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CITY APPROVES 7.47-ACRE CASA PLANNED DEVELOPMENT



Council has designated the Montrose Electric Light & Power Company Building, at 7 South Townsend as a Historic Property. Courtesy photo Montrose County Historical Society.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council met for a regular meeting at the Police Department Community Room on Tuesday, Feb. 7. The meeting was not livestreamed due to the interim location. All councilors were present including Youth Council Representative Hunter Barton.

Mayor Dave Frank welcomed everyone and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance; Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum had no changes to the meeting agenda. Council took time to interview new Youth Council Applicant Shiloh Warthen. Warthen's reason for hoping to join Youth Council, "I hope that I can learn more about local government, and how a community works and functions as a whole," Warthen said. "I would also like to help my community and give back in some way to make things better."

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MONEY A CONCERN WITH WOLF REINTRODUCTION

By Lauren Hall Ruddell, Ph.D.

COLORADO-The ongoing saga of the process of reintroducing wolves to Colorado has changed in tenor over the last several weeks. From support or challenge of the science, although certainly that is still occurring, the dialogue has evolved to one overarching theme of concern to proponents and opponents alike: money.

At the Gunnison meeting, held on Jan. 25, minimum viable population numbers for down listing the gray wolf from state endangered to state threatened were discussed, as was the definition of successive vs. concurrent years for wolf census to determine regulatory actions. These topics paled in comparison, however, to the financial concerns expressed in coping with the economics of an unfunded mandate. At that meeting, Commissioner Dallas May expounded on the cumulative losses that ranchers could incur if not fairly compensated for true value of the lost animals in excess of \$8,000, as well as peripheral costs for such a carcass removal. Commissioner Taishya Adams questioned compensation ratios based on conflict minimization measures. Conflict minimization measures entitle the rancher to a loss ratio for missing animals at 7:1, greater than the rate for non-mitigated ranching operations at a rate of 5:1. This was clarified by staff, and was then expanded upon by another commissioner who confirmed that indirect costs such as carcass removal (which can be very expensive depending upon the location of the kill)



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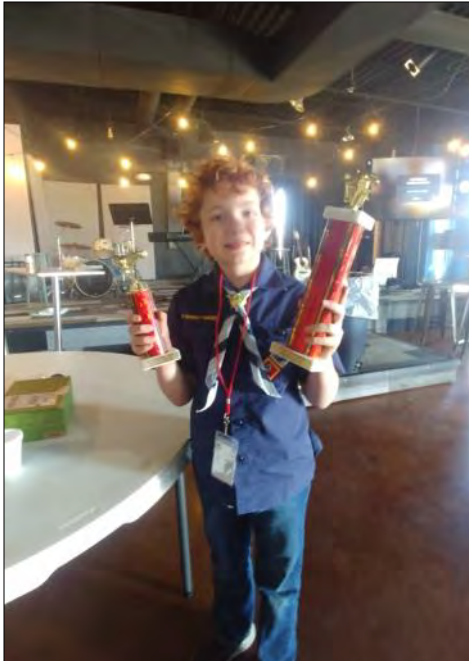
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Editor:

Since Biden's State of the Union speech I have read and heard several comments of

concern regarding the lack of respect shown to our President. I think it deteriorated significantly under Trump with him

viciously attacking anyone who disagreed with him and few willing to criticize him because of fear of retaliation.

I have been disturbed by this lack of respect displayed in Montrose with some thinking nothing of wearing "let's go Brandon" shirts or caps in our recreation center frequented by families. I have even seen bumper stickers in Montrose with the racist and absolutely disgusting message of "Joe and the H--- must go." All of this will continue unless we speak out and condemn such disgusting behavior. Don't we have an obligation to set an example for the youth in our society?

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FAIRFIELD BY MARRIOTT HOTEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Above, Similar to Lego building blocks, the 54 modular units sitting in the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) will be lifted by a crane and locked into place, becoming the newest hotel in Montrose. Colorado Outdoors Developer David Dragoo predicted the Fairfield Hotel would open in July.



.Approval from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was required for the massive crane needed in the placement of modular units used in the construction of the Fairfield Hotel. The hotel is located west of the Montrose County Justice Center.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-In 2021 the City of Montrose issued building and site permits to Lamont Companies of South Dakota to construct the Fairfield by Marriott Hotel.

The 54 self-contained modular units, which were built inside the South Dakota facility, were transported to Montrose and are now being stacked into place.

The new hotel, located on the north end of the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA), is west of the Montrose County



Above, The first week of February, Lamont Companies of South Dakota began putting the first modular units in place for the Fairfield Hotel. Once completed Montrose will gain 90 hotel rooms. Photos by Gail Marvel.

Justice Center.

The MURA board approved \$1.3 M for horizontal site improvements for the Fairfield. City Engineer Scott Murphy said, "Eighty percent of the \$1.3 M has been spent, \$200,000 will go to landscaping."

During the Jan. 25 MURA meeting Colorado Outdoors Developer David Dragoo said, "Individual components, like Legos are ready. Starting next Wednesday [Feb 1] a massive crane will lift the pieces into place. The main lobby is stick built and the ends are modular. They will stack up three stories and the fourth story last. They will be stacking for a few weeks. The crane is very expensive and has to have FFA approval. The hotel will open in July."

Background: The Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) was formed in late 2016 by a resolution of the Montrose City Council. Generally speaking, the MURA

Board oversees the Colorado Outdoors Urban Renewal Area and administers the Tax Increment Financing (TIF), the funding mechanism to finance public infrastructure in the MURA. The property, which covers 158 acres along the river corridor between the Justice Center on the north and West Main on the South, is being developed by the Dragoo's Mayfly Outdoors. The Dragoo Developers are son David Dragoo and father Doug Dragoo.

The 10-member MURA board is made up of Montrose City Council (five members), City Manager Bill Bell (Executive Director), Brad Hughes (Montrose County), Chair Tad Rowan (Montrose Fire Protection District), Steve Bush (Montrose School District) and Allison Howe (Special Districts Representative). The six-member city constituency hold the controlling interest and actions of the MURA Board.

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are not covered at this time.

During the subsequent Feb. 7 meeting, funding and compensation were again hot topics. Progress had been made in terms of definitions and clarification, but funding was still a critical path. In addition, it became plain that Chapter 4 recommendations for wolf management, including lethal control of problem animals, had become a political football. The majority of public attendees supported the work of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAG) and urged commissioners to maintain the integrity of the draft plan as regards wolf management and not pick apart the plan to satisfy pro-wolf interests at the cost of ranchers and outfitters. Commissioner May echoed this sentiment, stressing the importance of answering outstanding questions holistically and avoiding a piecemeal approach.

Outfitter and guide Adam Gall, a SAG member from Hotchkiss, stated that it would be wise for the commission to move forward with recommendations of staff, who are well qualified to make determinations. This was echoed by SAG member Hallie Mahowald, programs director for the Western Landowners Alliance (WLA), who implored the commission to honor the spirit of collaboration shown so far. This was further supported by another SAG member and sheep rancher, Renee Deal. She urged full support of CPW staff and process of collaboration

and compromise. She noted that they are a phenomenal staff but are stretched too thin already. Adding staff is therefore critical and adding well-trained staff who can train producers would become an important component for the success of this plan as time goes on. Don't pick apart the current plan into pieces, she too urged, but "keep it holistic."

Building upon that theme, Chairwoman Hauser noted the urgency and necessity of identifying a dedicated source of funding in order for certain important phases of this project to move forward. It was confirmed at this meeting that such a dedicated funding stream is actually the purview of the state legislature. Hauser later broached a subject she referred to as 'the elephant in the living room,' referring to the status of federal 10(j) guidance. Staff reported that intense and collaborative discussion at state and federal levels was nearing closure, and that a finding should be forthcoming in February. A 10(j) rule concerns management of "experimental populations" to recover a species and allows more flexible rules for target species management, like permitting the lethal control of predators, even endangered ones, that attack livestock. Once the 10(j) rule is released, the FWS will schedule a series of public meetings.

In a surprise turnaround of the compensation debate, after much discussion between commissioners and much input

from ranchers and other producers, the commission voted to consider a \$15,000 cap--much higher than the previously proposed and highly controversial cap of \$8,000. Even more remarkable, veterinary expenses for injuries to extraordinarily valuable livestock became additive, not inclusive. This terminology means that if a producer with a \$15,000 roping horse incurred \$14,000 in vet bills for the presumed remedy of that horse's (or cow or other high value breeding stock) injuries and then that animal dies anyway, that with the proper documentation, that rancher or farmer could be entitled to up to \$30,000 in compensation. Although this was recognized as a truly rare and worst case scenario, the fact that the commissioners approved these amounts without having a dedicated source of funding provided for this project indicated a willingness to 'make whole' any producers affected adversely by the presence of introduced wolves.

Many items were so complex that they were parked for further discussion at the next meeting, which will be virtual only on Feb. 16, and then continued where necessary on the final public input meeting of Feb. 22 in Denver.

For more information about the remaining meetings agenda and public comment opportunities, go to: <https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/CommissionMeetings.aspx>

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STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE WAS SPUN LIKE CARNIVAL COTTON CANDY

Editor:

As expected, Biden's State of the Union message was spun like carnival cotton candy giving short shrift to the myriad disgraceful issues adversely affecting every American and the future of our country. With 75% of the country demanding a new direction and only a hard core 37% of his party supporting his agenda of destruction, he blindly plunged ahead with plans for more massive socialist spending. In spite of our national debt exceeding 31

trillion, he indicated no willingness to consider a reduction in long out of control over spending!

In two short years Biden's/Harris's policies have proven extremely harmful to the domestic front.

As Commander and Chief his failure to act in a timely manner regarding the Chinese spy balloon that was allowed to transverse our entire country transmitting critical information back to China is a clear indication of his incompetence in safeguarding

this country.

There should be no doubt in the minds of all Americans that the Biden administration is the most corrupt and incompetent in the history of our country.

This country simply doesn't deserve two more years of a Biden administration. If ever impeachment was deserved it applies to Biden/Harris. As next in line, speaker Kevin McCarthy would do a more credible job of protecting this country.

Dee Laird, Montrose

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PRICE ADJUSTMENT



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to make things better.”

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Real Estate Agent Adam Renfrow spoke. “I’m just curious...is there any way with council to have dark sky be a part of development understanding?”

He used the example of a new storage development with lights that are not dark sky friendly. “How do we as a town protect dark sky initiatives, especially in a corridor that we’re saying is a dark sky area?”

Mayor Frank thanked Renfrow for his comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously.

NEW TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE

Council voted unanimously to approve a new Tavern liquor license at 35 N. Cascade Avenue for Daisy McEachern, d.b.a. Red, White and Brew Tavern, for consumption on the licensed premises.

ORDINANCE 2611 - SECOND READING

Council voted to approve Ordinance 2611 on second reading, granting, and authorizing the conveyance of an interest in City-owned real estate to neighboring landowner James Renfrow, who years earlier had donated the parcel to the city for the golf course. Renfrow will maintain the property.

Councilor Ed Ulibarri asked whether proceeds from the fund will be used for the golf course; Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said the funds will go to the city’s general fund.

The golf course is a separate account, she said. “I would love for it to be self-sustaining...we try to provide improvements for the golf course every year...”

