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Fresh News for Busy People!

ROOM FILLED TO CAPACITY AS CITIZENS CONTINUE TO RAISE CONCERNS BEFORE THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The community room at Montrose Regional Library was filled to capacity prior to the start of the regular meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees on Monday, April 3. Photo by Jack Switzer.

By Caitlin Switzer

Jack Switzer contributed to this report

MONTROSE—On Monday, April 3, the Montrose Regional Library Board of Trustees gathered for a regular meeting. The library's community room was packed, and constituents were already being turned away ten minutes prior to the start of the session due to space considerations. Still, more kept arriving.

Due to the high level of community interest and involvement in recent library meetings, the meetings are also being broadcast online via Zoom, Library Director Paul Paladino said.

"We don't have a larger room," Paladino said, noting that the Library Board of Trustees is familiar with their own technology and would face issues if they were to move to a different

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BOCC ENACTS MORATORIUM ON NEW APPLICATIONS FOR POWER GENERATION, CAMPGROUND, & RV PARK USES; DECLINES CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED FUNDS FOR HISTORIC COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—All commissioners were present as BOCC Chair Sue Hansen called the regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners to order on Wednesday, April 5.

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

Pastor Jeremy Jensen of Crossroads Victory Church delivered the invocation, "...Lord, I know my leaders are smart, smart people...none of us are so smart as we don't need your help...give them supernatural wisdom as they make decisions for our community. Lord help us to carefully consider all the relevant information that's been gathered...help us to be innovative and just in coming up with solutions, bring unity and not division to our land..."

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

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The historic Montrose County Courthouse. Photo by B. Switzer.

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Montrose County Sheriff's Office

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Mr. Duran was then transported to the Montrose County Jail and is currently being held on a \$50,000.00 bail.

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THE GREATEST ASPECT OF BEING AN AMERICAN IS WE CAN CHOOSE WHERE, WHEN AND WITH WHOM, WE WISH TO CELEBRATE

Editor:

According to the National Retail Foundation: "The latest consumer spending data from NRF and Prosper Insights & Analytics' 2023 Super Bowl survey found that 192.9 million U.S. adults planned to tune in to the big game. This year, 103.5 million people planned to throw or attend a party, and another 17.8 million planned to watch the game at a bar or restaurant. Total spending on food, drinks, apparel, decorations and other purchases for the day was expected to reach \$16.5 billion, or \$85.36 per person." Now, does that mean these people are fools for believing in a game? Are there other things that should be celebrated over such a trivial matter? Should there be a public outcry and ridicule over those who choose to participate in what most consider a "joyous" event?

The greatest aspect of being an American is we can choose where, when and with whom, we wish to celebrate or have some joy. One doesn't have to be Irish to wear green and have a good time. One doesn't have to have Mexican heritage to go to a Cinco de Mayo event. Evil heathens aren't the only ones who love to dress up and pass out candy. Celebrations of New Year's isn't always at midnight Jan. 1st. And so on.

The key factor is to not ridicule the choice, as given in the letter to the editor. I refuse to give the name because it was this man's choice to be so demeaning not mine; however as a believer in science and a Christian, I can assert there are many things I cannot see that I still have happiness over. I, for one, love to celebrate oc-

casions that give great happiness and hope everyone finds their place to do so, as well. "Compassionate people are geniuses in the art of living, more necessary to the dignity, security, and joy of humanity than the discoverers of knowledge." Albert Einstein

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MONTROSE COMMUNITY BAND PRESENTS FREE CONCERT APRIL 16

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MONTROSE-On Sunday, April 16 don't miss the Montrose Community Band Free Concert "Cruisin,' Songs We Cruised To," at the Montrose Pavilion at 3p.m. Bring your hot rods and sweethearts out for an afternoon of classic cars, classic car songs and songs for cruisin'. <https://montroseband.com/concert-schedule>.



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Dear Editor,

It is good that Mr. White's letter got the attention of Mr. Kuns, but there are some far reaching assumptions by Mr. Kuns that deserve recognition. Mr. White is not speaking for a current misinformed minority. We are not concerned how mis informed we sound because our concerns are legitimate and are cradled in a history of successful students who had learned minimal basics of education and decorum through the proven success of repetitive homework and disciplined behavior and dress. Thank you for your lengthy response to Mr. White's comments.

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COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Jon Waschbusch asked to remove Item C-26 from the Consent Agenda, a resolution concerning the donation of surplus property consisting of one light fleet vehicle to the Town of Nucla.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items, with Resolution 9-2023 assigned to Item 6; Resolution 10-2023 assigned to Item 20; Resolution No. 11-2023 assigned to Item 21, Resolution No. 12-2023 assigned to Item 22, and Resolution 13-2023 assigned to Item 24.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Assistant City Attorney Joe Gaffney presented for adoption Resolution 14-2023, enacting a moratorium on the acceptance of new applications for power generation,

campground, and RV park uses in Montrose County. Following a public hearing and discussion, commissioners voted to adopt. Also approved was the Board's signature on a letter to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Program, declining the acceptance of the Congressionally Directed Spending offered for the historic courthouse renovation project.

Said Commissioner Keith Caddy, "We worked real hard to get this...congressional spending money pushed through...it's just not going to be feasible for the County of Montrose...to work with them on this grant to improve the old courthouse."

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash said, "...My biggest disappointment is that it drags government bureaucracy into our county

government rather than giving us the local control over our project...I find it very disturbing that they throw limitations on us and say we have to rely on Federal bureaucrats who don't even live in our community to manage our project and determine whether or not we approve a change order or not...it's just not worth it, driving the cost up. It eliminates our local contractors...it's pretty disingenuous that our Federal government basically deceives the public...it makes it pretty hard for a board such as ours to approve something that would actually go against Colorado law..."

BOCC Chair Hansen said, "It just shows that sometimes a gift isn't always a gift," As Human Services Director Jennifer Sherwood was not present, the BOCC agreed to pull Item D-3 from the agenda, "the Homelessness Initiatives Navigation Grant Application with Colorado Department of Human Services - collaboration between Hilltop Community Resources and Montrose County identifying Montrose County Human Services as the fiscal agent and pass-through agent of up to \$142,027 for Hilltop."

Commissioners heard and approved a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, as well as an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between Montrose County and the Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METSA). The IGA is for METSA to fund Montrose County's portion of the new regional emergency alert and notification system.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Commissioners approved two Planning & Development items:

- The Happy Trails Minor Subdivision proposal to divide 9.33 acres into two lots at Parcel 376722213001, 1199 Lilac Road; and
 - The Little Bear Minor Subdivision Extension proposal to extend an approval of a Minor Subdivision to file an approved Plat at 69032 Underwoods Lane.
- With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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SPEAK OUT AND SAY 'ENOUGH'

Editor:

I can no longer remain silent about all of these indoctrinated misguided people trying to change our language, pronouns, genders, men in women's bathrooms & locker rooms, drag shows, abortions on demand and all the other social and religious destruction happening in our country. The people who think they've changed their sex by removing body parts are sadly misguided by doctors, psychiatrists, counselors and even parents. Doctors should know they can't change their chromosomes; it's basic science. Of course that, as well as reading, math, and history, are no longer taught in our schools. Doctors take an oath to do no

harm. Look at the harm these doctors are doing knowing the permanent damage they are causing for a lifetime. Of course it's all about money and power. Look at the damage schools are doing with their curriculum and teaching or lack of, more like indoctrination. Granted not all; but an abundant number. Anyone who knows history can see this is Communism; exactly how they took over the Eastern European countries; little by little, dividing the people against each other, destroying the religious and social fabric of the nations. I believe in God, Country and Family and stand against this evil that is engulfing our country and people. It is time for those of all persuasions to speak out and defeat

the evil degradation of our country, society, and our values.

Speak out and say "enough I'm not accepting this any longer."

Speak out at school board meetings, speak to candidates for office and most importantly speak to your children. We are now living lies. We are already a "soft" Totalitarian country. "Live Not By Lies" a book authored by Rod Dreher; a good read about exactly what's going on in our country now and how we can combat it. Let's choose to "Live Not By Lies" and pray for God's Divine Intervention as we cannot defeat this alone. Time is running out.

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Editor:

We are writing to you today to celebrate National Public Health Week, which takes place from April 4th to April 10th this year. This week is an opportunity to recognize the importance of public health and the many contributions that public health professionals make to our San Miguel County community.

Public health is the branch of healthcare that focuses on the health of populations rather than individuals. It is concerned with promoting and protecting the health and well-being of entire communities, rather than just treating individual patients. Public health includes a wide range of activities aimed at preventing disease and injury, promoting healthy behaviors and lifestyles, and ensuring access to quality healthcare.

This week is a time to acknowledge the tireless efforts of public health professionals who work diligently to protect and promote the health of individuals, families, and communities. It is especially important to acknowledge their efforts during the challenges of the current COVID-19 pandemic. Public health professionals have been on the front lines of this pandemic, working tirelessly to track the spread of the virus, provide guidance and education to the public, and helped develop and distribute vaccines which greatly lessened the severity of disease and saved many lives.

Throughout National Public Health Week, we should all take a moment to recognize the vital contributions of public health professionals and the important role that they play in promoting a healthy and thriving society. This week provides an opportunity to reflect on how we can support public health efforts in our own lives and communities.

Overall, the goal of a public health department is to improve the health and well-being of the population they serve through education, prevention, and intervention. Let us take this opportunity to show our appreciation and support for San Miguel County public health professionals and the vital work they do each and every day.

Please join us in thanking the San Miguel County public health professionals for their efforts to protect us.

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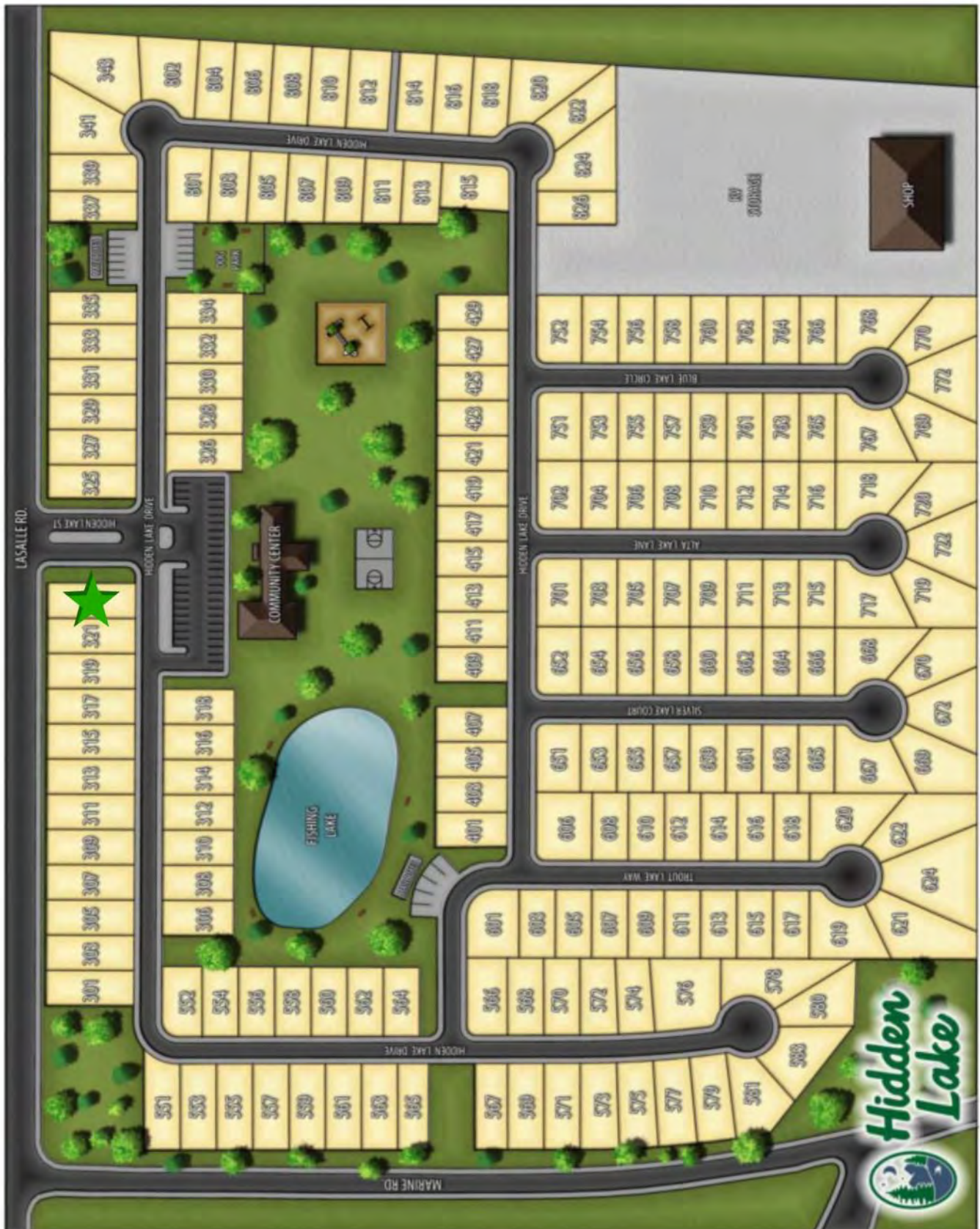
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Please apply online using instructions found at the link below and come in person on registration day to meet the school staff and the kindergarten team, tour the kindergarten classrooms, pick up your child's swag bag, sign up for the beginning of school assessments, and much more.

