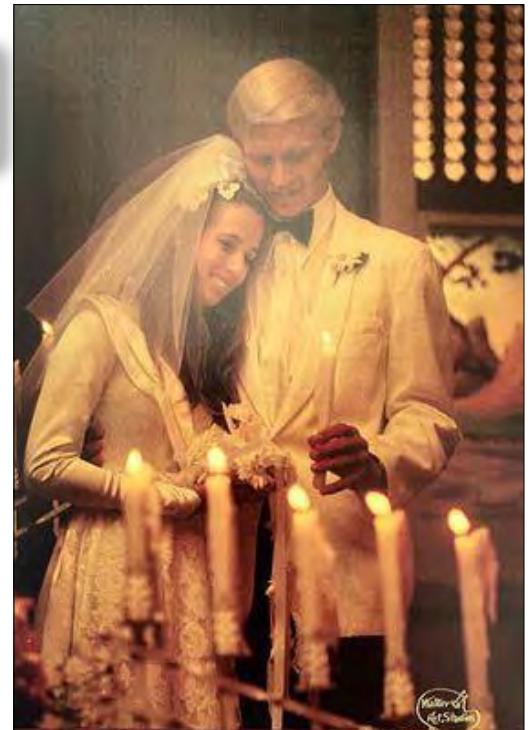
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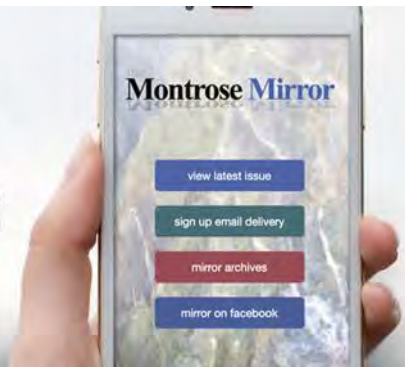
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