James Renfrow spoke and requested that the money stay with the golf course. He and Tom Cheney pay for irrigation to help fill the lake, must maintain the ditch, and need a drain poured. “Maybe use some of the money...it’s just a request but I don’t want to screw up the deal.”

ORDINANCE 2612-FIRST READING

As presented by City Attorney Ben Morris, Council voted to approve Ordinance 2612 on first reading, revising Chapter 10-1 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose

for the regulating of traffic; adopting by reference the 2020 edition of the “Model Traffic Code for Colorado Municipalities;” repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; superseding the 2003 Model Traffic Code for Colorado Municipalities; providing other provisions consistent with the adoption of the 2020 code; and providing penalties for violation thereof.

Municipal Court Judge Charles Greenacre spoke in support of Ordinance 2612, which brings Montrose in line with current state law. “I think this is a very important update; it’s going to streamline things for the court.”

CASA PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

Also approved was the CASA Preliminary Planned Development, presented by Planner II William Reis. The development encompasses 7.47 acres north of the San Juan Bypass.

The Planning Commission and staff had recommended conditional approval: “This Planned Development does not allow for the use of sheds, tents, or other temporary structures, for housing or shelter. The property is not authorized to be used as a parking lot for cars, trailers, or recreational vehicles which are being used for housing or shelter. The operator of the organization will actively work to prevent these outlined unauthorized uses on this property.”

Executive Director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the Seventh Judicial District Carlton Mason discussed the project, which will help CASA continue to address the needs of 18-to-24 year old individuals who are aging out of foster care.

Background-A memo from Planner William Reis to Council notes, “The CASA Planned Development is a proposed residential development on the northern side of Montrose, located on Lot B of the San Juan Industrial Park Subdivision Phase 1. The property is approximately 7.47 acres in size and is north of N San Juan Ave. The property is zoned I-1 Light Industrial District. The property is planned to have 45 supportive housing units, along with a community center. Properties with multiple residential buildings on one lot require

a Planned Development. Supportive housing is considered a conditional use in the I-1 Light Industrial District. The conditional use may be approved with the Preliminary Planned Development and Final Planned Development and does not require a separate application.”

KLEIN ADDITION ANNEXATION AND RELATED ORDINANCES

Mayor Frank opened a public hearing on the annexation of the Klein Addition, following which Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2023-02, Findings of Fact for the Klein Addition; Ordinance 2613 on first reading for the annexation of the Klein Addition; and Ordinance 2614 on first reading, providing for the zoning of the Klein Addition as an MHR, Manufactured Housing Residential District.

ORDINANCE 2615-FIRST READING

Planner II William Reis presented Ordinance 2615 for consideration and approval, offering a compelling look at one of Montrose’s early structures. The ordinance was approved unanimously by Council, designating the Montrose Electric Light & Power Company Building, with a historic address of 7 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado, as a City of Montrose Historic Property.

Background-A memo from Reis to the City’s Historic Preservation Commission notes that the structure is significant for its association with the history of power generation in Montrose, having been erected in 1899 to house the Montrose Electric Light and Power Company: “The first power company organized in Montrose was the Montrose Electric Light company, incorporated in 1889 by P.A. and Alonzo Hieber and associates. The Hiebers had a planing mill in which the electric unit was housed. The plant provided direct current in town for a few arc and incandescent lamps after the mill had closed down at night. A small steam boiler and engine were used to generate electricity. In 1892, the plant was moved to the Montrose Flour mill. At this Location, the steam plant was used to supplement the water wheel, which ran the flour mill during the day and furnished a little lighting service in the town during the night. During the Panic of 1893, the plant was taken over by E.S.

CITY APPROVES 7.47-ACRE CASA PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

From previous pg

Kassler of Denver. In 1896, the Montrose Enterprise reported, 'The erratic manner in which this town is supplied with electric lights is enough to try the patience of Job.' To improve service, the Kasslers increased the capitalization of the company and organized the Montrose Electric Light and Power Company on 14 March 1898. In May 1899, the company moved into its own new brick power house on Townsend Avenue. A new 125 HP Corliss engine was installed. A large crowd attended the opening of the new plant in July 1899, and in subsequent years, the company improved its service. A new generator was added in 1900, and more equipment in 1902-03. However, the rates for service were so high that complaints were frequent, and Kassler eventually sold his interest to the United States Light and Traction Company of Denver. Under that company, the plant was moved to a new location and service improved. By 1908, the building had been turned into a feed warehouse, with scales in front to the west. The building continued in this same function through the 1940s, when it was known as the Valley Feed and Seed Company."

6700 ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Council voted to approve \$4,595,856.14 in expenditures for construction of the 6700 Road Extension Project, including the award of a construction contract to Williams Construction in the amount of \$4,387,256.14, a survey and engineering support contract to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of \$133,600, flashing crosswalk and school zone signage expendi-

tures of \$25,000, and \$50,000 in expenditures to Delta-Montrose Electric Association for a portion of costs associated with powerline relocation and undergrounding alongside the project.

RAUSCH USA CCTV SEWER CAMERA VAN PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION

Council voted to approve purchase of a Rausch USA CCTV sewer camera van from Ten Point Sales & Marketing LLC, of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, for the total purchase price of \$279,833.

2023 TRASH TRUCK PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION

Council approved purchase of purchase of three trash trucks from Kois Brothers Equipment in Commerce City, Colorado, for the total purchase price of \$1,226,495.25.

2022 FORD VEHICLE PURCHASE AMENDMENT

Council approved a cost increase totaling \$146,830.48 for the 2022 Ford vehicle purchase previously awarded to Sill-Terhar Motors.

The vehicles are ready for delivery during the first quarter of 2023, Scheid said, "The 2022 cars are here!" Mayor Pro Tem Bynum said.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Youth Council Representative Hunter Barton gave an update on activities.

"We are planning a major event to be coming up here in March...last year it was called Rock the Rec, it was to raise awareness for alcohol usage or drug usage. This year the theme will be mental health

awareness with an emphasis on physical activity. We are planning to have a series of tournaments...held at the Rec Center with a St. Patrick's Day theme," Barton said.

When Mayor Dave Frank asked if he was enjoying his time on Youth Council, Barton said yes. "It wasn't anything like I expected but it's still fun."

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilor Doug Glaspell thanked staff for hustling to obtain the products the city needs.

Mayor Frank thanked IT and Tech staff. "They have really done a great job...pats on the back for the entire group."

"I'd like to second that," Ulibarri said.

Glaspell asked when the new council chambers will be available.

Scheid said that the project will be complete by the end of March, with move-in set for early April, which coincides with moving dates for City Hall.

Ulibarri thanked Police Chief Blaine Hall. "I've been getting a lot of comments about the police department stopping a lot of people and reminding them that we have traffic laws," he said. "And also, there's been some comments about them monitoring the crosswalks, which I personally think that needs to be addressed even more, but they're doing the best they can based on their personnel. I hope that pretty soon they'll get some more personnel and be fully staffed and we can make Montrose a safer place."

"Workin' on it all the time," Mayor Frank said, and called for the meeting to be adjourned.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

OPEN LETTER ON HB23-1068: PET ANIMAL OWNERSHIP IN HOUSING

Dear Representative Alex Valdez:

I am writing to ask you to withdraw your bill, HB23-1068 (Pet Animal Ownership in Housing) for the reasons stated below.

As a now former landlord (we sold our rental property) in Montrose, Colorado, I can tell you that the main reason we sold our rental property was that our last tenant's two dogs did almost \$6,000 in damage to our property that we were never able to recover from him. Door trim was torn to shreds, the carpet and pad were ruined by urine and feces, blinds, walls, etc. were all damaged and in need of repair. Contrary to our lease agreement, the tenant did not maintain renters' insurance and our insurance carrier did not cover the damage.

Taking him to small claims court garnered a judgement in our favor, however, the tenant moved out of state, and we were never able to obtain payment for the debt

in spite of turning the matter over to a collection agency.

On top of this, evicting him took almost three months due to existing laws that, like your bill, were intended to protect tenants from unethical or socially irresponsible landlords, but instead, caused financial harm to we, the property owners, in the form of repairs and lost revenue needed to pay the mortgage on the property. All told, our losses approached \$10,000. Simply put, being a property owner that tried to provide affordable housing for members of our community over the years proved to simply not be a viable option for us any longer.

Your bill, while socially admirable, portends, in my opinion, to accelerate the reduction in available rental properties throughout the State of Colorado thereby exacerbating our statewide housing crisis.

Our experience and those of many others will become evident without much research on the subject, hence I hope that your hearings on this bill will lead you to recognize that this bill, while well intentioned, has some very problematic and undesirable outcomes in spite of your attempt to create a \$250,000 fund to reimburse, on a first come first served basis, up to \$1,000 for such animal caused damaged as well as saddle the insurance industry and property owners with yet another regulatory edict that will drive up the cost of property insurance for everyone in the State.

Simply put, this bill is not good for the citizens of Colorado who struggle to find reasonably priced housing as well as for the property owners attempting to provide said housing to them.

Thank you for your consideration.

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BLM SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT JUMBO MOUNTAIN TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Uncompahgre Field Office is seeking feedback on a preliminary Environmental Assessment for the Jumbo Mountain Comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan involving about 1,900 acres of public land near the town of Paonia, CO. The plan would designate approximately 30 miles of travel

routes in the Jumbo Mountain Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) as part of the 2020 Uncompahgre Field Office Resource Management Plan.

In summer 2021, the Uncompahgre Field Office conducted a pre-scoping period to obtain input from community partners, local government, recreational groups, and the public on travel routes within the SRMA. The BLM used this feedback to in-

ventory sensitive resources and inform route evaluation and development of the draft analysis.

"A travel management plan allows us to make the existing trail system official by installing signage and maps and performing trail maintenance work," said **Suzanne Copping, Uncompahgre Field Manager**.

"These measures are critical for improving the quality of the recreational user experience and protecting natural and cultural resources in the SRMA."

Public meetings are planned for Wednesday, March 15 and Thursday, March 16 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Paonia Town Hall Community Room, 214 Grand Ave., Paonia, CO. The meetings will be open house format, with BLM employees available to answer questions and clarify information in the draft analysis.

The public comment period runs from February 10 through April 10, 2023. Substantive comments on the preliminary Environmental Assessment can be submitted online through the BLM ePlanning project website at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2022951/510>; or by U.S. mail to: BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, Attn: Caroline Kilbane, 2465 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401. Project maps and information, including how to submit comments, is available on the ePlanning site.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or any other personal identifying information in your comments, please be advised that your entire comment, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request the BLM to withhold personal identifying information from public view, the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so.

If you have additional questions, contact Caroline Kilbane, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at 970-240-5310 or by email to ckilbane@blm.gov.



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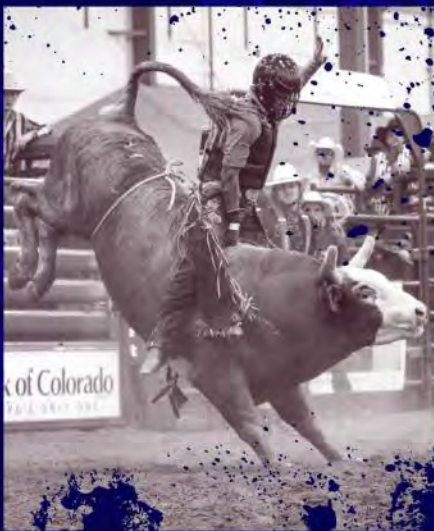
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COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE CLOSES MEEKER INVESTIGATION

Special to the Mirror

MEEKER— A Colorado Parks and Wildlife investigation that began on U.S. Forest Service land near Meeker in October 2022 has concluded. CPW investigators could not determine the exact cause of death for a few calves with hide damage and trauma consistent with a canine attack. Discovery of a pack of nine dogs harassing wildlife seven miles from the livestock incident cast doubt on whether wolves were in the area. CPW is working with the Rio Blanco County Sheriff's office on a call-by-call basis and will deal with any domestic dog issues according to legal processes.