The registration process is an opportunity for parents and guardians to enroll their children in kindergarten for the upcoming school year. Parents and guardians will need to provide a birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residency. Parents and guardians are encouraged to register their children as soon as possible.

Montrose County School District is committed to providing a quality education to all students, including those in the kindergarten program. Our kindergarten classroom instruction is designed to help children develop the necessary skills for academic success, including reading, writing, and math. In addition to academic instruction, the program also emphasizes social development, physical education, and art.

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OURAY COUNTY — The Colorado Department of Transportation and contracting partner Elam Construction of Grand Junction will resume work on the US Highway 550 resurfacing project on April 17. The project will improve 22 miles of US 550

from Mile Point 93.8, north of Ouray, to MP 115.6, just south of Colona.

Crews will finish shouldering, top mat paving and final striping from Ridgway to Colona and install new signs and delineators from Ouray to Colona. The project has an anticipated completion date of June

2023.

During the past 2022 construction season crews performed culvert maintenance, lane widening, lane level paving and shouldering. Top mat paving and approaches have been completed from Ridgway to Ouray. An additional work zone was located south of Ouray at Bear Creek tunnel (MP 90 to 91) where crews replaced concrete panel approaches at each end of the tunnel.

The new asphalt will add approximately 10 years of life to the highway, provide a smoother road surface and will add durability by increasing the resistance of ruts and road damage. This will allow for a smoother and safer drive for motorists.

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

Traffic Impacts

Motorists should plan for one-lane alternating traffic, 20-minute delays and a reduced speed limit Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Travelers should be aware of another road construction project taking place on US 550 just north of this project, south of Montrose. Motorists may experience additional delays in this work zone and should allow themselves extra time when driving between Montrose and Ouray.

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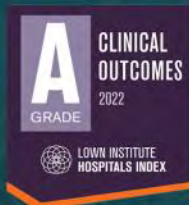
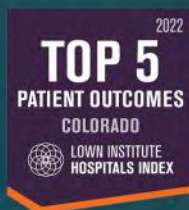




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ROOM FILLED TO CAPACITY AS CITIZENS CONTINUE TO RAISE CONCERNS BEFORE THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES *From pg 1*



Above, a constituent addresses the Library Board of Trustees at the meeting on April 3. At right, the room was full before the meeting began, but citizens kept arriving. Photos by Jack Switzer.



venue. The Board of Trustees heard Comments from the public April 3, with subjects ranging from First Amendment rights, LGBTQ concerns and religious considerations, to the need to safeguard young children. Trustee Robert Munday announced that there will be a special meeting on Wednesday, April 12 at 5pm.

Because comments have already been taken, public comments will not be allowed at the April 12 special meeting as the board will consider those that have already been heard.

The next regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will take place May 1 at 3pm, and public comment will be allowed, Paladino said. "We appreciate the fact that

people care about what their kids read." Concerns raised in recent meetings have included censorship and free speech, as well as concerns over books with explicit drawings or subject matter being available to young children.

Paladino clarified that such materials are not made available through the Children's area but are kept in the Library's Young Adult collection. "We're not putting those things in the children's section," he said, "Nor would we lead a small child who had questions to those. We would guide the child to materials that are age-appropriate."

Following the meeting, Library staffer Ruby Corona apologized for any inconven-

ience caused by the space itself. "I understand that this has caused some inconvenience and discomfort," Corona said.

"According to fire code, the capacity of our meeting room is 58; with seven board members, a director, and a scribe this limits us to having 49 people in attendance. "...We understand that some may prefer to attend the meeting remotely, and we want to make sure that everyone is comfortable," Corona said. She shared a Zoom link for the April 12 meeting, which is limited to 500 participants. All participants will go into a waiting room until the meeting begins. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83475103928> Meeting ID: 834 7510 3928.



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CATLIN'S FISCAL RULE FOR CHARITABLE FOOD GRANTS BILL IS A LAW



Rep. Marc Catlin. Courtesy photo
Special to the Mirror

DENVER – A new law for Colorado will help with food security from farm to table, according to State Representative Marc Catlin. At the close of the March calendar, Catlin helped shepherd HB23-1087 into law: The Fiscal Rule Advance Payment Charitable Food Grants bill which was signed by Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera. The law allows charities to use state grant money to purchase, in advance, state agricultural products. The law does not require a state expense. The bi-

partisan bill received 96 percent approval from all state legislators. Representative Marc Catlin says, "It is not often that we find policy where citizens, industry, and government can all agree that something is a good idea. The Fiscal Rule Law allows for food pantries to create contracts with farmers before the farmer plants crops. This rule change will help our communities improve food security and help our farmers stabilize their markets. It is great to see the State Legislature and the Governor agree, as well." The prime sponsors in the Colorado House of Representatives were Barbara McLachlan (D-HD59) of La Plata County

and Marc Catlin (R-HD58) of Montrose County. The prime sponsor in the Colorado Senate were Dylan Roberts (D-SD8) of Eagle County and Perry Will (R-SD5) of Garfield County. Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin represents the eight counties of Dolores, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel. Representative Catlin is Vice Chair of the Agriculture, Water, & Natural Resources Committee, a member of the Capital Development Committee, and Ranking member of the Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee.

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US 50 LITTLE BLUE CREEK CANYON ROADWAY IMPACTS: WEEK OF APRIL 10 - APRIL 16

Monday, April 10

8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. No loads > 10 ft width; no loads > 80 ft length. Open to one lane of traffic with two-way flagger operations throughout the day. Plan for long delays of around 35 – 45 minutes. No nighttime closures on Monday, April 10.

Tuesday, April 11

6:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. No loads > 10 ft width; no loads > 80 ft length. Open to one lane of traffic with two-way flagger operations throughout the day. Plan for long delays around 30 – 45 minutes delays. **NEW CLOSURE INFO: 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. road closed to all traffic for an extended 2.5-hour closure for rock blasting.**

4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. alternating traffic open to one lane of traffic.

Emergency vehicle access to Arrowhead is accessible via Montrose, but no emergency vehicle access via Gunnison.

Nighttime Roadway Closures: April 11, 12, 13

For the nights of Tuesday, April 11, Wednesday, April 12, and Thursday, April 13 – Nighttime closures will be in place from 7:30 p.m. – 6:30 a.m. for rock work.

Wednesday, April 12, Thursday, April 13, and Friday, April 14

Alternating daytime traffic: 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. No loads > 10 ft width; no loads > 80 ft length. Open to one lane of traffic with two-way flagger operations throughout the day. Plan for long delays around 35 – 45 minutes delays.

Friday, April 14 – Monday, April 17

The roadway is open to two-way traffic with no delays beginning 7:30 p.m. Friday through 8:30 a.m. Monday with no width or length restrictions.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

THE NASHVILLE SHOOTINGS: LOCKED DOORS, FENCES, BULLETS AND COPS

Editor:

COPS: a short version of 'Policeman, police-woman, police officer'---used in this article with absolutely no disrespect to our heroes in blue.

NUT, NUTS: Psychopaths. Author uses NUT to make text easier to read, understandable. Kid killers are NUTS

It seems that everybody has an opinion on how to do more with less in regards to stemming the tide of school shootings. Well that has not seemed to work. We brought this whole mess on back in the Reagan days when we closed so many of the mental hospitals and turned the mentally ill out into the populous without treatment and without the confinement many needed.

First of all, police cars parked in front of school buildings do not seem to work. They certainly will not work when everyone knows that they are but 'metal tigers'. But who really knows. Do stationary cop cars really do any good? What does it mean? One cop inside or no cops inside? Observation by the nut behind the gun for a week as the nut plans his atrocious acts will answer the nut's question.

Oh, one cop inside the school house will do the trick. Not really. Once inside the nut can just hide somewhere until the cop walks by and shoots the officer in the back. Nut is home free! Truth be known many school shooters know their pistol range (school house) well---they went to school there. Two officers walking separately increases chances of useful reaction to trouble to about 500%.

Maybe one of these officers should be a woman, all the better to check out the girl's restrooms and locker rooms and to search female students.

Maybe these guardians of our most precious treasures (kids) be uniformed. They would be much more difficult to identify in mufti.

THERE MUST BE TWO OFFICERS IN EVERY SCHOOL EVERY HOUR OF EVERY DAY TO BE SURE OF A SOUND, IMMEDIATE AND VICTORIOUS RESPONSE TO THE threat.

Some parents say, "I do not want my child to go to school in a prison like atmosphere." That is a fine noble thought but would you prefer him or her to come home tonight on the school bus or a hearse in a body bag? It is only a matter of time until the one in a thousand, or one in a hundred, or one in ten persons in the nut category visits our town.

Massad Ayoob, on the web, has a superb piece about school shootings. Mentioned but not emphasized is that a majority of these nuts are committing their horrible acts out of bitterness and a desire to commit suicide---an act that they have not the guts to perform to themselves. We must either keep them out of our schools or give them their wish---BUT NOT AFTER THEY TAKE ANY OF OUR PRECIOUS ONES WITH THEM.

Why are cars parked inside the fence at Montrose High School? I bet those cars are seldom if ever searched. How freely can teachers or kids go to those cars and back inside. A large open parking lot outback of the school is even more likely to contain contraband.

Our schools are open campuses. I wonder just what goes through the gate each day. What comes in with a visiting ball team or the fans that come in for the football game? Just what is lodged in the trash under the grandstands until Monday morning?

I know it is AWFUL that anyone, like me, would write about these possibilities but it is a lead-pipe-cinch that many of these issues are not being addressed by the powers to be. Sishhhhhhhh Bennett you might give the resident nut(s) ideas. Don't be naïve! The nuts already have those ideas---and many variations of them. I do not remember any shooter other than the Nashville one shooting the locked door to gain entry!

Or when the fire alarm is pulled by someone noticing the nut in the squirrel cage 'we'll just call the cops.' Nashville is an example of super response by the police. Fourteen minutes and in that time the nut only killed six. Why not twelve or twenty four or forty-eight? A nut dedicated to destruction can do far worse than what was done. Now those four officers who responded are truly heroes. Well trained and superbly motivated. Fast, quick, decisive! An outstanding performance by them and their leaders and instructors. Well trained! Not like Uvalde where a mob cowered outside waiting for a leader to pop up! What I am saying though is that fourteen minutes is too long to respond. The response MUST be on site, mentally ready to properly respond immediately! You can't keep the bad guys out when help or carelessness from the inside can subvert the security. Or when the nut can just defeat the lock with one bullet and reign free! You cannot stop a nut already inside if they have arranged to have a weapon in one of

those cars inside the fence, a pistol in a trash pile from a football game. You must have a high fence, limited (searched) access and a closed campus all kept secure by on sight, well trained and people dedicated to their mission. Not part timers.

Ohio has had, so far, remarkable success (Ayoob again). They have not had one of these incidents since they have armed and trained their teachers statewide. Why are they so successful? So special? So willing instead of reticent? This may work but I cannot picture our teachers as our first line of armed defense.

Few if any of these school shootings happen on a closed campus with police on campus. Safety first is a MUST for the children of America and for the community I am writing about. Montrose County schools!

We can and must do this if we want preclude harm to our kids, so that they can come home safely every time they go to school! You, my fellow citizens, will be told that it costs too much. NO IT DOES NOT! JUST HOW MUCH COST IS TOO MUCH FOR THE LIFE OR CRIPPLING OF ONE CHILD or the life of one of our dedicated professionals into whose care we place them?

Both the County and the City have oodles of money. That is if they have not spent the Public Safety Sales Tax (PSST) excess on strip malls for MURA or nine million dollars renovating the Taj-Ma-Hal Wells Fargo building for a City Hall (I mean Palace) that is 'nice to have' but not needed. The powers to be will tell you that they were given authority to 'swipe' those funds for uses other than public safety. Well my fellow citizens if that is really the case that they worded the ballot issues that way so that they could do what they are doing it is time for all of us to take that issue to the ballot boxes next election and correct this corrupted PSST wording and to fire ALL of our current Council and Commissioners who had a plan to BURGLE the PSST collections and use them for their OTHER PET PROJECTS FUNDING since before the election.

This kind of benign snookering of the public trust and purse MUST be stopped and now. Agree with me or not! The after the fact reports in all school shootings state the enhanced measures that SHOULD have been taken in the FIRST place. Why should we wait for some investigator to tell us that? We know better. We can do better!

Bill Bennett, Montrose

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLINE CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING FUNDS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—The Montrose County Board of County Commissioners approved a letter to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) declining the acceptance of congressionally directed funding to be passed through the agency. In 2022, the county was awarded \$7.725 million via a congressionally directed spending request approved by congress. Since being notified of the award in March of 2022, the county has worked continuously to finalize documentation required by USDA. Unfortu-

nately, the terms and conditions required by USDA have been determined to not be in the best interest of the project, the county or the community as a whole.

"Disappointment is an understatement for how I am feeling now," said Commissioner Roger Rash. "The courthouse is near and dear to my heart. I was hopeful that this funding would be a big boost to the project, but it is just more federal red tape that could potentially cause issues in the end. We are continuing to look at alternative ways to make this

project happen."

Although the award was announced as totaling \$7.725 million, the USDA chose to utilize a last dollar in approach to funding whereby any savings under-estimated construction cost would belong to USDA. This approach differs from typical grant awards where funds are awarded on a prorated basis. The end result for the courthouse project was that, depending on project cost, the county may have received little if any of the awarded amount despite having to accept all federal requirements.

Additionally, USDA required all contracts, including those between the county and its own architect and contractors to be reviewed and approved by USDA. Project oversight was to be assigned to a USDA architect based in Hawaii with any project change orders, including those during construction, to require their approval. Assigning this level of authority to a remotely located architect unfamiliar with the building and project would most certainly cause further project delays.

Another major concern was that of qualified bidders. USDA staff informed the county to expect only firms located in urban areas to qualify as bidders due to contract requirements. Awarding to distantly located firms would have escalated project costs without the guarantee of federal funds to offset added expenses. As a local project, funded with local dollars, the county wants to preserve the opportunity for local and regional firms to participate in the project. The county firmly believes there are qualified contractors in the region that deserve the right to bid on a locally funded project. The county is not willing to accept the requirement to send project dollars out of the community without affording local firms the opportunity to bid.

Montrose County is greatly appreciative of Senator Hickenlooper's efforts to secure this funding for the project, but after significant debate believes it is in the best interest of the county and community to decline the funding. The cumulative effect of USDA requirements could have resulted in increased expenses without corresponding revenue. The bottom line result could have been a financial net negative for the project.

At this time, the county is exploring options to advance the courthouse renovation utilizing standard bidding and contracting practices.

The county's letter to USDA is available [here](#).



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CITY CONSIDERS ANIMAL SHELTER, BROWN CENTER FOR COLLATERAL SUBSTITUTION ORDINANCE



Police Chief Blaine Hall talked about the time capsule ceremony for the new public safety complex. Meeting Screenshot.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose Mayor Dave Frank welcomed all to the City Council work session of Monday, April 3. Frank said that the session would be the last to be held in the police department's community room. "We're looking forward to getting back into our council chambers in two weeks." Frank introduced a discussion of the time capsule ceremony for the new public safety complex. Police Chief Blaine Hall talked about the time capsule. Letters and pictures were collected, he said, and shared an example of the capsule itself. "We had plans to seal it up today but unfortunately we couldn't get ahold of the mason," Hall said. "We're still working on that."

Frank said, "...I think it's a great opportunity for us to give a slice of what we're doing now and kind of let our future generations know that we're not just alive and well, but we're actually thriving post pandemic."

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Municipal court annual report

Judges Charles Greenacre (retiring) and Erin Maxwell (new) were present.

During 2022, Bo Nerlin was appointed as alternate municipal court judge, Greenacre said. Judge Nerlin is a city employee and works on an hourly, as-needed basis.

In 2021, issues were found with the Municipal Court's liability accounts being out of balance or not being disbursed for a number of years under former Judge Dick Brown. "I was especially concerned about those related to money that should have gone to victims," Greenacre said.

Accounts are now in balance, and monitored to ensure that funds intended for victims and received for victims are in fact paid to those victims. A procedural manual has been created by Court Administrator Karina Lanuza, Greenacre said. "It's a great addition to our operations."

He discussed requirements and ways to provide independent court appointed counsel for indigent defendants. There are now three lawyers serving as defense counsel.

Greenacre also spoke to case filings from year to year. "It appears that our case load is trending back up," he said. "...We are getting more requests for court trials...we have been getting some more requests for court-appointed counsel." Maxwell praised Greenacre's accomplishments as municipal court judge and shared some of her own goals. "I am very excited to become part of this team, I am excited to see what the future will bring." Maxwell said she hopes to expand awareness of the municipal court and its function. Connecting offenders with community resources is also a priority, she said. "A lot of people don't know what resources are available...I think we can connect the people in need to some of these counseling services that are out there...we're in a pretty cool position actually to be able to help people before the problems spiral, before they're so bad that they end up in county court or district court.

Maxwell said she is excited about expanding the teen court program. "...It's giving the youth and their peers a chance to understand how the justice system works."

Detailed information and court statistics are included in the work session packet.

Pavement Marking Contract Recommendation

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid presented information on the award of a contract to Stripe a Lot LLC of Montrose in the amount of \$200,000 for the service of applying pavement markings to the streets.

Collateral Substitution Ordinance

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg

presented a "Collateral Substitution Ordinance."

After paying off previous bonds in 2017 the city opted to borrow \$10M, Wittenberg said. "The decision was to do it as a certificate of participation which means we lease our buildings to the bank and the bank leases them back to us...when we did that we actually used historic city hall as the collateral for part of that loan...now...we need to relinquish historic city hall and substitute it with other collateral.

"We have proposed the Animal Shelter and the Brown Center as that collateral."

Due to the need to move quickly the item would come before council on Tuesday April 4.

Councilor Ed Ulibarri asked questions about the value of the properties, and about payment increases due to adjustable ARM rates. He asked about any impacts to the leases to Brown Center tenants Tuxedo Corn and the Lighthouse Homeless Shelter.

Ashley Dennis of Kutack Rock was present by video to answer questions.

Background-Recitals from the proposed Ordinance are as follows:

"A. The City previously leased the property described in Exhibit A attached hereto ("City Hall") to the Lender pursuant to that certain City Hall Site Lease dated as of November 9, 2017 (the "City Hall Site Lease") by and between the City, as lessor, and the Lender, as lessee;

and

B. The Lender subleased City Hall back to the City pursuant to that certain City Hall Lease Purchase Agreement dated as of November 9, 2017 (the "City Hall Lease Purchase Agreement") by and between the Lender, as lessor, and the City, as lessee; and C. The City has entered into a contract for the sale of its fee ownership interest in the City Hall and, to enable the sale of the property and avoid the need to refinance the underlying financial obligation related to the City Hall Lease Purchase Agreement, the Lender has agreed to the substitution of a parcel including the Animal Shelter, located at 3383 N

CITY CONSIDERS ANIMAL SHELTER, BROWN CENTER FOR COLLATERAL SUBSTITUTION ORDINANCE From previous pg

Townsend Avenue, and the Brown Center, located at 3325 N Townsend Avenue (collectively, the "Substituted Parcel"), as replacement for and release of the encumbrance of City Hall under the City Hall Lease Purchase Agreement; and

D. To complete the above-described substitution of property, the City will lease the Substituted Parcel to the Lender pursuant to the 3383/3325 Site Lease, dated on or about May __, 2023, by and between the City, as lessor, and the Lender, as lessee, and the Lender will sublease the Substituted Parcel back to the City pursuant to a First Amendment to City Hall Lease Purchase Agreement, dated on or about May __, 2023, by and between the Lender, as sublessor, and the City, as sublessee (the "First Amendment"), thereby substituting the Substituted Parcel for City Hall while maintaining the existing financial terms and provisions of the City Hall Lease Purchase Agreement; and

E. The City and the Lender desire to (i) terminate and release the City Hall Site Lease in its entirety and (ii) release City Hall from the encumbrance of the City Hall Lease Purchase Agreement (provided the underlying agreement will continue in effect with the substitution of the Substituted Parcel), all as more fully set forth below."

Otter Road Right-of-Way Dedication

Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt and Engineer Scott Murphy presented information on the Otter Road Right-of-Way Dedication.

Background-A memo from Hochwalt states, "City Council recently passed The Grove Preliminary Subdivision Plat at their March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting. The developer of the Grove Subdivision is getting ready to start infrastructure construction, but before that can begin, Otter Road must be dedicated as City right of way, as Otter Road is providing primary access to the initial phase of the proposed subdivision. With this Official Act of the City proposal, Otter Road will be extended approximately 680 feet to accommodate access to the proposed Grove Subdivision. Typically, all rights of way would be dedicated by the developer at time of subdivision, however, because the area that encompasses Otter Road is situated on a separate parcel with a separate owner, an Official Act of the City is required for right-of-way dedication. The area of Otter Road which is being dedicated is currently owned by Sunshine of Montrose, Inc. The plat map for the dedication has been reviewed and approved by staff, and the property owner (Sunshine of Montrose, Inc.) has been in contact with City staff and has agreed to sign the right of way dedication plat. Once approved, the developer can start infrastructure construction."

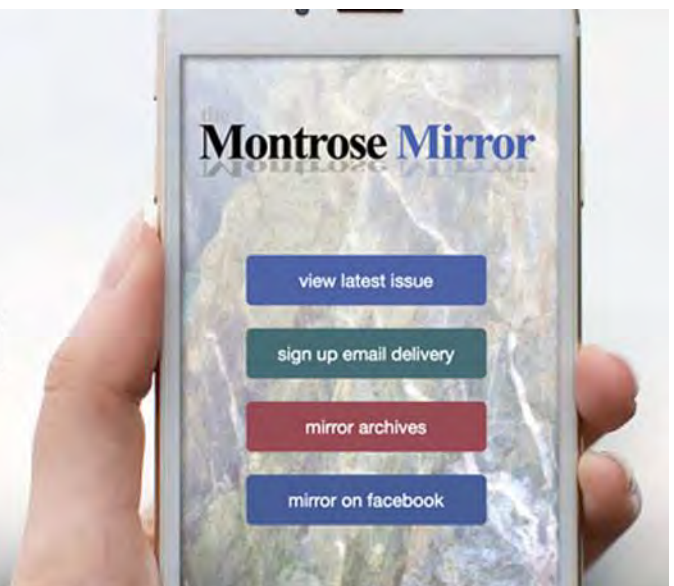
Land Use Code Consolidation Update

Following a brief recess, Council spent time discussing the proposed consolidation of the Land Use Code.

Response to Colorado SB-23-213

Council considered Colorado's proposed SB-23-213, which removes land use decisions from local control. City Attorney Ben Morris presented options for Council to weigh in; Mayor Frank suggested Council issue a Resolution in opposition to SB-23-213. "We feel that it is overreach on an epic level." Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said that the new City Hall is now open. The next work session is expected to be held in council chambers, Scheid said.

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ULIBARRI VOTES 'NO' AS CITY APPROVES SUBSTITUTION ORDINANCE USING ANIMAL SHELTER, BROWN CENTER AS COLLATERAL

"We're substituting it so we can sell the existing City Hall for about 50 percent, or about 50 cents on the dollar for the existing mortgage. I just don't think that's right," Montrose City Councilor Ed Ulibarri.



By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Mayor Dave Frank called the regular Montrose City Council meeting to order on Tuesday, April 4, and led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor J. David Reed was absent, all others were present. No Youth Council representative was in attendance.

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

Council issued a proclamation in Support of AmeriCorps Week, with an unidentified AmeriCorps representative present to accept the proclamation.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 regular City Council meeting as presented.

ORDINANCE 2620 - FIRST READING

With Reed absent and Ulibarri voting "No," council nevertheless approved Ordinance 2620 on first reading. Discussed on April 3 in work session, Ordinance 2620 authorizes the substitution of other City property (Municipal Animal Shelter and Brown Center) for the historic City Hall building under a 2017 lease-purchase financing agreement and authorizes and approves documentation related thereto. The Animal Shelter and the Brown Center together equal the value of the former City Hall, Finance Director Shani Wittenberg said, so no additional financing would

be needed.