"Although a few cattle showed wounds consistent with injuries from large canines, further investigation to collect additional evidence has yielded no confirmation of wolves in the area," said CPW Northwest Region Manager Travis Black. "Based on the hide damage and muscle trauma to the animals, we believe these few cattle were likely killed, or injured and died later, by some species of canine larger than coyotes," Black said, "but we do not have specific evidence to determine what species of canid caused the depredations. The 90-day window allowed for producers to provide proof of loss has expired, so the investigation is being closed." The owner of the livestock, Lenny KlingleSmith, agreed and praised the agency for its thorough investigation. Due to lack of evidence of wolves in the area, KlingleSmith will not be further pursuing compensation.



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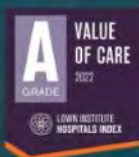
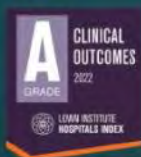
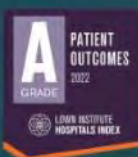
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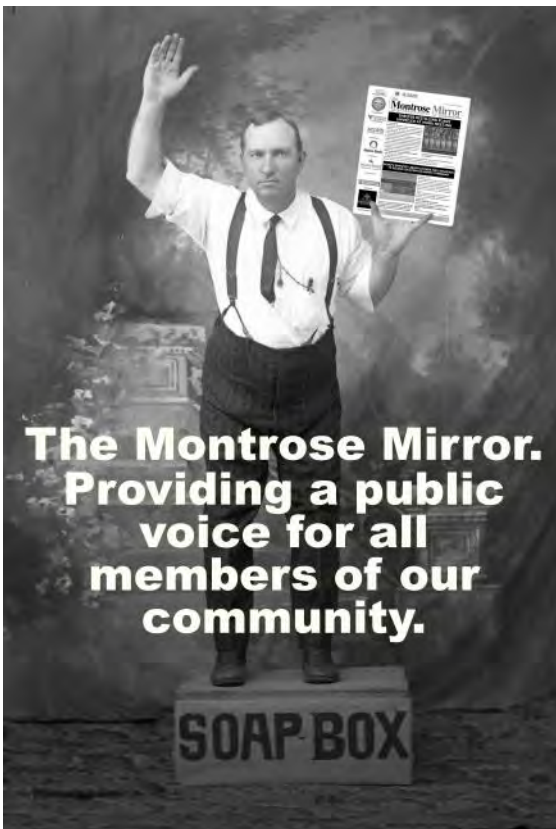
GRACE GIBSON OF MONTROSE ON DEAN'S LIST AT SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY

Special to the Mirror

LORETTO, PA-- Congratulations to Grace Gibson of Montrose, Colorado for being named to the Dean's List at Saint Francis University. Gibson, majoring in Aquarium and Zoo Science, was among 838 students who earned a spot on one of the honors lists (President's and Dean's) for the fall 2022 semester.

To earn an honors list distinction a student must have full-time status with a quality point average of 4.0 (President's) or 3.50 (Dean's) on 12 or more credits during a single semester, with no continuing or incomplete grades.

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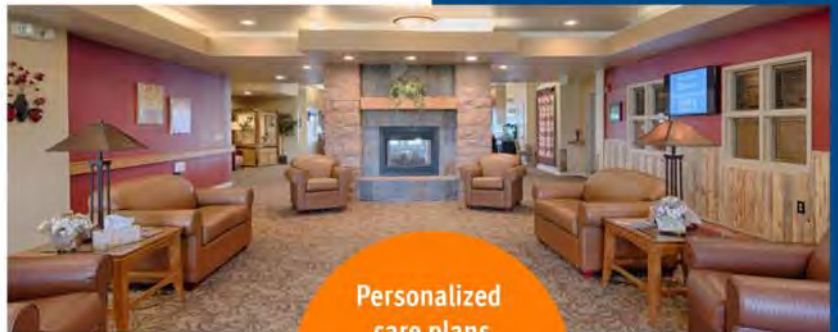
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DMEA ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT 4 BOARD VACANCY

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is now accepting applications for its vacant District 4 director seat. The position was previously held by Ken Watson of Montrose, who recently resigned after taking a job out of state. Co-op members interested in filling the vacant seat and serving on DMEA's board can submit their applications online at dmea.com until 5 p.m., March 10, 2023.

"We wish Ken and his family the best of luck as they embark on their new adventure, and we are grateful for his service to DMEA and its members. Ken's contributions to DMEA were significant, and I en-

courage any member interested in positively impacting their community to apply," said DMEA CEO Jack Johnston.

District 4 represents portions of the City of Montrose and Montrose County, including north Montrose, south Montrose, and the rural eastern part of the county. Members can view the co-op's district map online or call DMEA at 877-687-3632 to confirm in which district they live.

Members seeking nomination for the vacant director position must:

- maintain their primary residence within District 4
- be an individual at least 21 years of age
- be a member of DMEA in their individual

capacity

-complete the online application form by 5 p.m., March 10, 2023

Additional eligibility guidelines are available at dmea.com in DMEA's Bylaws, specifically Article 4 – Directors.

DMEA's Board of Directors will interview eligible applicants in April and appoint the new District 4 representative at the regularly scheduled DMEA Board Meeting on April 25, 2023.

The appointed term for the District 4 board seat will end in 2025. For more information about DMEA Board of Director roles and responsibilities, contact Amy Taylor at amy.taylor@dmea.com.



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POLICE TO HOST CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — With an emphasis on helping local business owners thwart crime and integrate prevention strategies into their daily business operations, Montrose Police Department commanders are hosting a public meeting Thursday, Feb. 16, that will serve as a community crime prevention workshop.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be held at the new Montrose Public Safety Complex's Community Room, located at 434 South First Street.

The meeting is focused on businesses that operate within the Montrose Police Department's jurisdiction, which is the city limits of the City of Montrose. Montrose Police Commander Matt Smith said the meeting will foster discussion between business owners, Police Department officers, and city staff about strategies for crime prevention. "We look forward to joining local business owners from within the City of Montrose at this meeting," Smith said. "Our goal is to strengthen the partnership between business owners and

police officers in the ongoing efforts to prevent crime throughout the community."

Informational topics such as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, CPTED, will be presented and discussed, and police staff will be present to answer questions. Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall will deliver a presentation on local crime statistics that will provide business owners a window into local criminal activity. The department will also discuss programs geared toward crime reduction.

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RIDGWAY-The electric distribution grid that serves the members of San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) is an engineering marvel that enables members to enjoy a modern lifestyle amid a rugged and beautiful landscape. Maintaining this complicated system in an environment that consistently batters it with harsh weather, rockfall and treefall events, as well as wildlife and human-caused impacts, is an expensive endeavor.

These maintenance expenses are shared by all members who pay a fixed access fee on their monthly bill along with whatever charges they have collected from energy they've used the previous month. There are, however, some who derive benefit from the grid, without paying their part of these maintenance costs. Recently defined "Idle" and "Seasonal" accounts can turn off their power and stop paying bills only to return to a well-maintained grid, at a later time, and start up again. The costs of grid upkeep, during their absence, is split among the remaining active members.

In an effort to ensure equitable cost recovery, SMPA reached out to members and holders of idle accounts, defined as any service that has been inactivated or disconnected for a period of at least 90 days, and to holders of seasonal accounts, defined as any service that is routinely disconnected and reconnected within a 12-month period. These account-holders were informed of SMPA's proposed revisions to its General Rules and Regulations.

The operative revisions require that at the time of shutoff, these account-holders can opt to continue to pay the monthly access fee to help fund maintenance of the system and their service, or they can retire the service. This latter option would give SMPA the ability to remove power delivery equipment, thus reducing maintenance costs and liabilities.

At their March meeting (3-28-23), the SMPA Board of Directors will consider adding the new language to the General Rules and Regulations. Members interested in learning more can find more information at www.smpa.com/start-new-service-or-discontinue-service#idle_services.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

TYRANNY CANNOT SURVIVE IN THE LIGHT

Editor:

Not a day goes by that Democrats are not caught in multiple blatant lies about their "accomplishments." Biden just erupted with the following statement about inflation: "It was already here, man. Remember what the economy was like when I got here? Jobs were hemorrhaging. Inflation was rising. We weren't manufacturing a damn thing here." Every word a blatant lie. Inflation was 1.4% when Biden took office. After passage of his \$1.9 trillion "American Rescue Plan" giveaway, it hit 4.2%. By June 2022 (after even more unfunded runaway spending), it topped 9%. America lost 22 million jobs to COVID lockdowns in early 2020, but by the end of that year, we'd recovered more than half. Under Biden, the pace slowed massively. It wasn't until June 2022 that the nation recovered the rest. And that had nothing to do with Biden, but was due to the end of lockdowns. And the manufacturing sector boomed in the Trump years. With Biden's State of the Union Address coming up, prepare yourselves for more blatant lies about our current circumstances. Don't expect to hear about workers' real wages decreasing significantly under Biden, resulting in a

significant pay cut for working Americans. Don't expect to hear anything about the fact our union is much weaker, much less secure, and much more divided under Biden.

The question that must be asked is: How do Democrats get away with such a pattern of dishonesty? Part of the problem is that there is a certain percentage of Americans who choose to be uninformed about what is happening in this country. They look at their natural gas bill suddenly jumping to \$350 per month for their modest but well-insulated home and have no clue that it's due to Biden's destroying our domestic oil production. A much bigger problem is that most of our media are now no more than the propaganda wing of the Democrat party. They are comfortable promoting socialist agendas that depend first of all on the destruction of this nation's democratic foundations and institutions. You have to ask why.

Money talks. Billionaire financier George Soros has extensive financial connections with 253 global media organizations. Soros's money is flooding news outlets. A hard-left group financed by Soros is also now purchasing 18 Spanish-language radio stations giving him access to one-third of

the Hispanic population. This is the same Soros who was the Democrat's top donor in 2022, giving at least \$126 million. The same Soros who funds the "no bail" / "the felon is the victim" District Attorneys across the country. His money finances his "open society" agenda that is radically Marxist Socialist. Open Society advocates for abortion, Marxist economics, defunding the police, lax law enforcement, open borders, violent environmentalism, and LGBT activism. That sounds remarkably like the Democrat platform, doesn't it?

There has to be a reason that when you read an article about the fentanyl epidemic, for example, it omits key points like the crisis is a direct result of Biden opening our southern border and that the fentanyl is manufactured in China. And you sure don't read about the University of Pennsylvania, the site of the Biden Penn Center, receiving \$54 million from China, or China giving over \$1 billion to other U.S. universities.

Tyranny cannot survive in the light. It requires lies, oppression, and a small percentage of the population willing to sell their souls to keep the elites' narratives going.