Of the \$10M financed by the city in 2017, \$4.8M was spent on MURA streets and infrastructure, the rest was used throughout the city. In 2018 \$2M of maintenance was done, Wittenberg said.

Ulibarri spoke. "...We all know that I've been opposed to the sale of City Hall...my concern...is that it's a \$2.9M loan that we have on the current City Hall, at a new interest rate of 3.93 percent, which is about a thirty percent increase...which doesn't allow for paying down the principal, at least not yet."

He continued. "We're substituting it so we can sell the existing City Hall for about 50 percent, or about 50 cents on the dollar for the existing mortgage. I just don't think that's right; that's been my main concern."

Council approved Ordinance 2620 in a three to one vote, with Ulibarri voting "No."

Background-The ordinance states in part, "...**RECITALS:** A. The City previously leased the property described in Exhibit A attached hereto ("City Hall") to the Lender pursuant to that certain City Hall Site Lease dated as of November 9, 2017 (the "City Hall Site Lease") by and between the City, as lessor, and the Lender, as lessee; and B. The Lender subleased City Hall back to the City pursuant to that certain City Hall Lease Purchase Agreement dated as of November 9, 2017 (the "City Hall Lease Purchase Agreement") by and between the Lender, as lessor, and the City, as lessee; and C. The City has entered into a contract for the sale of its fee ownership interest in the City Hall and, to enable the sale of the property and avoid the need to refinance the underlying financial obligation related to the City Hall Lease Purchase Agreement, the Lender has agreed to the substitution of a parcel including the Animal Shelter, located at 3383 N Townsend Avenue, and the Brown Center, located at 3325 N Townsend Avenue (collectively, the "Substituted Parcel"), as replacement for and release of the encumbrance of City Hall under the City Hall Lease Purchase

Agreement..."

ORDINANCE 2618 - SECOND READING

Council voted to approve Ordinance 2618 on second reading, amending the zoning designation of 122 acres adjacent to the south of the Cobble Creek Golf Course bordering 6400 Road from R-3 Medium Density District with conditions to R-3 Medium Density District with no conditions.

ORDINANCE 2619-SECOND READING

Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum recused herself from consideration of Ordinance 2619 on second reading, as she had on first reading. Approved on second reading by those present, Ordinance 2619 amends the zoning designation of Lot 12 of the Miami Business Park Subdivision Filing No. 1 and Lots 5-11 of the Miami Business Park Subdivision Filing No. 2, totaling 5.56 acres, from OR Office-Residential to R-4 High Density District.

DRY CEDAR CREEK FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

Council voted to approve the Dry Cedar Creek Final Planned Development. Citizen Patty Johnson spoke during the public hearing and said that her question does not pertain only to this development. Johnson asked what constitutes "affordable" housing. "What's the guideline? How do you fall into the affordable housing? What's the price range?"

Mayor Frank said, "...It doesn't really pertain to this item...We would love to have a conversation with you after the meeting. Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said she would meet with Johnson to discuss her question. The Dry Cedar Creek Final Planned Development does have set affordability limits based on income, she said.

ANDERSON ROAD PAVING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Council voted to approve \$679,873.30 in expenditures for construction of the Anderson Road Paving Project. This includes the award of a construction contract to Skip Huston Construction in the amount of \$639,873.30 and a survey/engineering support contract to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of \$40,000.

ULIBARRI VOTES 'NO' AS CITY APPROVES SUBSTITUTION ORDINANCE From previous pg

2023 PARKS MOWER PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION

Council voted to approve the purchase of three Toro mowers from Roaring Fork Rentals in Glenwood Springs for the total purchase price of \$51,432.

STAFF REPORTS

Planning Department Manager Jace Hochwalt said there will be a public open house on the Code Amendment update on Monday April 17 at 6pm in the police community room. "We look at this as Phase One of probably a multi-phase process."

April 17 will also be the first time that Council meetings will return to chambers in the Elks Civic Building, as will other operations.

"We're excited to go back," Mayor Frank said.

"I heard it's looking good," Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum said.

Council Ulibarri said he recently visited a road repair off Ogden Road that was made with the City's new asphalt recycling machine.

"I think this machine is going to accomplish a lot in our road repairs in the city. I thought it just looked great...you guys did it in a timely manner too."

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said none of the area batch plants are open now. "That piece of equipment is great for our operations...it turned out really good, it's a good test for that...we're learning how to use it...I think it will perform very well."

The asphalt recycler also allows for more permanent patching of potholes, Mayor

Frank said.

Scheid said that potholes are being patched on a daily basis. Ulibarri reminded citizens to use the City's "A Better Montrose" app to report potholes.

Morgenthaler gave an update on the Black Canyon Golf Course and the Rusty Putter restaurant. The restaurant has added menu options. The city is transitioning to a better point-of-sale system to better track inventory and has started a YELP account.

Mayor Frank said the golf course is seeking staff and seasonal workers.

Morgenthaler said the City of Montrose is a great place to work. "We would all love some seasonal employees."

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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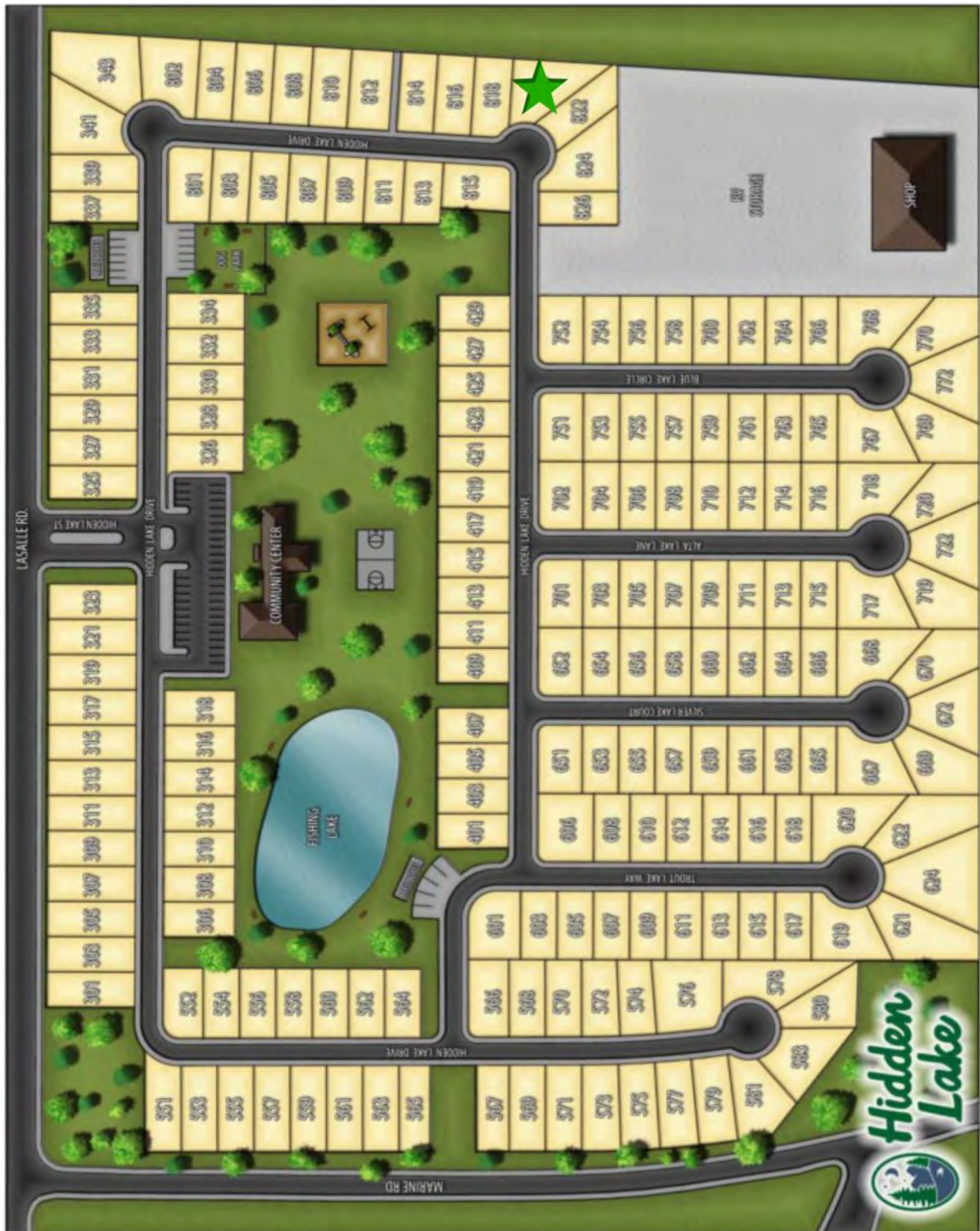
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DELTA HEALTH ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Special to the Mirror

DELTA - Last Friday the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) advanced Delta Health's April and May 2023 Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise, or CHASE, payments totaling \$653,060.

CHASE payments are monies received each month to help offset the losses experienced on Delta Health's Medicaid payments. These are funds Delta Health does not have to pay back.

"When HCPF learned that we were short on cash, they agreed to advance us the April and May CHASE payments so that we would receive a quick infusion of cash into our account," stated Julie Huffman, Delta Health Interim CEO and Chief Legal Officer. "This amount from HCPF, coupled with encumbered cash from our investment account, allows the pay-off of [a] loan in full."

This means the organization has an increase of days cash-on-hand.

Huffman also announced that Kelly Johnston of JFS LLC, a healthcare company based out of Grand Junction, will be the organization's Interim Chief Financial officer. Johnston and team will take a deep dive into Delta Health's financials to guide them through the current circumstances.

"She and her firm have a lot of experience helping rural healthcare entities, and most recently she helped St. Vincent Hospital in Leadville for the past 8-9 months after their financial crisis," said Huffman. "She comes highly recommended by everyone I have spoken to across the State. After discussions with the board, our goal is to allow Ms. Johnston an opportunity to assess and make financial course corrections as interim CFO before we turn our finances over to a permanent CFO."

HCPF will advance some additional funds the week of April 17 that will further assist Delta Health.

"This is a great first step to building back our cash reserves and getting us on the right track," said Huffman. "We are in a time of leadership transition and finances are tight right now, but Delta Health is not going anywhere. We still have important work to do."

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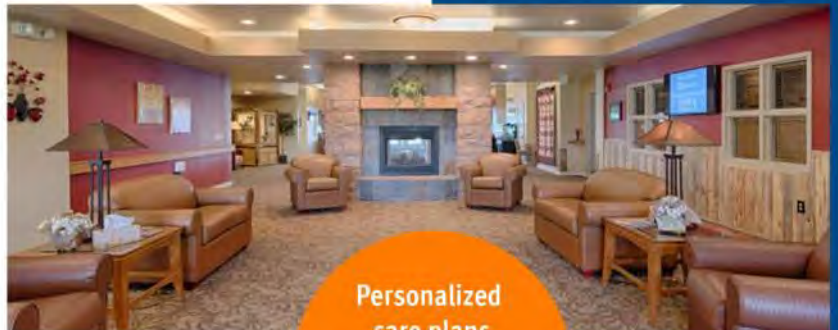
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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

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Editor:

Everyone reading this is aware of the deep political divide in our country. It is driven by an irresponsible media environment which is driven purely by profit. Anger sells, and the mundane business of good governance is boring (to those who either don't understand it, or just don't care). News media are made possible through advertisements, and it has always been so; with the exception of those in totalitarian countries. The problem nowadays is that the stakes are higher with nationwide, and even international, consumption of all sorts of media. Instead of two newspapers competing in a town or city for readership; now we have newspapers, TV, radio and internet news sources, cable news, political websites, bloggers, interest groups, and corporations; all competing for "eyeballs" worldwide. This hyper-competitive environment incentivizes news sources to present programming that grabs attention. Unfortunately, this leads to sensationalism, conspiracy mongering, and outright lying on the part of many of them. In my youth, this nonsense took the form of those once ubiquitous tabloids at the drug and grocery store checkout stands, with names such as National Enquirer, Star, Mirror, and Sun. These rags satisfied the baser instincts of the readership in order to sell; stories like "An Alien Slept with My Wife", etc. Discerning customers would chuckle, or harrumph, as they waited in line to check out. The bored and less sophisticated, if they happened to have any extra money, (more people than you'd like to think) would pick up a copy. Nowadays, they simply switch on Fox "News".

These printed tabloids faded somewhat with the internet, which promised to "level the playing field", and bring a pipeline of news and information, national and international, right into our homes. In a perfect world, this would have been a positive means to achieving a well-informed citizenry. As it turned out, the days when you would pick up a quality newspaper in the morning, and then come home to listen to Walter Cronkite, or

Huntley and Brinkley in the evening, were over. In those earlier times, journalism was sustained by professionalism, and these news sources (outside of the tabloid realm), policed themselves rigorously. If reporters wrote something that wasn't backed up by at least two reliable sources, it didn't survive the "final cut". If they reported something in error, they retracted it with an apology. If they didn't follow these rules, they were pilloried, and lost business. As such, these news sources were generally trusted for their accurate content, and lack of bombast. The internet changed all of that. The Reagan Administration's repeal of the Fairness Doctrine, which, among other things, forbade mixing opinion with factual news, put the nail in the coffin of honest journalism; and "opinion journalism" became commonplace.

About that time, tabloid mogul Rupert Murdoch was in the process of being hounded out of Great Britain for his scandal mongering, and his lopsided support of the Conservatives in government. He had bought up most of the tabloid press, instructed them to concentrate on salacious stories, and attacked the "liberal" press. He told one of his paper's editors: "I want a tearaway paper with lots of tits in it". But his sponsorship of right wing causes caught the attention of the Reagan Administration, which fast tracked his US citizenship at the same time when he was being criticized for his dishonest "journalism" in Britain. Having perfected his schtick, and his fortune, in Britain, he started a new tabloid press outlet in the USA named Fox News. The same Murdoch juggernaut that was sued for hacking into teenaged girl's cellphones in Britain in search of salacious stories had finally come to America! In his new home here, his new baby stoked anger, put scores of beautiful, busty "journalists" on the air, wrought havoc on our political system, and made LOTS of money in the process. There is much more to this story that I've related above, and it was a truly abhorrent history; the reader is encouraged to "read all about it".

Unfortunately for all of us, Murdoch's seedy strategy hit pay dirt, and Fox took advantage of the free-for-all that was the internet in order to spread his poison. Fox News became the most watched network, and, no coincidence, the political division of America grew in lockstep with their sensationalist, conspiracy mongering "reporting". Nonstop commentary on alleged conspiracies, and charges of "socialism" against Democrats was (and still is) daily fare, while the mismanagement of government by Republicans was not reported, or, paradoxically, blamed on Democrats. Note: blaming the other side for your own faults is known as "gaslighting", and is one of the tools used every day by the current crop of MAGA Republicans. For example, the howler that Biden is a liar, while ignoring the fact that Trump had told lies over 30,000 times in public during his presidency. All politicians "lie" to varying degrees, but the depth and breadth of Trump's lying spree is incomparable to any other human being in recorded history; but, sadly, his supporters still believe in him. Find one example of when Trump told the truth at his own expense, or ever admitted that he was wrong ... I'll wait... Republicans turn this upside down and say that Biden is the liar; the perfect example of gaslighting.

The damage done by shoddy, sensationalist, tabloid journalism all came to a head in the election of 2016, when Fox' shoddy and biased reporting, along with a good deal of misinformation spread by fake accounts and trolling from Putin's Internet Research Agency, led to the grifter from NYC being elected. Now, 6 years later, this has caught up with Fox News, causing them to suffer the same fate of every other individual or entity that ever did Trump's dirty work. They are currently being sued by Dominion Voting Systems for repeatedly and knowingly lying about a "stolen election", even though many top level people at Fox knew that the allegations were false, and admitted so in writing. Evidence from the current trial against Fox includes Tucker Carlson admitting in various emails that the "Big Lie"

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was just that. Some of his texts about Trump include: "All of [his businesses] fail," , and "What he's good at is destroying things. He's the undisputed world champion of that." He characterized the Trump Administration as a "disaster". "We are very, very close to being able to ignore Trump most nights," he wrote in a text sent on 4 January 2021. "I truly can't wait." and "I hate him passionately". This string of irrefutable evidence suggests that Carlson, along with other top commentators at Fox, have consistently lied to their audience; telling them what they want to hear, rather than the actual truth. We await the outcome of the Dominion trial; but now we know all we need to know about Rupert Murdoch's Fox News: it isn't suitable for anything other than toilet paper; and, in a just world, Murdoch's citizenship would be nullified.

Despite all of this, Carlson, to this day, supports Trump wholeheartedly on the air, because it grabs MAGA eyeballs. His rants against Biden and the Democrats are featured regularly on Russian State TV. The more crazy and unbelievable their claims about Democrats, the more eyeballs, the more traffic on their site, and the more advertising revenue they get (though many corporations have pulled their advertising, because visibility on Fox damages their own reputations). The damage that Fox has done to our civil discourse has been devastating; and can be seen reflected here in the Montrose Mirror, through the rantings of a few individuals that I don't even have to name, because we all know who they are. These individuals are incapable of experiencing a feeling of shame at writing total drivel; they are akin to the "crazy uncles" that once fulminated at their TV sets, but now, unfortunately, have a wider audience, as well as a political party that welcomes their style of in your face public craziness. This constant marination of misinformation and conspiracy theories by right wing media has led us to the point that otherwise semi rational people believe in the nonsense of Qanon, Biden's alleged "criminality", Putin's "genius", allegiance to the greatest confidence man in U.S.

history, a high school dropout representing us in the U.S. Congress, etc.

I am confident that, once society has figured out a way to incentivize good behavior in media news outlets, our society will return to a semblance of normality and unity. I've said before numerous times before that our country will fail unless we can come together as a society to solve the many problems that face us. Sadly, many on the "right" are working hard to bring about downfall of democracy; but what do they have to offer in return? If you doubt this claim, ask yourself "What could Donald Trump do that would shake Republican confidence in the man?". No amount of dishonest, degrading, insulting, and I will claim, traitorous, behavior, has yet to penetrate their support for this disgusting man. They apparently are willing to grant him the presidency based on his false promises; and that never ends well.

I, and many others like me, frequently ask myself: Why did they choose this man as their leader? A man who has coopted Christianity to his own purposes after a lifetime of violating nearly every principle that Christ taught; twisting his teachings on compassion and love into a toxic mixture of hatred and grievance. A man who, instead of calling for unity and compassion, calls for violence, complains incessantly about he has been treated, spreads cruelty and depravity every day of the year, and even tried to overthrow our democratic system of government based on his "Big Lie". Many of his followers say that "He tells it like it is", or "He's a fighter"; when, in reality, as anyone who has been involved with him knows; he fights ONLY for himself. At this point, dozens of people have gone to jail for doing his dirty work; but it's all about to catch up with the ringleader of all of this misery. Most outside of the MAGA bubble, both here in the USA, and around the civilized world, realize this.

But perhaps the worst thing that Trump has done to America is normalizing degrading behavior in a leadership position. He has taught his followers that it's OK to openly insult anyone who doesn't agree with you; to lie in order to get your way,

to subvert others through revenge and ridicule, to cheat serially on several wives; throwing them out when their purpose has been served; to cheat in business dealings, and to avoid paying taxes through subterfuge. I could go on for pages on this subject alone. All of this was exactly the opposite of how our parents generation taught us to behave.

I find it amusing that Webster's actually lists a definition that is appropriate to this discussion, copied verbatim from the source:

Trumpery (n) 1 a: worthless nonsense, b: trivial or useless articles: JUNK
etymology: Trumpery derives from the Middle English *tromper*, and ultimately from the Middle French *tromper*, meaning "to deceive."

Seems to me that this definition fits the man's behavior like a finely crafted glove. For far too long, our democracy has been on "cruise control"; with too few people taking the time to learn the basic principles of civics, or the history of our government. The inevitable results of this laissez faire attitude can be seen in our lack of vigilance in policing our media landscape, and, by proxy, our political leadership. Unhinged, unprofessional, and out of control "thought leaders", by far, mostly on the right side of the political spectrum, regularly spew poison in order to divide (and, once again, pull in eyeballs). In the process, they have intentionally destroyed civility; and this is tearing our country apart. Infowars founder Alex Jones is just one example of a man who spreads Trumpist hatred in order to get rich. He did the cruelest thing imaginable when he called the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings, which took the lives of 20 children and 6 teachers, a hoax; and actually charged that grieving parents were Democratic actors! Imagine having your son shot in the head, and having to put up with Alex Jones calling you an actor hired by Democrats! This vile miscreant has since been sued and shamed into oblivion; though I personally would have liked to see him put into prison for the rest of his life for the damage he has caused to families of the victims.

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I've also said before in this forum that, if the ranters in this paper have anything useful to say on how to solve problems, they should discuss their recommendations in a rational and civilized manner. Here are a few issues they might address: saving the public safety net (SS, Medicare, etc.), improving health care access for everyone (after all, who doesn't need it?), preserving our Earth's environmental systems so that our children will have clean air, water, and recreational parks and public lands, ensuring protection of the rights of the vulnerable in the face of vicious and sometimes violent prejudice, getting money out of politics, making improvements to our government (rather than overthrowing it), improving, rather than throwing out, regulations and laws that protect our citizenry, passing comprehensive immigration reform, rather than just blaming border problems on Democrats, recycling programs to cut down on waste, forcing the rich to pay their fair share of taxes, etc. They should talk about solutions to these problems, rather than mindlessly calling people like myself "communists" or "socialists", enemies of law enforcement, etc.

I hope that the aforementioned letter writers will simply spare us their rants, which are totally disconnected from reality. Past experience with them makes me doubtful; but, as they say: "hope springs eternal" that they will just find a more helpful pastime than complaining, and endlessly engaging in juvenile character

assassination (just like their hero, Trump). Meanwhile, I hope to continue talking about the issues formerly mentioned, with the goal of encouraging intelligent dialog meant to foster reasonable solutions to the challenges we face.

Democrats are the only ones supporting our justice system at this time; with Republicans threatening judges and our federal law enforcement agencies in order to protect Trump. Public officials working for the benefit of society now regularly receive death threat from unhinged Trump supporters; and he offers scant discouragement to these threats of violence. The Democratic Party is the ONLY one of the two parties that is working full time to solve the issues facing us, while the Republican Party has devolved into the party of culture warriors and cranks, who feed off of anger and discontent. All they have to offer is constant bellyaching, and cowardly submission to Trump. Almost none of them have the courage to stand up to him; so they deserve no place in leadership.

So, to the meat of the issue ... what is to be done to combat rampant misinformation coming from so many sources that seem to have no guardrails? It's a tricky situation, because we have to balance First Amendment rights with the need to protect our democracy as well as public safety. If we had a functional U.S. Congress, that would be the place to discuss possible solutions to this existential threat to our democracy; but, at present, only

the Democratic caucus is rational and functional, and the Republicans ONLY obstruct; so the discussion is presently going nowhere.

In light of congressional gridlock, it is incumbent on each of us to choose where we get our news carefully; and to reject salacious news that goes counter to our common sense. Look into the history of the news sources that you rely on, and ask yourself questions, such as: How long has this source been in business, and how many times have they been involved in controversies regarding their truthful reporting of the news? Is their reporting and analysis fair and balanced, or is it consistently biased against certain points of view, regardless of the merit of those views? Do they cater to sensational stories and conspiracy theories frequently? Do they consistently criticize only one political party, or do they offer useful criticism of both? Do they report news in a way that is engineered to create anger and frustration; or do they treat both sides of an issue in a way that makes you think? Of course, if you haven't the time, there is a short-cut question you could ask to get there quicker: "Do they continually make excuses for Trump's misbehavior?". A little bit of research should give you an idea of how evenhanded your sources are. If they aren't even handed, they aren't deserving of your patronage.

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FUNNY YOU NEVER SEE THEM COMING AFTER PRIVATE JETS

Editor;

Once you figure out the Biden and Democrats' recipe for truth, then it's easy to recognize what the actual truth is. For instance, when the surprise leak came out about banning your gas stove, the radical Left responded with "we're not coming for your stove". Then another leak came out that Democrat Stacy Abrams, after suffering a defeat in the Gov. election, had just taken a job with an environmental group which is trying to regulate and.....ban gas stoves! Her group states they are focused on "electrifying" our homes and businesses. Then the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Chairman announced, "I am not looking to ban gas stoves and the CPSC has no proceeding to do so". But then a CPSC commissioner announced such a move is possible because he said gas stoves pollute indoor air - even when not in use! - causing -----, here goes!....., 12.7 % of child asthma cases! So the best advice to believe is if Democrats say they won't, they will! And if they say they will, they won't!

Now, some Leftist cities like San Francisco, Seattle and New York have already begun banning installation of gas appliances in new construction. And that includes gas water heaters, gas furnaces and outdoor gas grills. They're saying an alternative would be setting standards on emissions (there's that magic word, EMISSIONS!) from the appliances. But the outrageous cost of those "standards" would result in the same as a ban. Democrats and liberals never demonstrated any concern over gas stoves before. Not even Democrat Congresswoman AOC who chimed in by saying gas stoves are dangerous to brain health. It's reported that she uses a gas stove, but actually what's wrong with her brain is not caused by stoves.