Chanda Ouimet, Montrose

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

BECAUSE YOU PUBLISH THOSE 'LETTERS TO THE EDITOR' MONTROSE LOOK LIKE A HAVEN FOR THE UNINFORMED AND UNEDUCATED

To the Editor of the Montrose Mirror:

And so today, I just choked on the absolute lie that you published about the Chinese spy balloon not being shot down by Biden. He DID request to have it shot down. It couldn't be shot down over populated areas. It was shot down in the most intelligent location.

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"letters" are published every single week that they are in fact, your employees who are putting forth your own political agenda under the misleading guise of "Letters to the Editor".

In our democracy I find these letters deeply divisive, unnecessarily lengthy, and in most cases, spreading untruth. If these are your own political views, why don't you write your own weekly editorial? Or do you just enjoy spreading the "letters" throughout your publication? Your advertisers must also embrace this political rhetoric. I do keep that in mind when making purchases.

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views on any subject, I could simply publish my own newspaper on or offline.

Your publication could benefit from limiting the number of words you publish in a "Letter to the Editor" or have it be known that those same four writers are paid by you to write verbose and deliberately divisive articles every single week. Most likely, everyone already knows this as fact. Because you publish those "Letters to the Editor" written weekly by the same four people, it really makes Montrose look like a haven for the uninformed and uneducated. Cooler heads (and brains) need to prevail.

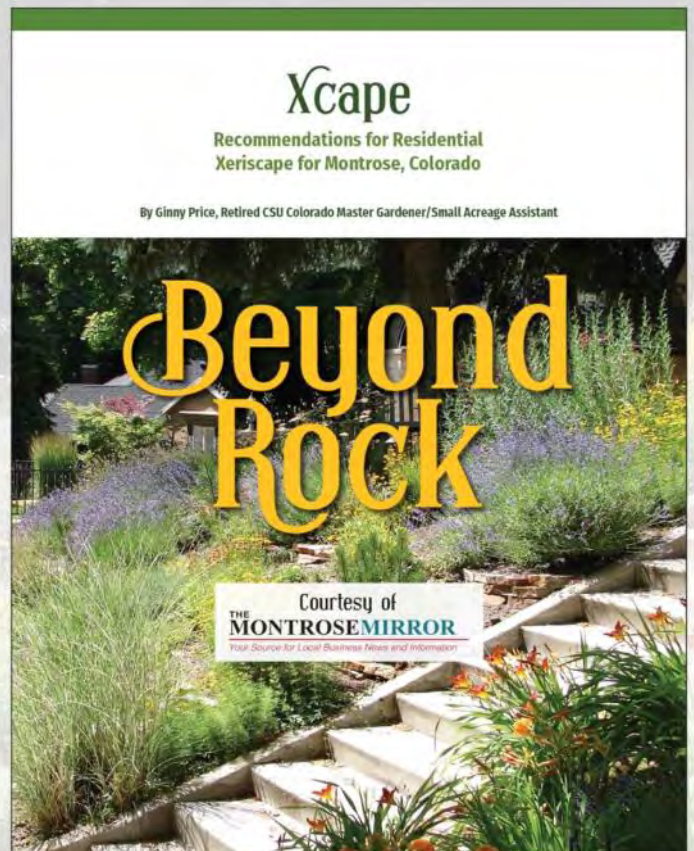
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COLORADO STATE PATROL COMPLETES ROLLOUT OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - The Colorado State Patrol has completed implementation, certification and training on new body-worn cameras for all 725 active troopers state-wide.

The Colorado State Patrol, embarked on the implementation of Axon Body Worn Cameras (BWCs) in addition to our pre-existing in-car camera systems in August 2022. Due to the size of the agency, this rollout was conducted in a phased approach across the state, by district, with a targeted completion of February 2023. In 2020 Senate Bill 20-217 was passed requiring all Colorado law enforcement agencies to fully implement BWCs by July 1, 2023.

Capturing a video recording of critical incidents and encounters with the public strengthens police accountability and provides a valuable new type of evidence. In addition, by providing a video record of police activity, BWCs have made law enforcement operations more transparent to the public and have helped resolve questions following an encounter between officers and members of the public. "The body-worn camera has been a good addition to the Colorado State Patrol operations," said Sgt. Troy Kessler, CSP public information officer. "Troopers have found the evidence collected via the body-worn camera is a valuable source to be used in investigations."

Since the initial rollout, there has been positive acceptance among troopers in the use of this new technology, said Kessler.

With troopers now outfitted, the Colorado State Patrol will expand use of the BWCs with the agency's Port of Entry officers. Port of Entry will receive their training and body-worn cameras beginning the end of April 2023 and anticipate completion by the end of August 2023.

The Port of Entry and its team exists to encourage and promote the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles in a manner that safeguards the motoring public while protecting the state's infrastructure through uniform practices and enforcement procedures. The unit is also responsible for the collection of taxes, the issuance of permits, and the inspection of commercial motor vehicles for compliance with established safety regulations.

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COUNCIL HEARS 4TH QUARTER CRIME STATISTICS AT WORK SESSION



Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall presented 4th quarter and year-end police statistics during the city work session of Monday, Feb. 6.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Mayor Dave Frank welcomed all to the Montrose City Council work session on Monday, Feb. 6. Council work sessions and meetings are currently held in the Police Department Community room and are not being live-streamed due to the interim location.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The first discussion item was a presentation by former City of Montrose Community Engagement Specialist Ross Valdez, who in mid-2022 was tasked with conducting a housing needs assessment for the city but who now appears to be employed elsewhere. Valdez said that he serves as the Business Development Manager for the non-profit CDFI Impact Development Fund. He spoke for 20 minutes about the Fund, which provides capital and down payment assistance.

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid spoke about the challenges and outcome of the City's 2023 Ford Vehicle Purchase, and presented a recommendation to purchase 10 Ford vehicles from Sill-Terhar Motors in Broomfield for \$667,250. Industry shortages have resulted in higher prices and scarce inventory; Ford Motor Company has imposed limits on dealer sales of pickups to municipalities.

"The fact that we were able to get a price on 10 vehicles was actually quite challenging," Scheid said. "...It's been different."

Background-A memo from Scheid to council notes that on Jan. 11, "...the city ac-

cepted bids for a total of 10 new Ford vehicles to be used by the Police Department and City Operations. The RFPs issued for these purchases were separated into two different RFPs...One bid was received for the Police Department vehicles RFP 22-027 from Sill-Terhar Motors...Two bids were received for the City Operations vehicles RFP 22-028. Ford Motor Company placed a restriction on dealer awards to municipal fleets that only allows them a single pickup type vehicle in 2023. Due to this restriction both bids were for one select vehicle and did not include pricing for the seven vehicles total...

Montrose Ford price was within five percent of the price provided by Sill-Terhar Motors and would qualify for the local preference policy but included unrealistic deadlines for award and was not selected for award...The total amount for all of the purchases combined is \$667,250.00 which is over the budgeted amount by \$57,750. This overage will be funded from the Fleet Fund and recouped through the Fleet Interfund Lease to the appropriate department."

Council spent time in discussion; Scheid answered questions. "We're kind of over a barrel," Mayor Dave Frank said.

The full memo is included in the work session packet.

City Engineer Scott Murphy discussed the Moving Montrose Forward 2023 Surface Treatment Contract.

Background- A memo from Murphy to council notes, "The City budgeted a record \$4.3M for this year's MoveMo contracted street maintenance efforts. Approximately 30 percent of this year's street maintenance work is focused on surface treatments consisting of slurry, cape, and chip seals...The total budget for contracted street maintenance in 2023 is \$4.3M...this is in addition to street maintenance budgets for in-house work being performed by public works crews. This surface treatment contract will be funded from this \$4.3M with the balance of this budget going towards the upcoming street overlay and

rebuild contract."

Utilities Manager David Bries discussed the recommended purchase of a Rausch USA CCTV Sewer Camera Van.

Background- A memo from Bries to Council states, "The current sewer camera inspection system was last upgraded in 2016, and is currently using the 2003 van and chassis, and was included for replacement in the 2023 Budget. City staff obtained five quotes and four demonstrations from area vendors for a new CCTV sewer camera van to replace the existing 2003 van and 2016 sewer camera inspection system. Staff reviewed the features of each system and determined that the Rausch USA system was the best system based on technical capabilities, repair and parts availability, overall reliability and equipment availability. The costs for each system were based on Sourcewell Contract pricing and ranged from \$243,201 to \$279,833. With the supply chain delayed for a prolonged period it would be wise for the City to move quickly on any company that has a vehicle on hand. Therefore, we would like to have consideration of the purchase included in the Feb. 7 Regular City Council meeting."

Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt presented the 2023 Annual Annexation Report and 3-Mile Plan, which is included in the work session packet. Hochwalt discussed the Sunset Village Addition Annexation.

Background- A memo from Hochwalt to Council notes, "The Sunset Village Addition is a proposed annexation approximately 10.01 acres in size. The property is two parcels located at 576 6600 Road and 616 6600 Road. The parcels are within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, City of Montrose Sewer Service Area, and the Tri-County Water Service Area. Annexation of this property will allow for future single or multi-family residential development. An Annexation Agreement will be required and is currently being discussed with the Applicant."

The City Council Review of Declaration of Covenants with Weststar Development, LLC was also presented by Hochwalt. Full information is included in the work session packet.

COUNCIL HEARS 4TH QUARTER CRIME STATISTICS *From previous pg*

Police Chief Blaine Hall presented 4th quarter and year-end police statistics. Although previous Chiefs of Police in Montrose have presented statistics on a quarterly basis, Hall has reduced the presentations to one quarter each year.

"I will be brief...we saw some pretty interesting decreases in some of our crime stats...overall we're tracking down in our property crimes," Hall said, noting that residential burglaries in 2022 are down by 42 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 2021.

Many of the decreases took place in the fourth quarter. Still, "...We have seen a major increase in the last fourth quarter in sexual assaults."

Officers are doing a better job of tracking down DUI suspects, with an increase in DUI arrests, Hall said. "And yet we had an increase in DUI accidents. I think that indicates that we absolutely do have a problem and we need to continue to focus on traffic--being out, being visible."

An increase in staffing has helped with traffic policing in the fourth quarter, Hall said. "...We'll at least have one officer working full-time traffic unit now and in future years."

Crimes involving firearms have doubled,

Hall said. "We have also seen an increase in the amount of times our officers have had to use force, in my opinion by quite a bit."

Mental health co-responder contacts have increased now that the department has a mental health co-responder.

Overall, the number of certified warning letters and citations issued by Code Enforcement are down, despite an increase in the number of incident reports in 2022. "I would attribute that actually to our code enforcement officer's ability honestly just to talk to people," Hall said, "and to try to work out voluntary compliance before we have to take it to that different level."

Councilor Ed Ulibarri said that he had received flack about "entrapment" in crosswalk safety enforcement.

"I have to agree I'd like to see more of that," Ulibarri said. "...recently driving around town I'm seeing people standing on the crosswalk and cars just keep going by and nobody stops. I'll stop...but they're afraid because the cars aren't slowing down."

Citizens also have asked for more traffic policing, he said. As police staffing increases, "I hope to see more of it," Ulibarri said.

Complete Fourth Quarter and Year End statistics, including animal services, can be found in the [work session packet](#).

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo said that updates to the city council chambers will include electronic voting.

Mayor Dave Frank said that the statewide Opioid Abatement Council will hold its conference in Montrose in August.