But now we learn it's not just gas appliances they want to ban. It's your washing machines and air conditioners also! Their hypocrisy is getting thick. They're mad

about how much water you use in your washing machine, so they want to force manufactures to limit the water intake. But if your clothes don't get clean, there's nothing stopping the user from running the clothes through another cycle. So then you would be using twice the water and twice the gas to heat the water and twice the electricity to run the washing machine. But they don't talk about the massive water the illegal invaders require! These Leftists can't figure out simple logic like that, though. The air conditioners they're after are the refrigerator type that traditionally use more electricity than a swamp cooler. These are typically used inside smaller homes usually by poor people, minorities and elderly people, which would cause them to suffer in the heat, possibly causing them medical problems, which could result in them requiring expensive medical care. It's always been apparent the radical Left Democrats create the crises and then deceitfully tell voters only they can fix the problem.

Is this a war on your appliances? Or is it a war on you?? Funny you never see them coming after private jets! Is the goal of the "green" agenda to make everyone suffer? A worthwhile proposal would be to see to it that our politicians share in some of the misery they create. Banning air conditioning in Washington, DC would be a great place to start.

The facts about "green energy" they won't admit to is that it can't possibly provide anywhere near the energy to replace fossil fuels. Right now the U.S. gets about 70% of its energy from fossil fuels and to go to zero would be disastrous. But there is serious debate about whether green energy is even good for the environment. The World Bank acknowledges a study showing that moving toward 100% solar, wind and electric battery energy would be just as destructive to the planet as fossil fuels and that was also the conclusion of a story in Foreign Policy magazine, hardly a right-wing publication. Their reasoning was that

moving to carbon-free energy would require massive amounts of energy to extract the minerals and metals along with great environmental and social costs. To go all-in on batteries, solar and wind would require 34 million metric tons of copper, 40 million tons of lead, 50 million tons of zinc, 162 million tons of aluminum and 4.8 billions of tons of iron.

But wait.....isn't it the Democrat greenies who want to shut down mines? Maybe a little hypocrisy there?? Hmmmmmm? Of course those tens of millions of windmills, solar panels and electric batteries for cars and trucks aren't biodegradable. So then we would have a massive energy graveyard with toxic pollutants 100 times larger than any nuclear waste storage and a nuclear plant would need only an acre of land, with no graveyard. And yet, the Left is worried about plastic straws, but not a word about the Biden crime family's buddies, China, for being responsible for 90% of the plastic in the world's oceans! But that's not all.....they then need massive land space for all the windmills and solar panels. It would require land area equal to FIVE South Dakotas to develop enough energy to run all the electric vehicles, factories and more in America. A nuclear plant would require only one acre of ground with no required graveyard. So there goes our wilderness and landscape. But now many blue Lefty states like Vermont, Wisconsin, Massachusetts are saying "no" to any of this in THEIR "backyard"! "We don't want our ocean views spoiled from our beachfront villas"! Uh huh!

C'mon Biden, pretend you love America and turn on the spigots to our clean energy.

China will love it since you're selling them America's CLEAN oil they won't have to buy dirty oil from Russia, Venezuela or Saudi Arabia. Also, please build some nuclear power plants so we can have clean energy.

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose

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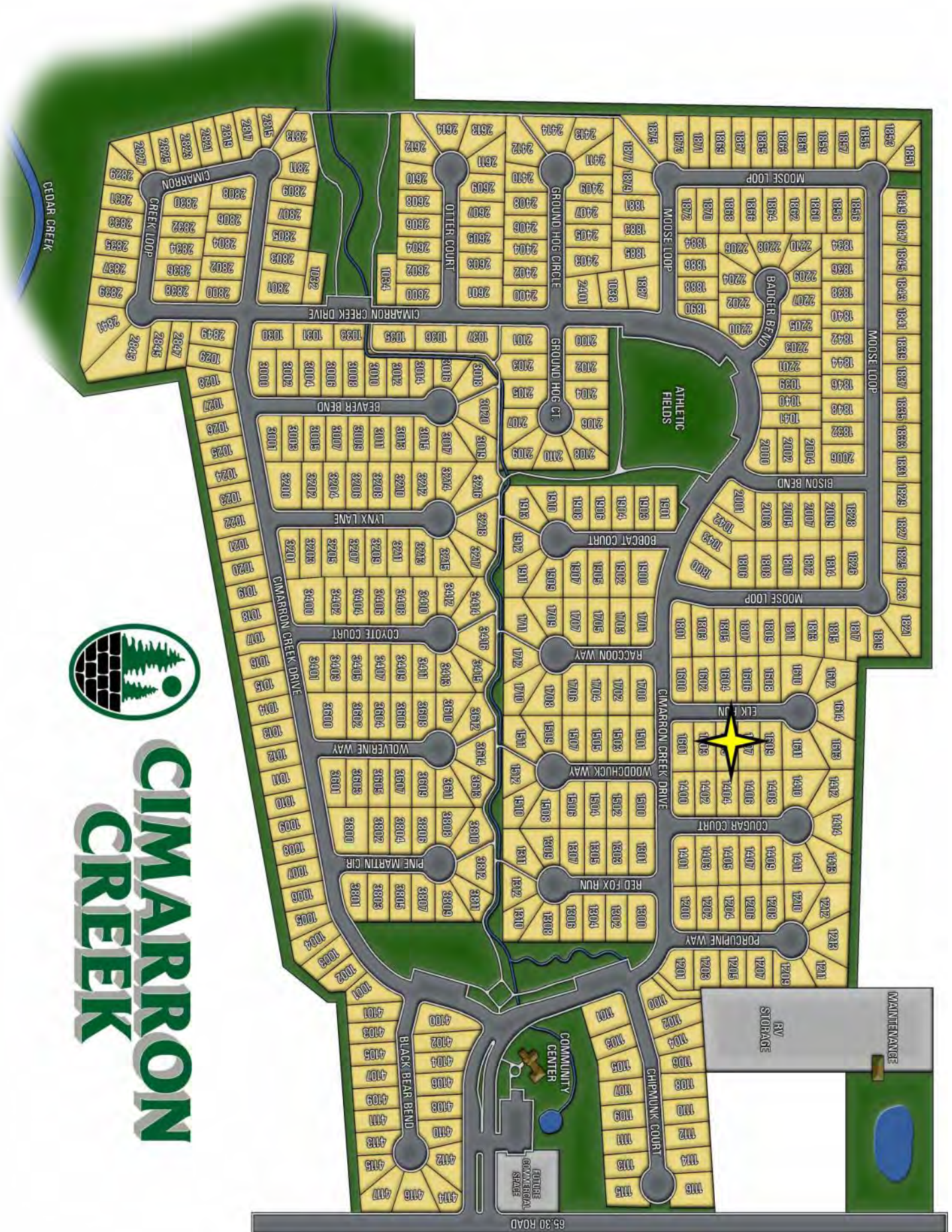
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UPCOMING GOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS & ELECTIONS & STATE LEGISLATURE GOINGS ON

By David White, Montrose

MONTROSE RE-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT: This coming Tuesday evening, April 11, 2023, at 6:30PM, your local School Board will meet at the School District Offices (900 Colorado Ave.) for what a board member told me is expected to be a lively meeting.

The leading issue is the district's new dress code which was largely written without much community input. While it's not unreasonable to update policies and codes, broader community involvement wouldn't have been a bad thing. Olathe teachers have spoken out against parts of the new dress code along with parents, but nothing has deterred the Superintendent from sticking to the draft she presented at the last board meeting in March.

Like most things, the new dress code isn't all bad (save for all of the "woke" euphemisms laced into it) however, unlike the disciplinary provisions incorporated into the existing policy, the code clearly states that students **"SHALL NOT"** be disciplined or removed from class as a consequence of violating the dress code **UNLESS** their attire creates a "substantial" disruption or poses a health or safety hazard to the wearer or others (whatever that's supposed to mean).

The new code weakly suggests that a teacher or principal may ask a student to "briefly" leave the classroom to cover or change their non-compliant clothing, but since the code states that they **SHALL NOT** be removed from the classroom, it's clear that the students really don't need to worry about complying with the code. My question is simple: Why have a dress code at all if you don't intend to have a structured disciplinary policy (as currently exists) – basically, three strikes and you're out?

Also, on the agenda (Item 4) is a recommendation by the Superintendent to the Board that they approve the expenditure of \$117,000 from the General Fund for the "Spring Wellness Package" which consists of Swedish Massages, facials, Infrared Sauna sessions, pool passes to the Ouray Hot Springs, etc. Apparently, this package was already sent out to all staff to "incentivize and support mental and physical well-being." I've not heard of this before and while I'm sure the staff appreciates this gesture (especially the teachers who are on the front-lines in the district), I must wonder if this is a proper expenditure of public funds that might otherwise or already be included in a compensation package for each staff member via their insurance carrier's wellness and insurance op-

tions.

MONTROSE RECREATION & FIRE DISTRICTS: Most folks don't know it and it's not really advertised much, but the Rec District and Fire Districts are both governmental entities with elected boards. The two districts have elections in "off years" (2023 being one of those) and usually share the cost of the election.

This year, the Fire District doesn't have any outside candidates board seats – just the incumbents, so their election was canceled, however, the Rec District has three (3) seats open and four (4) candidates (Christina Files & Paul Wiesner – incumbents and Jim Dolan & Suzi King – new candidates), so they'll have an election on May 2, 2023, at Friendship Hall (1001 N. 2nd St., Montrose – 7AM-7PM). I would encourage everyone to vote. The Rec District is a very large operation with an equally large budget driven mostly by tax dollars. Oversight and accountability are essential. Your vote does matter!

CURRENT STATE LEGISLATION – THE GOOD AND BAD: I would like to encourage the reader to be aware of the following bills currently in the process of being heard or being voted on in the coming weeks as the legislature enters its last month of the current session. There are some real whoppers in the hopper right now, many of which will affect the cost of living for the average Colorado resident. Here's the list that was compiled by former State Senator Kevin Lundberg on April 8th:

General Session Bills

559 bills have been introduced so far. Here is a brief summary of 62 bills I consider most significant:

PLV means "Party Line Vote."

THE BEST BILLS:

HB-1017 CONCERNING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ELECTRONIC SALES AND USE TAX SIMPLIFICATION SYSTEM I don't like the Colorado sales tax system at all, and this does not repeal it, but it is designed to take a little bit of the pain out of collecting sales taxes. Passed first committee.

HB-1029 CONCERNING MEASURES TO PROHIBIT REQUIRING ADMINISTRATION OF A COVID-19 VACCINE TO A MINOR WITHOUT INFORMED CONSENT. Lost in first committee, PLV

HB-1038 CONCERNING THE REPLACEMENT OF A CATALYTIC CONVERTER THAT HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE It would make it more possible and economical to replace a stolen catalytic converter. Lost in first

committee, PLV.

HB 1044 "SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT" This bill is designed to prohibit enforcement of federal laws that infringe on the right to bear arms. Lost in first committee, PLV

HB-1050 USE OF DEADLY PHYSICAL FORCE AGAINST A PERSON WHO HAS MADE AN ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO A PLACE OF BUSINESS The business version of the make my day law. Lost in first committee, PLV

HB-1054 CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY VALUATION This bill will smooth out the property tax explosion we will see if this bill does not pass. Lost in First Committee

HB-1055 PROHIBIT WIRELESS NETWORKING VOTING SYSTEMS They say the machines don't have wireless connections, how about making it the law? Lost in first committee, PLV

HB-1063 REDUCTION OF STATE INCOME TAX RATE TO 3.5% Lost in first committee, PLV

HB-1079 INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR NONPUBLIC EDUCATION This is a bill idea I first introduced nearly 20 years ago, and somebody has carried it every year since then. The idea is sound, but the teacher's union is opposed to it. Lost in first committee, PLV

HB-1080 RELIABLE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES This bill encourages nuclear and hydro power. Lost in first committee.

HB-1085 RURAL ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING CODES Extends the dates that rural areas have to adopt these new, restrictive codes. Lost in first committee.

HB-1086 DUE PROCESS ASSET FORFEITURE ACT This places reasonable limits on civil forfeiture actions. Passed first committee.

HB-1119 ABOLISHING ABORTIONS IN COLORADO The bill title says it all. Thank you, Rep. Bottoms, for sponsoring this bill. With Roe overturned this is no longer an academic exercise. To vote against this bill is to condemn thousands of children to certain death. To vote for the bill is to give them life! Lost in first committee, PLV

HB-1127 Customer's Right to Use Energy Prohibits local government from banning natural gas, etc. Lost in first committee, PLV

HB-1142 Information of Person Reporting Child Abuse This eliminates anonymous reporting. Passed first committee.

HB-1150 Provide Information on Abortion Pill Reversal A pro-life bill lost in first committee, PLV

HB23-1163 Revoke Carbon Dioxide Status As A Pollutant This is a scientifically accurate proposal! Lost in first committee, PLV

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HB23-1166 Repeal Retail Delivery

Fees This needs no explanation. Lost in first committee, PLV This needs no explanation. Lost in first committee, PLV

HB-1173 Modify Department of Transportation Governance Make Transportation Commission members an elected position. Lost in first committee, PLV

HB-1188 Authorizing a Public School to Offer Individualized Learning A form of public school at home – might have some merit... Passed first committee.

SB-025 "IN GOD WE TRUST" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE Passed second committee.

SB-026 PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS BASED ON ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA This will prohibit a bank from discriminating against a borrower because of a perceived environmental impact from the loan. The bill is designed to stop woke virtue signaling in the banking industry. Lost in first committee, PLV.

SB-079 NUCLEAR ENERGY AS A CLEAN ENERGY RESOURCE This bill states the obvious: nuclear is a clean energy. Lost in first committee, PLV

SB-108 Allowing Temporary Reductions in Property Tax Due Passed Senate

SB-143 Retail Delivery Fees Gives some relief to the collection of retail delivery fees. Passed first committee in House.

SB-262 Study the feasibility of desalination for California and Mexico to supplement their needs for Colorado River water. It's about time that this got into gear. I started recommending this nearly 20 years ago.

THE WORST BILLS:

HB-1003 "SIXTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT ACT" Pass this and schools may start acting like mental health wards. Passed House PLV

HB-1020 CONCERNING SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSES IN THE REGULATED MARIJUANA BUSINESS. First, what is a social equity license? Is it a streamlined licensing process? That may be a good idea, but not just for a privileged few. Simplify licensing but do it for all. Better yet, get rid of most of the licensing authority of the state. Passed second committee.

HB-1057 CERTAIN PUBLIC BUILDINGS HAVE RESTROOMS WITH AMENITIES FOR

ALL GENDERS. What are "all" genders? Both genders (which is self-evident) or dozens of genders (which is absurd nonsense). Passed first committee PLV.

HB-1068 PET ANIMAL OWNERSHIP IN HOUSING This creates a whole new category of regulations for rental properties, including banning any extra deposits or rent increase for pets. Passed House

HB-1095 LIMITATIONS ON RENTAL AGREEMENTS This is a long list of what cannot be in a housing rental agreement. This will inevitably drive up the cost of renting in Colorado, which is already way too high. Passed Senate committee PLV.

HB-1118 FAIR WORKWEEK EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS This looks like a union bill without the union. The bottom line is it makes it much more complicated to hire somebody and will discourage businesses from creating more jobs and reduce potential wages for those jobs because of the additional costs of keeping employees. Lost in first committee.

HB23-1154 Ballot Issue Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report More global warming nonsense. Lost in first committee.

HB23-1165 County Authority to Prohibit Firearms Discharge Another gun control law which includes a prohibition on private property. Passed House

HB-1171 Just Cause Requirement Eviction of Residential Tenant More controls on rentals, increasing the cost of renting homes. Passed House

HB 1185 Requirements for Recall Elections and Vacancies This is the recall protection act. It says that if a legislator is recalled, they must be replaced by someone from their own party. No longer would the voting citizens be able to switch the party for that office through a recall. Passed Senate, but partisan requirement for replacement candidates was removed from the bill.

HB-1190 Affordable Housing Right of First Refusal Forcing property owners to give the local government 90 days to review any property sale and buy it for the same terms the owner made with a private purchaser. Passed Senate committee, PLV.

HB-1202 Overdose Prevention Center Authorization This sets up illegal drug injection centers. That's right, places

where drug addicts can take illegal drugs without any legal consequences. Passed House

HB-1206 County Sheriffs and District Attorneys Requires all candidates for these offices to petition on to the ballot and eliminates any party affiliation from their election. This is another direct attack on the caucus system. Passed House

HB-1209 Analysis of a universal health-care system. First step to government funded medical care. Passed first committee, PLV

HB-1210 Concerning Carbon Management -Just think of the possibilities here! Passed first committee, PLV

HB-1219 Waiting Period to Deliver a Firearm Require three days wait to buy a firearm Passed Senate, PLV

HB-1230 Assault Weapons Ban Banning the manufacture, sale or transfer of any semi-automatic firearm that accepts a removable magazine and has a pistol grip, or other details they don't like... Passed Senate first committee. Passed Senate, PLV.

HB-1245 Campaign Restrictions on Municipality Elections Among other limitations, this bill prohibits political parties from contributing to a non-partisan race. Passed first committee, PLV.

HB-1254 Habitability of Rental Properties This bill will guarantee an increase in rental rates across the state as property owners will have to be prepared to pay significant costs if a tenant makes a habitability claim.

HB-1272 (<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb23-1272>) **Tax Policy That Advances Decarbonization** Tax credits for "green" products and a property tax increase for oil and gas production (where is the required TABOR vote of the people?). Passed first committee, PLV.

SB-016 PROMOTE REDUCTIONS IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN COLORADO This is a very dangerous bill, calling for ZERO CO2 emissions by 2050, and tightening up all target dates before that deadline. Passed second committee PLV

SB-21 ORDERING OF NAMES ON PRIMARY BALLOTS This will weaken the assembly system by not making the top vote in the district assembly the top line on the primary ballot and makes all primary

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ballot names (by district assembly and by petition) random. It is one more step toward a jungle primary mess. My thanks to the bill sponsor for requesting the bill be killed in committee, which they did.

[SB-101](#) Candidate Ballot Access for Primary Elections This bill will force all primary candidates to petition on to the ballot. Lost in first Committee

[SB-105](#) Ensure Equal Pay for Equal Work More micromanaging private businesses. This bill, intended to "help" employees, will discourage job growth. Passed third committee, PLV

[SB-111](#) Public Employees' Workplace Protection Unionize government employees. Passed first, PLV

[SB-168](#) Gun Violence Victims' Access to Judicial System Allows a gun manufacturer or seller to be sued by anyone injured by a gun they made or sold to a third party. Passed House, PLV

[SB-169](#) Increasing Minimum Age to Purchase Firearms From 18 to 21. Passed House.

[SB-170](#) Extreme Risk Protection Order Petitions Expanding the red flag law. Passed

House, PLV.

[SB-175](#) Financing of Downtown Development Authority Projects Extends URL tax schemes for several decades without a vote of the people. Passed Senate.

[SB-184](#) Protections for Residential Tenants If I am reading this right, it requires a landlord to rent to the first person who applies for the property, and it protects the renter from eviction if any violation of this law is claimed. There are several other absurd requirements, too many to list here. This could be the worst anti-landlord bill I have ever seen.

[SB-188](#) Protections for Accessing Reproductive Health Care Giving abortion doctors certain legal immunities. Passed House, PLV.

[SB-189](#) Increasing Access to Reproductive Health-Care Forces medical insurance companies to provide abortions without deductibles and copays. Passed House, PLV.

[SB-190](#) Deceptive Actions Regarding Pregnancy-Related Services Directly attacks crisis pregnancy centers. Passed House, PLV.

[SB-198](#) Clean Energy Plans This is a very bad bill. It accelerates the push to eliminate coal

fired electric utilities, putting immediate teeth into the governor's plan to eliminate coal plants by 2030. Passed first committee, PLV.

[SB-213](#) Land Use Taking away local control from counties and municipalities on residential properties

[SB-261](#) Direct Care Workforce Stabilization Board This will treat all direct care workforce people like they were in a union, run by the government!

Of course, there are many more, but from a more conservative position, these are the bills that we all should be paying attention to.

It's hoped that this information will keep the reader updated on what is happening in our community and state. Knowledge is power. Leadership is essential. Please get involved.

Mr. White is an active citizen & community servant as well as a business owner, entrepreneur, former Montrose City Councilmember and County Commissioner and has served on many boards and commissions during his career. He & his wife are the parents of six children and have 10 grandchildren & one great grandchild.

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MAUREEN A FUNSTON ***September 26, 1937- April 4, 2023***



MAUREEN A FUNSTON, age 85, died peacefully on April 4, 2023 in Grand Junction.

Maureen was born Sep. 26, 1937 to Maurice and Ruth (Borrevik) Ranger in Oregon City, Ore. When Maureen was 12, her mother passed away after a lengthy illness, and Maureen and her younger brother David, spent the majority of their childhood boarding with various relatives throughout Washington and Oregon. This

time in her life shaped her outlook on life. She was determined to have a home that was open and loving to all.

In 1954, she graduated from Coulee Dam HS and shortly after met the love of her life, Donald Funston.

Don and Maureen were married June 2, 1956, in a small ceremony in Omak, Wash. and resided in Coulee Dam until he was transferred in 1962 to Collbran, Colorado. In 1965, they moved to Montrose, the place they called home for the next 54 years. Maureen worked at the Montrose Federal Credit Union and then with Dr. Wayne Curry as a bookkeeper until her retirement in 2001.

Maureen loved to socialize, and her favorite activities always included friends and family. She enjoyed hiking the San Juans, tending her rose garden, hosting tea parties, and quilting. In retirement, Don and Maureen loved to travel with friends and made several trips across Europe, Asia and all 50 states.

Her faith in Christ blanketed everything in her life. She served several terms as dea-

con and elder at Montrose First Presbyterian Church, and she loved to sing in the choir for many, many years. She loved to host gatherings at her home and would find any excuse to invite friends over. Outgoing, spirited, and possessing a quick wit, she had a special gift to make others laugh and give comfort if only for a moment. Although she will be missed by many, this day is the prize she longed for, the day she is welcomed home to be with her eternal father and join her eternal family.

Survived by daughter Wendy (Richard) White of Grand Junction, daughter Debra (Graham Frontella) Funston of Newcastle, son Dale (Vera Low) Funston of Colorado Springs, seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren.

The family is planning a private gathering at a later date. In lieu of flowers or monetary contributions, the family suggests that you honor the memory of Maureen by going out of your way to greet a stranger and make them smile. Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose is assisting the family.

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

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RONALD DEAN LUNDBERG

September 4, 1953- March 16, 2023



Ronald Dean Lundberg, age 69, of Montrose, Colorado went to be with his Heavenly Father, peacefully, on Thursday March 16th, 2023, at his residence in

Montrose.

Ron was born September 4th, 1953 in

Cheyenne, Wyoming to Merlin and Bonnie Lundberg. He found a talent working in sales before meeting his wife, Julie Ann Wetterlund, whom he married in Napa, California on February 12th, 1983. Ron and Julie moved from Southern California to Telluride, Colorado in 1984, and went on to have two sons, Christopher and Erik Lundberg, before settling in Montrose, Colorado in October of 1989. He put family first, and was a strong, kind, loving, and supportive father. His knowledge and guidance was the foundation of his family. Ron was very passionate about the game

of golf, a hobby he shared and passed on to his sons as well as his family members and friends. Ron recently moved back to Montrose from Chandler, Arizona to enjoy retirement playing golf alongside his family and friends.

Survivors who were honored to share his life include: his life partner Julie A. Wetterlund; sons, Christopher and Erik Lundberg of Montrose, Colorado; sister Charlene Lundberg of Florida; and brother Donald Lundberg of Placerville, Colorado. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Mr. Lundberg's family.

LAURA SINAH LINDSAY KING

August 11, 1936 -March 14, 2023

Laura Sinah Lindsay King, 86, of Montrose, CO passed away on March 14, 2023. Laurie was born on August 11, 1936 to Dr. Wren and Ethel Lindsay in Maud, OK.

After graduating from high school in Maud, she attended Oklahoma University for a year.

Her favorite place to visit was Silverton, CO and favorite food was Avocados. Laura also known as Grammy, to granddaughter Shelly and her children, lived life to the fullest. She enjoyed riding horses, loved riding her Harley, and she was very proud of the period of her life when she and her husband, Richard drove truck cross country. She was a big sports fan and particularly loved the Dallas Cowboys but was also a Denver Bronco fan. When she wasn't filling her home with her coke collection or beanie babies she could be found bowling.