Council has been asked by BOCC Chair Sue Hansen to rejoin Club 20, Frank said. Club memberships are usually discussed at budget time, Bynum said.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following adjournment of the Feb. 6 work session, Council met at Noon for an executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a); for a conference with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(b), and the following additional details are provided for identification purposes: the sale of City property located at 433 South First Street; Proposition 122 discussion.

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FINALLY!! THEY ACTED AND SHOT DOWN THE CHINESE SPY BALLOON!!

Editor:

I can just see Biden and his Woke Military Generals rubbing their hands in anguish saying “what do we do now”???? Incompetence, cowardice, dereliction of duty all on display; to name just a few. On display for all the world to see putting our country in even more danger. Is there any doubt NOW that Joe Biden is involved with China? Is there any doubt this entire administration is ANTI AMERICA and compromised by our adversaries? What kind of Commander in Chief allows our adversary; CHINA, to invade our air space and fly all over our country for days and does NOTHING! He hadn’t even spoken about it to the American People until the day they had the guts to shoot it down! To think nothing of the safety of American citizens and to put us at risk; now and for any future encroachments by our enemies! What kind of “President”??? A weak, gutless and corrupt one along with a corrupt batch of unelected bureaucrats who support and embolden this traitor behavior. After Afghanistan, aiding and abetting our enemy there; the Invasion of our Borders for over 2 years, and now this dangerous situation with a CHINESE SPY BALLOON, have people finally had enough? How much more destruction of our country is too much?? Shouldn’t this President and all those in public office taking the Oath of Office be held accountable??? This is a Lawless President; a Dictator. Would WE BE IN JAIL if we took an Oath to uphold our Laws and Constitution but did everything we could to destroy our country???? You bet; as they should be; they are not above the law. They work for us; WE THE PEOPLE control our country. We are not sheep; OR ARE WE??? I hope those who voted for these cowardly traitors are finally getting scared; but maybe not; they’re still asleep. They will wake up when their support of these corrupted people cause THEM great harm. Hopefully we will still have our Republic intact and have a ground swell election in 2024 with people who want to save our country. We need a Divine Intervention and need to pray that God will stand with us on the side of GOOD vs EVIL. THAT’S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT NOW; GOOD VS EVIL. Hopefully more Americans are trusting their own senses of seeing and hearing what’s reality versus the lies. God Bless America and God help us SAVE America.

Carol McBride, Montrose



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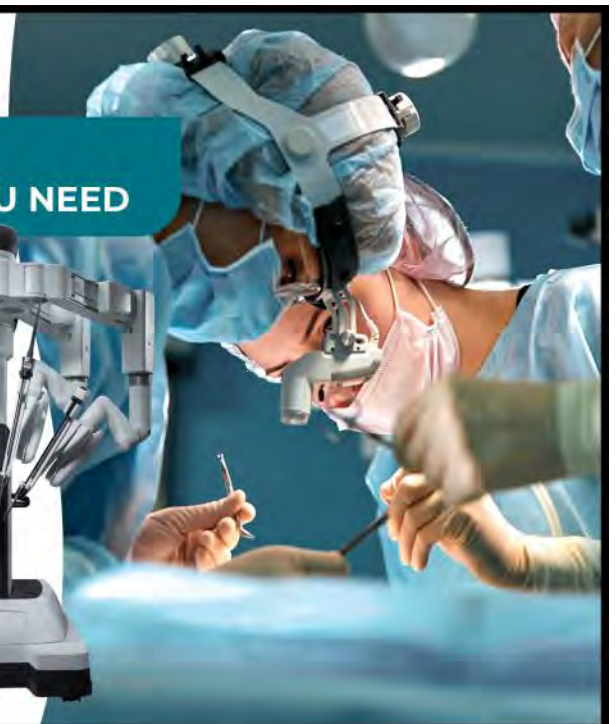
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MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH ANNOUNCES STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – To recruit and retain top talent, Montrose Regional Health has announced a Student Loan Repayment Program allowing eligible full-time caregivers to receive up to \$10,800 paid directly to their student loan balance over the course of the program. The program launched at the end of January.

“We are known for caring for our community like family,” said Jeff Mengenhausen, CEO of Montrose Regional Health. “We are proud to show our caregivers one more way we care for them like family.”

“This new Student Loan Financial Wellness program is one example of how MRH cares about investing in the growth and financial wellness of our caregivers,” says Erin Skees, Chief Human Resources Officer.

The hospital is working to attract new caregivers and also maintain its highly skilled staff, who have helped the hospital win several awards – including being the only hospital in Colorado to be named on the Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital list seven times in a row. The student loan program is intended to empower individuals and families to reach their financial goals faster, allowing their college education to move them forward – instead of holding them back.

Eligible employees who want to participate will need to apply for the program,



Montrose Regional Health program will provide up to \$10,800 of tax-free student loan repayment benefits to each eligible caregiver. Courtesy photo.

prove student loan debt, and their loans must be current.

The area of study of the loan does not need to pertain to their current position to be eligible for repayment. New employees are eligible for the program once they have successfully completed the repayment program application process and followed the same guidelines as those already employed by the hospital. Montrose Regional Health is currently hiring both clinical and non-clinical positions: for

more information, visit [MontroseHealth.com/Careers](https://www.MontroseHealth.com/Careers).

The program is expected to cost the hospital over \$100,000 in 2023 and is part of a massive strategy to invest in caregivers totaling over two and a half million dollars in FY2023. Last year, Montrose Regional Health was identified as a best-in-class employer by Gallagher’s Best-In-Class Benchmarking Analysis for creating organizational structures, workplace policies and total rewards - inclusively engaging and motivating its employees.



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WHAT CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE RECEIVING FOR \$MILLIONS IN PAYOUTS TO BIDEN FAMILY...

Editor:

Once again treasonous Biden has shown America who "the big guy" is and his willingness to commit treasonous acts of collusion with Communist China against America. He tells us, with that smirk on his face, the Chinese spy balloon was nothing to worry about, but has ranted about the damage from the Jan. 6 demonstrators by accusing them of committing acts of insurrection. The actions of those demonstrators did not fit the description of "insurrection", which is action against a civil authority. That day was not about opposing civil authority, but to complain about a stolen election, but letting Communist China map out all of our military bases from a balloon is treason. What else does Biden have to do to prove is hate for America? He filled his Stench of the Unhinged (SOTU) speech with nothing but hateful lies about Republicans. His favorite one seemed to be the same ol' false accusation of Republicans wanting to abolish Social Security and Medicare. And then when Republicans responded with boos they were criticized by Left wing news outlets as if booing was worse than Biden's lies that they were booing. It's sure strange the response to lies is worse than the lies themselves! And did anyone notice the tags the Democrats were wearing on their clothes read, "abortion"! But did you notice the tags Republicans wore were the American flag! Now let's look at the facts instead of the Biden's lies. Back in 1975 a senator put forth his plan that would require every (government) program to be analyzed at least once every four years for the purpose of examining the increased cost of the program and the "worthiness" of the entire program. And if judged unworthy the program would be cut. That senator was Joe Biden! And that's not all. Back in the 1990s Biden brought it up again in the Senate. This time he went into a tirade hollering that, "I meant Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, and worst of all he said he meant veterans' benefits also! And he continued, "I meant every single solitary thing in the federal government. "I not only tried it once, I tried it twice, I tried it a third time, and I tried it a fourth time." Biden's select

memory now is atrocious. Democrats never quit spewing out their lies when election season is approaching or when candidates are trying to get traction. He was trying to scare seniors like always. And he kept at it with his lies saying "some" Republicans want Medicare and Social Security to sunset. As Republicans loudly objected, Biden hollered for anybody who doubts it to contact his office and he'll give them a copy of the proposal. Proposal?? It was HIS proposal from 1965! So he would be passing out a copy of his own willingness to abolish Social Security and Medicare!!! Ya just can't overlook Biden's hypocrisy and stupidity! But why are Democrats always crying about the Social security trust fund going broke when they have unlimited \$billions of taxpayer money for illegal invaders and all their welfare and transportation needs. All Democrats have to do is wave their magic wand and put money in the Social Security Trust Fund like they do to pay to fly and bus invaders all over the country and lease huge motels and hotels complete with all the services like food and daily room cleaning. But if they are served food not on their list of home-country menus, they throw it out! And of course if they are in a climate too cold they want to be taken back to a warmer climate! The bottom line is Democrats just want to use seniors for their political cannon fodder at election time.

By the way, Florida is passing a bill to formally transport illegals to blue states. Colorado used to be a red state, but the influx of Leftists from other states has turned Colorado blue. So that means illegals can and will now be dropped off in your neighborhood!! So now, to be honest about their love for Democrats, Democrat voters should be preparing their extra bedrooms and finished basements to take them all in because there may not be enough tax supported free food and housing right away. Wouldn't that be fair if you voted for the Democrats who are bringing them here?? And remember you'll have to learn how to cook their home-country food and then cook your own. Learning their language might also be necessary. You will also have to furnish them transportation to clog up our hospitals and

doctors offices. Just be careful so you don't get sick or need an operation.....good luck! Hospitals are filling up fast! Oh, you say, we don't want them in OUR neighborhoods! So you better be careful who you vote for!

Now it's time to ask about the pattern of Biden and his family receiving \$millions from Communist China and what is China receiving back for these \$millions. Oh, and is the IRS making sure the Bidens are paying income taxes on those \$millions? What about the \$millions of laundered money Hunter is receiving for paintings from secret sources? Is he paying income taxes on that? Must not be because he is under investigation. But it's all show. Biden isn't going to let his son be prosecuted. What about Joe himself, is he paying taxes on his "10%" for the "big guy"? Why haven't Democrats had hearings on their corruption? Oh, it slipped my mind, they are all alike. Democrat motto: you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours. I'll lie for you if you will lie for me. Someone should be asking how many \$millions Biden was paid by the Chinese Communists to let that spy balloon survey our most important military installations. And how did China know exactly where they were? Biden is getting by with any treason he wants to commit. There is the \$50 million Chinese funding of the Penn Biden Center and the refusal of the Department of Education to enforce Section 117 of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Section 117 requires colleges and universities to report "contracts with and gifts from a foreign source that are valued at \$250,000 or more per year. At the Biden Center of the University of Pennsylvania, more than \$50 million in Chinese funding came into that institution in a short period of time without being reported. And certain Chinese individuals had full run of the institution where Biden had classified documents. Now we know what the Chinese Communists are receiving for their \$millions in payouts to the Biden crime family!

By the way, why don't we take the \$500,000,000 we give Planned Parenthood every year and use it to hire armed security guards for schools and border guards instead of killing babies?

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

PAUL KEITH MORELAND

November 4, 1944-February 2nd, 2023

PAUL KEITH MORELAND passed away Thursday, February 2nd, 2023, at Willow Tree Care Center in Delta, Colorado. He was 78 years old.

Paul was born on November 4, 1944, to Elsie Irene (Bowersox) and Alex Moreland in Montrose, Colorado. He was a true Western Colorado Native. He graduated from Delta High School in 1961 and soon after joined the United States Army. He served our country just shy of four years being honorably discharged.

Paul married the love of his life Dorothy Mae Sanders on October 23, 1965, in Pea Green, Colorado.

Paul had several jobs throughout his lifetime. Some of the highlights, he was a driver for the state of Colorado, worked as a chemist for the local tannery and being

quite the carpenter and craftsman. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed the Elks club, being an outdoorsman, hunting, fishing, shooting, arrow head hunting, collecting coins, and joking. He was a man that did not know a stranger. He had friends he had just not met yet. He loved his wife, family, kids, and grandkids; they recollected the "Look" that he would sometimes deliver and then also the comment of "Don't give a damn!"

Paul is survived by his son Keith Allen (Chandra) Moreland of Delta; Lottie Irene (Eddy) Coslette of Cedaredge; six grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and one on the way. Paul is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Walter Kenneth, Donald Duane, and John Odell Moreland;



sister Caroline Ann Moreland; loving wife Dorothy; and son Roland Duane Moreland. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Taylor Funeral Service and Crematory.

MARGARET (PEGGY) BAXTER

December 30, 1950- February 7, 2023



MARGARET (PEGGY) BAXTER, age 72, of Cedaredge, CO, passed away on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at the HopeWest Hospice Care Center in Grand Junction, CO. Peggy was born on December 30, 1950 in Evanston, IL to Harry and Marion Ingrish Lansman. Peggy graduated from Highland Park High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Colorado in Boulder, CO. She previously was a resident of Littleton, CO and Grand Junction, CO and has been a resident of Cedaredge, CO for the past 24 years. Peggy previously owned and operated Ivy Mortgage Co. of Denver, CO.

On October 26, 1985, Peggy married Edward Baxter in Cedaredge, CO. Peggy's interest included scuba diving, political activism, the literary club, cross country skiing, camping and participating in Rock Steady Boxing. She enjoyed volunteering

at Pioneer Town, Powderhorn, and the Grand Mesa Visitor Center.

Peggy is survived by her beloved husband Edward of Cedaredge, CO; her daughters, Adrienne (Damian) Hirst of Plano, TX and Jamie Galyon of Broomfield, CO; her stepson, Jamie Baxter of Hempstead, TX; her sister, Marcy Lansman of Chapel Hill, NC; and her six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents Harry and Marion Lansman, and her brother Bob Lansman.

Services will be held at a future date. Donations may be made in honor of Peggy to the Davis Phinney Foundation at <https://davisphinneyfoundation.org/> or Rock Steady Boxing at <https://rocksteadyboxing.org/>.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.callahan-edfast.com for the Baxter family.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

SUSAN HAWKS

November 10, 1960 — January 28, 2023



MARIA "SUSAN" HAWKS age 62, formerly of Mandan, North Dakota, passed away on January 28, 2023.

Burial will be held at Sunset Memorial

Gardens, Bismarck, ND.

Susan was married to Candido Cuba (deceased) and had four children. She lost her husband while the kids were very young.

She was then married to Levi Walter Hawks and moved to the United States with her children on July 10, 1998.

Susan was a full-time housewife and a sole caregiver of Levi age 85, a retired truck driver. She used to go trucking with him and had been to most states except for Alaska and Hawaii.

Susan was born in the Philippines on November 10, 1960. She was the 6th of 10 children of Maria Dulce Ponce age 94, living, and Jamie Ponce, deceased. She was nicknamed "Pang" by her late father just like the rest of her siblings who have their own nicknames.

Susan was a good cook. She was best known for her "Atsal" or papaya relish

dish, "Kinupusan" or deep-fried pork and "Biko" or sweet sticky rice dishes that her family will surely miss. She was also known for her cheerful character and had fun scare pranking her siblings, nephews, and nieces. She was prayerful and always found time to pray.

Susan is survived by her spouse Levi, her oldest son Kevin, her only daughter Joy, her sons Mark and Cyrus, and her seven grandchildren: Taylor, McKenzie, Mary Antoinette, Candice, Rian, Ayden and Aziel.

She is also survived by her mother, Maria Dulce and her siblings; Miriam, Editha (Gamay), Rebecca (Coco), Carmencita (GingGing), Milagrosa (Mila "Pong"), Eleanor (Ella "Aling"), Winston (Dodong) and Maria Ellen (Inday).

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Candido Cuba, her father, Jamie Ponce and her sister, Evangeline (Evan).

LYNDA ELSIE CURTIS

July 6, 1948-Feb. 2, 2023

LYNDA ELSIE CURTIS, 74 of Montrose, CO passed away Thursday Feb. 2, 2023 with her family by her side.

Lynda was born in Paonia, CO on July 6, 1948 to George and Elsie Andrews. She grew up in Hotchkiss, CO and graduated from Hotchkiss High School in 1966. After graduation she attended Fort Lewis College in Durango.

She married Jack Charlton in July 1968 and settled in Montrose. They had two daughters together, Sherry and Lisa.

Lynda worked for the Montrose school district for 17 years as a teacher's aide and paraprofessional. She especially enjoyed working in the special education program. After leaving the school district she worked at Starvin Arvins for many years.

In 1996, she began dating Phil Curtis and they were married in 2007. They spent their 27 years together running their trucking company together while spending time with family and friends, boating, taking trips to Lake Powell, jeeping and four wheeling. She was also a supporter and advocate for Donor Alliance and organ donation.

Lynda loved flower gardening, photography, scrapbooking, boating, jeeping and spending time in the Colorado mountains and all of her furbabies. Most of all she loved spending time with her two daughters and her grandchildren Ashton & Taylor, who were her pride and joy.

She is survived by her husband Phil Curtis of Montrose, her daughters Sherry (Jeff) Gill of Phoenix, AZ, Lisa (Todd) Dull of Commerce City, CO, her grandchildren Ashton (Krys) Gill and Taylor (Brendan) O'Conner both of Phoenix, AZ and her "sister" Elaine Harper of Cedaredge, CO.

She is preceded in death by her parents George and Elsie Andrews and her guardian angel "Meagan".

Lynda will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her.



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ART & SOL

“...WAITING FOR YOU TO COME HOME, WITH OPEN ARMS”

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The night was wintry and cold but the show was sizzling--both stage and house were packed for the high-energy, sold-out opening of Magic Circle Theatre's *My Funny Valentine: Route 66 USA* on Thursday, Feb. 9. Tickets were highly coveted, as there were only four performances in all, the final one on Sunday, Feb. 12. Created by Magic Circle Manager and Muse Lisa Rediger, *My Funny Valentine: Route 66 USA* was sophisticated yet family-friendly entertainment, displaying the expertise in casting, costuming, and production that locals have come to expect from the Magic Circle Players for more than 60 years. The one-weekend show was also the theatre's annual fundraiser, complete with entertaining auction breaks as well as libations.

Legendary Montrose vocalist Donny Morales was in peak, sprightly form with Megan Ila on *Life is A Highway*, and Tia Brown's gorgeous rendition of *America the Beautiful* was second to none.

From the ensemble cast to the stars of the evening, from ticket takers to all of those behind the scenes, the show was engaging and first rate.

As for the space itself, a recurring theme of the evening was the need for a new and expanded Theatre building to accommodate both the public and performers. Rediger herself took the stage to speak about the ways that the beloved community theatre is bursting at the seams—including the restrooms.

For this viewer, every moment of the

evening was a delight, from the show itself to the audience—people of all ages enjoying a night of singing, dancing, laughter, and theatrical magic. I was seated next to a young Montrose businesswoman with a flawless manicure and perfect poise; it was a delight to see the looks on her children's faces as she bid for and won some of the most tempting baskets being auctioned.

To also see the looks on the faces of parents watching their children on stage, as well as parents who have not been in plays before taking the stage with their children, was another experience that brought warmth despite the winter chill.

I asked one young actress about her experience taking part in *My Funny Valentine: Route 66*. Montrose local Marissa Isgreen—who acted in a Magic Circle play as a child—is now a grownup professional who can work remotely from anyplace. Marissa recently returned to her hometown and attended a show.

“Spamalot was the first show I had seen at Magic Circle in many, many years,” Isgreen said. *“I was thrilled to be back in that theater and knew that I wanted to get involved again. At the time, I was thinking about volunteering for lights or sound or even just ushering.”*

Still, *“Lisa and I got to chatting about my job and work, and when she heard I had experience with videos and digital media, she asked if I'd be interested in working on the annual fundraiser production,”* Isgreen



Rehearsal photo courtesy Magic Circle Theatre.

said. *“And just like that, I was swept up into the theater again.”*

Marissa had no intention of stepping foot on stage, but as she and Lisa were going over the script and the projection needs for the first time, she was encouraged to come and try out. *“I'm really glad I did,”* she said. *“Being cast in Route 66 gave me the bug! Not only did I try out for Route 66, but I also auditioned for Lost and Found in IKEA and have a role in that production too!”*

“Being part of the cast and part of this production provided me with a connection to my community that I had lost in the more than 10 years that I've been away from Montrose,” Isgreen said. *“I've reconnected with folks I haven't seen in years and made new connections along the way. Live theater is magical. You can leave the theater, but the theater never really leaves you.”*

“It'll always be waiting for you to come home with open arms.”

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

DR. NIMA NAMGYAL SHERPA TO SPEAK ON MOUNTAIN MEDICINE

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-The community is invited to a special slide program by Dr. Nima Namgyal Sherpa, founder and director of the greatly respected Himalayan Medics, on "Mountain Medicine and Sherpa Culture in the Himalayas" on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 7 pm in the Chipeta Room of the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose, sponsored by the Western Colorado Friends of the Himalayas.

"Dr. Nima is himself an accomplished mountaineer, having summited Everest and other peaks in the Khumbu region of his family's traditional Sherpa home. He has also climbed Mt. Denali in Alaska," explained Val Burnell, President of the WCFH. "His expertise and high-altitude experience in the shadow of the great Himalayas enable his mission of saving lives and serving his fellow man in the mountains, the villages and the urban areas of Nepal."

Medical services are extremely challenging in this mountainous country. Dr. Nima also serves as a volunteer doctor for search and rescue missions. He educates and trains women in the villages as first-responders, a project he began after the

earthquake disaster in Nepal and continues to teach mountain medics at his center.

He also established a physical education activity center for children and youth in Kathmandu with a large, open, colorful and inviting space with a climbing wall, apparatus for various activities for all age groups, facilities for exercise, gymnastics, dance, music and just simple playtime. The center was closed during the pandemic. Western Colorado Friends of the Himalayas has supported Dr. Nima's work by providing vital supplies, CPR mannikins and U.S. made first-responder training supplies, in addition to funds for rescue equipment and rebuilding tools. This is just one of the many humanitarian projects funded by WCFH. Information on Dr. Nima's projects and other WCFH projects will be available at the meeting. The program is family-friendly and there is



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no admission charge.

Donations will be accepted for Dr. Nima's Himalayan Medics fund. Chai and refreshments will be served.

A short Annual Meeting of the WCFH will also be held. For more information, call 970-275-3671 or 970-209-1395.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARTS TO RECEIVE GRANT FROM NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE—Rocky Mountain Arts (RMA) is pleased to announce it has been approved by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to receive a [Challenge America award of \\$10,000](#). The grant will support a Community Build Sculpture Project. This grant is one of 262 Challenge America awards totaling \$2.62 million that were announced by the NEA as part of its first round of fiscal year 2023 grants. We look forward to working with the NEA to finalize the grant details and appreciate the agency's support.

"The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support arts projects in communities nationwide", said NEA Chair Maria Rosario Jackson, PhD. "Projects such as this one with Rocky Mountain Arts

strengthen arts and cultural ecosystems, provide equitable opportunities for arts participation and practice, and contribute to the health of our communities and our economy".

"We are beyond excited about this grant that will allow us to involve the underserved communities in the County and also hire local artists and experts to participate", said Chris Myers, Board President. **Community Build Sculpture Project Details**

Rocky Mountain Arts is creating a community sculpture build this year with the help of professional artists, architects, and builders. We will work to inspire, teach, build self-confidence and offer all a place to express themselves during this creative process.

This program is free to all and RMA will provide all tools, materials, safety gear and lunch each program day. Additionally, RMA will provide lodging and transportation for those who wish to participate but may be too far away for the commute.

Our goals are to reach the underserved communities in San Miguel and the West End of Montrose Counties to come together in the creation of a large-scale sculpture.

This sculpture will ultimately be on permanent display. The plan is to obtain participation from youth and adults in Telluride, Norwood and the West End School Districts.

For more information on other projects included in the NEA's grant announcement, visit arts.gov/news.

2023 FRUITA AREA CHAMBER WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—TAKE THE LEAP!

Special to Art & Sol

FRUITA-Women in Business by The Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to host the 3rd Annual Women's Conference presented by **Timberline Bank** on March 9 at CMU's Ballroom in the University Center from 8 am – 5:30 pm. This year's conference will feature meaningful breakout sessions, a stacked panel, and a motivational keynote speaker to go along with our theme, "Take the Leap."

The Highlight of the day will be keynote speaker, Anna Nichols. Anna Nichols is the founder of Discovery Leadership LLC, a personal and professional development company with the mission of helping people become empowered leaders who act confidently and speak courageously while making a positive impact in their lives, businesses, community, and the world. She is a Certified Coach specializing in Subconscious Transformation and has a master's degree in Business Administration from Colorado Mesa University. Today she applies her experience and expertise as an entrepreneur, coach, and speaker while also serving on several community boards. Most importantly, Anna is a woman who had a big dream, took a leap of faith to make it a reality, and is committed to help-

ing others have the confidence to do the same. The conference will feature a panel of prominent leaders from CMU and the steps they took to find success. This year will feature three breakout sessions, each highlighting a different aspect of our theme: Personal Empowerment, Professional Empowerment, and Taking the Leap.

For the first breakout session, attendees will have the option to choose from three meaningful sessions that focus on personal empowerment.

Personal empowerment is all about taking control of your own life and making positive decisions based on what you want. This session will help you take steps toward turning intention into action. In the second breakout session, attendees will have the option to choose from three beneficial sessions focusing on professional empowerment. Professional empowerment is all about knowing where your career is heading and having firm goals and steps in place to take control of your working life. This session will help you find a vision for what you want so you can go out and get it. In the third and final breakout session of the day, attendees will have the option to choose from three motivation sessions, focusing on Taking the Leap. Tak-

ing the Leap is all about taking control and taking the leap toward your goals.

This session will help you figure out what's next and how you CAN get there. This event wouldn't be possible without the continued support of our community partner and title sponsor of the Women's Conference, Timberline Bank.

Thank you, Timberline! We would also like to thank our supporting sponsor Colorado Mesa University Career Services, for giving us the opportunity to host the conference in the beautiful CMU Ballroom. In support of CMU's Career Services, we are also proud to be hosting a clothing drive for the CMU Student Business Closet at this year's conference.

The Closet accepts all types of professional clothing for a complete list check out their website at <https://www.coloradomesa.edu/career/business-closet> donations can be brought to the FACC or the event!

To secure your tickets visit events.fruitachamber.org for any questions, please email events@fruitachamber.org or give us a call at (970) 858-3894.

We hope you will Take the Leap with us and sign up today!

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Anglican Church in North America
Address: 2057 S. Townsend, Montrose, CO 81401
Office Hours: Varies and by appointment
Contact Information: (970) 249-2451
<https://www.allsaintsmontrose.org/>
Priest: The Rev Gary L. Way
Worship Service Times:
Sunday, 9AM, Holy Eucharist.

Wednesday, Noon, Multi-denominational Prayer Hour. There are multiple Bible Studies during the week. All Saints Anglican Church is Biblical, Anglican and Orthodox. The Liturgy (order of service) is from the Anglican Church in North America Book of Common Prayer (2019). Music is a combination of traditional hymns, contemporary, and more modern songs. This is a family-sized church that welcomes all individuals

and families. We are currently comprised of families and singles, ages 25 to 90. Fellowship time follows each Sunday Service with a potluck meal following the service on the 3d Sunday.

All Saints Anglican Church
2057 S. Townsend Ave
Sunday Holy Eucharist, 9 am
The Rev Gary Way, Interim Priest
allsaintsanglicanmontrose.org

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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www.biblebaptistchurcholathe.com
Pastor Gabe Skillo

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer 7 p.m.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Denomination: Christ Lutheran Montrose
Affiliation: Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Address: 1980 N. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401
Contact: 970-633-0226

Website: www.montroselutheran.org
Email: montroselutheran@gmail.com
Pastor: Tim Onnen
Worship: Sundays at 9 AM
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:15 AM; Women's Bible Study Fridays at 9 AM. At Christ Lutheran Montrose you will

find friendly people gathered in a welcoming environment being comforted and encouraged by the forgiveness and love of Jesus, and sharing that with one another. We are a small congregation of seniors and middle-aged, sprinkled with young children and teenagers.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

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

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

Affiliation: Presbyterian
Address: 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO. 81401 **Office Hours:** M-Thu 9AM - 12PM **Contact:** 970-249-4732, in-

form@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*

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

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 a.m.
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)
We offer inter-generational worship with a children's "prayer-ground" and activity packets. A cry room is also available.

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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, [mont-](http://montroseumc.org)

montroseumc.org

Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Kevin Young

Worship service times:

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual

9:45 a.m. Christian Education & Fellowship

11 a.m. 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. Wherever 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.

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. Summit Church has frequent Bible studies and other events for adults, young adults, youth and children. Please visit <https://www.summitchurchmontrose.org/events> for more information.

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.

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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

information to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

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CHOCOLATE COMES TO THE COLONIES



By Kathryn R. Burke

MONTROSE—Did you know that Ben Franklin recommended chocolate as a cure for Smallpox? (Pity it didn't work on the Aztecs—5-8 million people died of it after the Spanish invasion.) Colonial women of the 1700s were warned against consuming it, especially in the spring, because it was an “inflamer” that stimulated the libido. (They ignored it.) Children were not allowed to drink it because it was a stimulant. (Which it still is; think about how crazy kids get when they eat too much chocolate Halloween candy.) Finally, early prototypes of the machine gun pre-date the making of milk chocolate. (Gives death by chocolate a new perspective.)

Chocolate—food of the gods, gift of governments and sweethearts, source of vitality, stimulant for socialization and sexual desire. Once considered more valuable than gold (and used by Mesoamericans as currency), chocolate has been weaving its magic for at least 5,500 years (that we know of). The earliest historical artifacts come from Mesoamerica (Central and South America), where it was served as a frothy, bitter drink, made into hallucinogenic potions and also used it for human sacrifice. (Read story here.)

For about 90 percent of its history, chocolate was a drink, not a food. That changed after the Spanish introduced it to Europe in the 1500s. After learning to sweeten it, chocolate caused a *chocomania* across Europe, and by the 1800s grew in popularity.

1600s. There are various theories on how chocolate first arrived in the colonies. History records that it first arrived in Florida on a Spanish ship in 1641, although it is likely Mesoamericans had been trading it with their neighbors to the north for centuries. Some historians think that drinking



Serving chocolate Colonial style. Courtesy photo.

chocolate spread from England to its North American colonies. More likely, it came to our coast about the same time it arrived in England, via the regular maritime trade routes from the West Indies to the major colonial ports of Boston, Philadelphia, New York, and Newport, Rhode Island. The first American chocolate house opened in Boston in 1682. (Like those in Europe, it was known to be sinful and a hotbed of political intrigue.) Chocolate ice cream was also invented about this time.

1700s. By 1773, cocoa beans were a major American colony import, but chocolate was still expensive and difficult to make. It remained a drink primarily for the wealthy...with a few interesting exceptions. In 1773, chocolate became the preferred breakfast drink, after rebels threw about 350 chests of tea into the harbor during the Boston Tea Party. During the Revolutionary War (1775-83) chocolate was provided to the military as rations. When funds ran short, it was sometimes given to soldiers as payment instead of money. (Following in the Aztec's footsteps?)

1800s. For much of the 19th Century, chocolate was enjoyed in the U.S., as it was in Europe, as a beverage. Milk was often added, and it was usually sweetened and/or flavored with spices. It was still

expensive, thus mostly reserved for the elite. Eating it as a solid was difficult; it was hard and difficult to chew. Newspaper advertisements for “solid eating chocolate” appeared mid-century, but chocolates “were not well received by the public because of their coarse and gritty texture.”

The cocoa press and other inventions during the Industrial Revolution ushered in the modern era of chocolate by enabling it to be used as a confectionery ingredient. The resulting drop in production costs made chocolate much more affordable. Swiss innovators chocolatiers developed the first appealing eating chocolate in the 1870s.

1900s. Milton Hershey pioneered the assembly-line production of milk chocolate in the U.S. about the same time Henry Ford began mass-producing automobiles. Hershey built an entire factory town in rural Pennsylvania, with housing and amenities for his workers.

During the “Roaring Twenties,” chocolate soared in popularity, possibly because it was used as a sugar substitute when alcohol (also high in sugar content), was prohibited. By the end of the decade, more than 40,000 different candy bars were being made in the U.S., according to Susan Benjamin, candy historian and author

CHOCOLATE COMES TO THE COLONIES From previous pg

of *Sweet as Sin: The Unwrapped Story of How Candy Became America's Favorite Pleasure*.

Father-son duo, Frank C. Mars and Forrest Mars Sr., collaborated with Hersey on the idea for the Milky Way bar, which hit the market in 1923 with the chocolate for its coating supplied by Hershey's. That same year H.B. Reese, who had worked as a dairy farmer and shipping foreman for Hershey's, launched his own candy company. Five years later, he introduced Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, later to be produced by Hershey's. They became one of the top-selling candies in the United States.

During the Great Depression, Hershey launched a building campaign that kept hundreds of people employed and resulted in the addition of a large hotel, sports arena, and other public structures to his company town. In 1941, a Hershey/Mars partnership began producing M&M candies.

Gearing up for WWII, the U.S. Army asked Hershey to create a specially designed chocolate bar for emergency rations. There were four requirements: weigh 4 ounces, be high in energy, withstand high temperatures, and "taste a little better

than a boiled potato." The idea was not to make it so tasty that soldiers would treat it like a snack. The D-ration bar which resulted was released in time for D-Day.

More than 160,000 troops, fortified by the D-bar, stormed the beaches of Normandy. It's unclear how many actually ate it. Most who tried it said they would rather have eaten the boiled potato.

Today, Chocolate has continued to grow in popularity.

As of 2023, Chocolate is a \$127.9 billion industry, and it is expected to keep growing. (Google Overview: 31 Chocolate Consumption Statistics & Facts, by Dame Cacao.) Science suggests (usually) that dark chocolate (with high cacao content) is good for you (eaten in moderation, which is often difficult to do). On the downside, cacao farming can harm the environment through forest clearing adding to climate change and the spread of disease. Science is considering genetic engineering. (Which can often produce unexpected and unwanted results.)

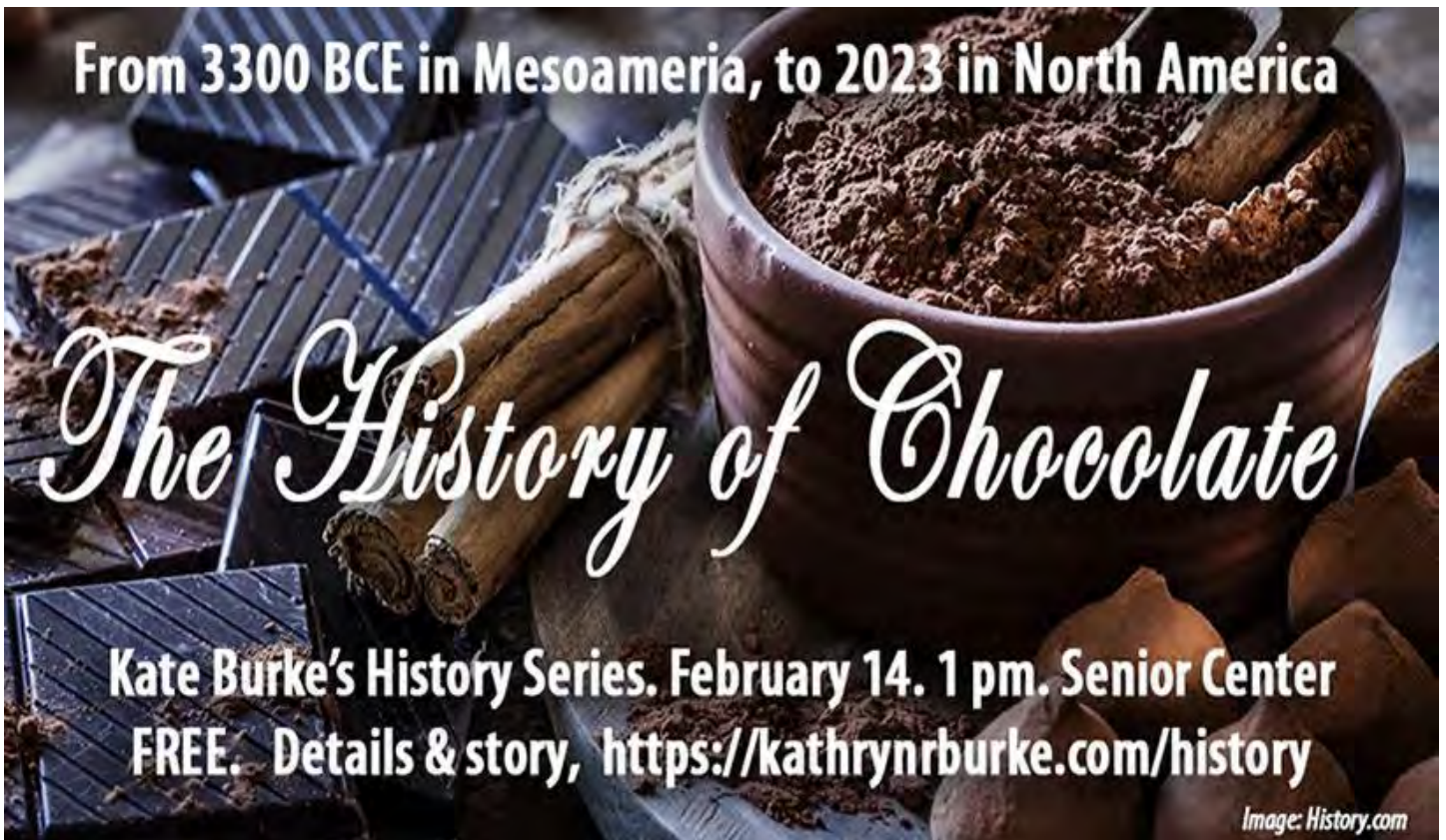
There is a significant demand now for specialty chocolate products due to the "bean to bar" (single origin) concept of chocolate made with high-quality ingredients with Fair Trade certification.

About 60 percent of the world's cocoa is produced on chocolate plantations in West Africa, with Ivory Coast being the largest source. Like many food industry producers, individual cocoa farmers are at the mercy of volatile world markets, which in turn effects prices. Unfortunately, slave labor is often used. Where it is not, chocolate is marketed as "Fair Trade." Consumers who want ethical chocolate should look for certifications designating Fair Trade, Rain Forest Alliance, UTZ, and Fair for Life.

Because of its perceived aphrodisiac qualities, chocolate candy has become a symbol of romance and a favored gift to give for Valentines. Whatever your favorite brand or type of chocolate, and whenever you choose to consume it, chocolate is still, unquestionably, America's favorite sweet treat.

Kate Burke will present the Complete History of Chocolate (with some samples), at the Montrose Senior Center, Tuesday, Feb. 14. Bring your sweet tooth and come join her for a fascinating story.

This story, with sources and citations, and lots of photographs, can be found at <https://kathrynrburke.com/cacao3/>



From 3300 BCE in Mesoamerica, to 2023 in North America

The History of Chocolate

**Kate Burke's History Series. February 14. 1 pm. Senior Center
FREE. Details & story, <https://kathrynrburke.com/history>**

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Think SPRING with Alcohol Ink

2 Dates, 2 Locations

Thr., Feb. 16. 6-8 pm, MRD

Sat., Feb. 18. 1:30-3:30 pm, WHAFV



Tired of winter? Dreaming of warm days and flowers bursting into bloom? Paint it with alcohol ink and ink pens. No experience needed. Instructions, template, & all materials provided to create an 8x10 artwork to take home and frame. Extra paper and ink if you want to doodle around and play with the ink. \$40. Must be over 14.

02/16 Montrose Rec Center, 16350 Woodgate Rd.

Register online <https://kathrynrburke.com/021623mrd>

02/18 Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way

Register online <https://kathrynrburke.com/021823whafv>

Questions, text Kate at 970-729-1188

READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: LINDA LAKE



Photographer Linda Lake took these photos at the Ironton Park Cross-Country Ski Area, developed by the Ouray Nordic Council. Lake said, "Did the 'Townsite Loop,' which included a bridge we had to cross...the view was absolutely stunning!"



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SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

ONGOING-

MONTROSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets 1st Wednesday of the month @ Montrose Events Center, 1036 No 7th Street 7 pm (970) 249-2085 www.montrosehistory.org

MONTROSE AREA WOODTURNERS second Saturdays 9 am. 17800 - 6400 Rd in Montrose. Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Information: Al Head 970-209-0981 or aheadaviation@outlook.com

GREATER MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS – Feb. 23, Mar. 23, Apr. 27, May 25.

Schedule a \$10 **RIDGWAY TRUE GRIT WALKING TOUR** of downtown filming sites. Named readers choice for best historic town tour by True West magazine. Contact evebeckerdoyle@icloud.com

NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS welcomes adults who are new to Montrose or have been here awhile, who would enjoy learning more about the town and area, plus have opportunities to participate in social activities. Meetings are held on the first Wednesdays of the months September-May (Dec./holiday party TBA). We gather at 10:00-11:30 am in the downstairs meeting hall of Cedar Creek Church (222 S. Townsend and S. 3rd). Hope to meet you there! Contact Patti at 951-544-6289 with questions.

NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP-Breastfeeding Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. This is a great opportunity to come talk to Montrose County NFP nurses Jodi Hyatt, RN, BSN, IBCLC and Kim Cook, RN, IBCLC and get support from fellow moms. An infant scale will also be available to check your baby's weight. WHAT: Breastfeeding Support Group (Bring your questions and your family!) WHERE: Montrose County Event Center (1036 North 7th Street Room 3) WHEN: 10am - 12pm. Questions? Please call 970-252-5015.

BINGO EVERY FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY at 7pm at the American Legion Post 24 Olathe doors open at 5:30. Sunday Bingo will start at 1:30pm after Nov. 6. More info call Tom 970 260 8298.

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

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 first Tuesday of the month from 12p to 1 pm and every third Tuesday from 6 pm to 7 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

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 -The market will be open every other Saturday from 10-1 inside the Centennial Meeting Room and on Centennial Plaza from January through April.

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

MONTHLY

Feb. 13-Citizens Climate Lobby meets on Monday Feb. 13 at 5pm in the Montrose Library meeting room, Citizens' Climate Lobby.org monthly action progress. Non-Partisan, national, environmental moves forward on a local topic for action info at 970-765-9095.

Feb. 14- Tue. 1-2:30 pm. Presentation: History of Chocolate, from Meso-America to Victorian Europe. Senior Center, Montrose Pavilion. Free. <https://kathrynrburke.com/history/>

Feb. 15-Come enjoy a hot beverage at Bluecorn Café & Mercantile with this book signing event for *Ghosts of Montrose* with Elaine Hale Jones on Feb. 15 starting at 10 am. Museum Director Sally Johnson will also share some tales and history during this event. This is the last book signing event before the Historical Museum opens for the season. (Books will be available for purchase at this event). For more information please call 970-249-2085 or email us at info@montrosehistory.org.

Feb. 15-*Moab's Ancient Astronomers* is the topic of the Chipeta Archaeological Society presentation on Feb. 15 at 7 pm. Rory Tyler, a dynamic researcher with 30 years in the Moab area, will present his interpretations about four Basketmaker rock art sites near Moab with astronomical significance. The public is always invited, no charge. United Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose.

Feb. 16-Montrose Police Department commanders are hosting a community crime prevention workshop Thursday, Feb. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the new Montrose Public Safety Complex's Community Room, located at 434 South First Street.

Feb. 16- Tue. 6-8 pm. Art Class. Think Spring! with Alcohol Ink. Montrose Rec Center Party Room, 16350 Woodgate Rd. Cost: \$40. <https://kathrynrburke.com/021623MRD>

Feb. 17-Montrose County Republican Women Lunch and Meeting- Friday, Feb. 17, noon-1:30pm at Hampton Inn Montrose. Montrose County School Board President and CASB member, Sarah Fishering will be speaking. Pizza and salad will be provided with a \$5 donation.

Feb. 18-Mountain Medicine and Sherpa Culture in the Himalayas, special slide presentation by Dr. Nima Namgyal Sherpa, Saturday, February 18, 7 pm at the Ute Indian Museum. Free and family-friendly. Chai and refreshments. Info at 970-275-3671 or 970-209-1395.

Feb. 18-Buck-It Bull Riding Challenge, Montrose County events Center. Doors open at 5:30pm, Event begins at 7pm. Tickets: montrosecountyeventcenter.com.

Feb. 18-Annual German Dinner-Silver Star Chapter #40 Montrose Masonic Lodge-187 Rose Lane 5 to 7pm, reservations preferred. Call 970-615-0916

March 3- Annual Women of Distinction Awards Gala. Montrose County Event Center from 5:30 – 8:30pm

Sept. 16-17-The much-anticipated Tribute to Aviation, the signature event hosted by Montrose Regional Airport, is officially set for Sept. 16-17, 2023. This crowd-favorite event is back this year after a break for a major airport construction and remodel project at Montrose Regional Airport. Tribute to Aviation is one of the largest static displays in the western United States featuring both military and civilian aircraft. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Vendla Stockdale at vstockdale@montrosecounty.net or 970-964-2479.

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