Laurie was preceded in death by her parents Doc and Ethel, husband Richard King, Brothers Chuck and Bob Lindsay. She is survived by daughter, Linda Massey, son, Jim Massey, sisters, Vicky Davis and Linda Raper. She had 3 grandchildren, Preston Paslay, Michele Tucker, and Lindsay Flebbe, 9 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Laurie will be greatly missed.

Crippin Funeral Home, of Montrose is assisting the family.



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JEFFREY KIRK CRIPPIN

November 18, 1954- March 19, 2023

J. Kirk Crippin age 68 of Cimarron, Co passed away Sunday, March 19, 2023. Kirk was born November 18, 1954 in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Harry Vern and Marion June (Horn) Crippin. Kirk was the second of three boys. Kirk spent his childhood, in Jerome, ID, Bisbee, Az, and La Grande, Or. Kirk attended Central Elementary School, La Grande Jr. High, and graduated from La Grande High School in 1973.

After graduation Kirk worked for Boise Cascade as well as the State of Oregon as a park ranger at Wallowa Lake State Park in Oregon. Kirk moved to Montrose, Co in 1988, where he married Alice June (Standish). Kirk and Alice welcomed their son, Jeffrey Alan Crippin on May 14, 1990. Kirk loved his son with all his heart. While in Montrose, Kirk worked as a Funeral Director, as well as a greens keeper for Cobble Creek Golf Course, and at City Market. Kirk found his dream job with YWAM Colorado in Cimarron, where he

served as Maintenance and Grounds Keeper from 2012 until the time of his death.

Kirk had many interests including golfing and fishing, but his greatest passion was the Lord, he was a creation enthusiast, he enjoyed and loved to visit sharing his ministries, volunteering at the Delta Correctional Facility, as well as traveling to Romania to help spread his ministries. He loved Jesus with all his heart and patiently awaited the day he would see his Lord and Savior face to face. He was a faithful member of the Montrose Christian Church. Kirk will be remembered for his smile & sense of humor, and willingness to help others.

Kirk is survived by his beloved son, Jeffrey (Kaitlin) Crippin of Grand Junction, Co; stepson, Tony Bruton also of Grand Junction, Co. his brothers Greg (Julia) Crippin and Kelly (Carla) Crippin of Montrose, his former wife Alice Muhr of Grand Junction, Co.; his beloved and treasured YWAM



family, which he adored, many numerous nieces & nephews, and cousins. As well as many friends that he consider to be family. Memorial Contributions in Loving Memory of Kirk may be made to: Youth With A Mission Colorado, 247 County Road 858, Cimarron, Co 81220. A Celebration of Life for Kirk will be held Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 10:00 am at Crippin Funeral Home Chapel.

Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose is handling the arrangements.

CHARLES L. GLENDENING

April 17, 1936 —August 23, 2022



Charles L. Glendening (86) passed away on August 23, 2022 at the VA hospital in Louisiana. He was born in Olathe, Colorado on April 17, 1936 to Evelyn and Ralph Glendening. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and grandparents. He had 2 children, 1 stepson and 1 stepdaughter. Charles served 23 years in the U.S. Air Force. He loved to hunt, fish, and ride horses in the hills with his uncles taking care of cattle. He also loved to trap when he was young. He married Jean Glendening on February 9, 1974, in Colorado. He will be buried on April 26, 2023 at 11 AM at the Olathe, Colorado cemetery with a graveside service.

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JOHN W. CAHILL



John W. Cahill

To all our beloved, family and friends. Our dear Johnny Cahill, devoted husband to his magnificent wife the late Bonita Cahill, adoring father of Ashe Cahill-Lehr (Dave), Grandfather to his cherished grandson Jack Cahill. Brother to Spring (Cahill) Green (Bob), Peter Cahill (Trish) and David Cahill (Andrea), as well as his many nieces and nephews, friend to those who crossed his path, avid fisherman, author and storyteller extraordinaire, passed away peacefully at home on February 12, 2023.

John W. Cahill was born in 1949 in Winooksi, Vermont. Over the course of his youth he lived in Hicksville, on Long Island in New York, Buffalo, Salt Lake City, St. Paul & Duluth, Kingsville, Maryland, and Waucon-

da, Hinsdale, & Prairie View, Illinois. He was the only student in his high school class to hold a full-time night job as a line cook with the popular Minnesota restaurant chain called "Embers". After graduating high school in Bel Air Maryland, he attended the College of St. Scholastic in Duluth, Minnesota where he became the first male student body president of that all girl Catholic college. During his tenure in Duluth, he worked as a ladies shoe salesman in large downtown department store to fund his tuition. John has been a Good Humor ice cream truck driver, a pipeline equipment supplier, offshore marine construction rigger; building oil and gas drilling platforms in the Gulf of Mexico, a Wall St. banker; with Barclay's Bank in New York's financial district.

In 1971 he left Wall St. with a backpack and guitar to hitch hike the country for several years until wandering into Aspen, Co., where he met his bride of 44 years. He intended to spend a winter skiing and stayed for 35 years. While there he became a self-taught furniture maker and real estate broker who owned and operated one of the largest property management companies in Aspen. He was an avid

outdoors man, fly fisher, fly tier and the author of 3 books - "I Never Liked Those C-130's Anyway" with Malcolm Smith; the riotous tale of legendary Coast Guard Search & Rescue Aviator LCDR Malcolm R. Smith, "Jack's Drift"; the funny and poignant look into the timeless art of fly fishing and "Taxed Enough- A Property Tax Protest Guide".

He lived in Southwest Colorado above the banks of the historic Uncompahgre River with his family where he spent his time operating his real estate company in Aspen, woodworking, fly tying, gardening, enjoying his grandson and of course fishing with "Jack".

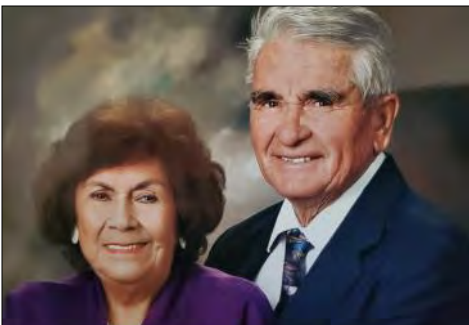
We will be hosting a memorial prayer service and a celebration of his life as Johnny embarks on his next great fishing adventure with his life partner Bonita. We are also celebrating Bonita and Bernice Bundy, on May 20th, 2023 at his High Mesa Home in Olathe, Co

Memorial Details <https://everloved.com/life-of/john-cahill/>

Love and blessings to you all.

We share in this great love and loss together.

PORFIRIO CEBEDEO TAFOYA *October 13, 1934- March 27, 2023*



Porfirio Cebedeo Tafoya was peacefully called home to reunite with his Heavenly family on March 27, 2023, in the comfort of his home. Porfy was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife Lillian, his

sister Dorothy, his sons Tino, Vincent, and Richard, and his infant daughter Mary Margaret. He is survived by his sisters Alice, Celestina, Frances, Connie and Cathy, his son David (Kathy), daughter Cynthia (Jerry) and daughters-in-law Janie (Tino) and Carla (Richard). Porfy and Lillian were blessed with 15 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. Porfy was born October 13, 1934 to Celestino and Elisaida (Archuleta) Tafoya in Antonito, Colorado. He started his life on a ranch in Cañon, Colorado and retired on a ranch in Olathe, Colorado. He said, "Now at my old age I look back on the decisions that I made in my life with no regrets. I left my dad's

ranch, left Idarado Mine after 21 years to a better one in 1976; I left MSHA after 20 years as a Federal Mine Inspector. I feel the good Lord has and will continue to take good care of me. I will do my best and let God do the rest."

Porfy was a Hardrock miner, rancher, farmer and devoted Catholic. He was also a life member of Montrose Elks Lodge 1053 and The Knights of Columbus Council 1188, where he served as Grand Knight.

There will be a Rosary Vigil Thursday May 4, 2023 at 7pm. The funeral Mass is Friday May 5, 2023 at 10am followed by a luncheon, all held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Montrose, CO.

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ART & SOL

SHELTER DISTILLING BREAKS GROUND IN MONTROSE



The previous target date for the Shelter Distilling opening was winter 2023. However, due to design changes, equipment, supply lines, and permitting, the projected date to open is now February 2024. Courtesy image.

(L to R) Colorado Outdoors Developer Doug Dragoo; City Councilman Doug Glaspell; Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum; Mayor Dave Frank; Shelter Distilling partners Matt Hammer, Jason Senior, and Karl Anderson; Colorado Outdoors Developer David Dragoo; Colorado Outdoors Director of Business Development Colleen Aller; and Montrose Economic Development Executive Director Sandy Head. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—The all-day wind gusts of up to 60 mph on April 3 did not deter the groundbreaking for Shelter Distilling, it simply moved the event to an indoor venue in the Mayfly Building.

In 2017 Shelter Distilling opened their doors in Mammoth Lakes, California and the 3,600 square-foot facility in that location has been maxed out. The company will keep their presence at Mammoth Lakes and expand to Montrose, Colorado with an anticipated opening for early

2024. Both locations will offer similar menus, products, and hours of operation, which can be reviewed on their website, shelterdistilling.com.

The new facility, located in Colorado Outdoors, will have 14,000 square feet for restaurant/bar, with inside seating for 99; 10,000 square feet for stills/production; and 20,000 square feet for outside amenities such as a stage for live music, outdoor patio, and fireplaces.

Shelter Distilling offers a variety of spirits—vodka, whiskey, liqueur, vermouth,

bitters, tonics, beer, kegs of beer, and canned cocktails. All products are hand-crafted and served in-house. Addressing attendees of the groundbreaking party, Shelter co-owner Karl Anderson said, “We are so grateful to the town of Montrose, to the MURA [Montrose Urban Renewal Authority] ...we are so excited to be here!”

Mayor Dave Frank said, “From the City of Montrose we are happy to welcome new businesses. We love to have people come to Montrose who appreciate the lifestyle we try to cultivate here in Montrose.”

Shelter Distilling will also have presence in the new Montrose County Airport addition. Co-owner Jason Senior said, “We have contracted with the airport to have a small bar on the second floor, inside security. We are now hiring managers.”

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970-787-9021



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Lighthouse Eatery
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Double Barrel Taco Co.
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Trattoria de Sofia
970-249-0433



Rib City
970-249-7427



Stone House
970-240-8899



Mimo's
970-249-0616



Sidelines Sports Bar
970-765-0129



Amelias Hacienda Restaurante
970-249-1881



San Juan Brews
970-901-8594



Horsefly Brewing
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Rio Bravo
970-964-4477



Jimmer's Steak & BBQ
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CONVERSATION GROUPS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Foreign language conversation groups organized in 2011 are ongoing. These are very informal groups intended to help maintain and improve language proficiency in Spanish, French and German through casual conversation. All abilities are welcome, but to effectively participate some basic knowledge of the language is necessary. Drop-ins are welcome. The Spanish groups meet weekly, the French group meets twice a month and the German group meets once a month. There is no cost.

(MONDAY) Spanish only conversation group Intermediate, advanced and native speakers – 10:30 a.m. Monday Montrose Library and also on Zoom: 970-901-2917.

(TUESDAY) Spanish basic conversation group – 10 a.m. Tuesday, slower pace, some English also spoken, Spanish speakers learning English are welcome. only on Zoom: 970-901-2917.

(MONDAY) French film group, Discussion about a French film . Only French is spoken – 1 p.m. second Monday. Only on Zoom 970-901-2917.

(WEDNESDAY)

French conversation group, informal social gathering at a local restaurant 5 p.m. last Wednesday. 970-901-2917.

(FRIDAY)

German conversation group Intermediate, advanced and native speakers – 1 p.m second Friday Montrose Library, also on Zoom: 970-901-2917.

(TUESDAY) Spanish basic conversation group – 10 a.m. Tuesday, slower pace, some English also spoken, Spanish speakers learning English are welcome. only on Zoom: 970-901-2917.

PEAK ACADEMY TRIMESTER 2 HONOR ROLL:

High School:

Trinity Alvord, Riely Andresen, Judah Bayless, Nicole Box, Jeremy Brailsford, Andre Bucani, Dariann Bushee, Alacrity Combs, Sophia Cooling, Jillian Dixon, Sage Ferrell, Chloe Garduno, Abigail Gerhard, Stanislov Green, Spencer Hahn, Aloryn Howell, Bryson Inda, Aidan Jakeman, Madeline Jakeman, Rafael Jayme, Kaden Kukar, Jordan Lankes, Destiny Lawley, Eliana Masters, Madeline Millican, Violet Poole, Emily Reynolds, Noelle Roth, Garrett Shelley, Sayuri Tirona, Vash Veatch, Beatrix White, Nakeysha Woods.

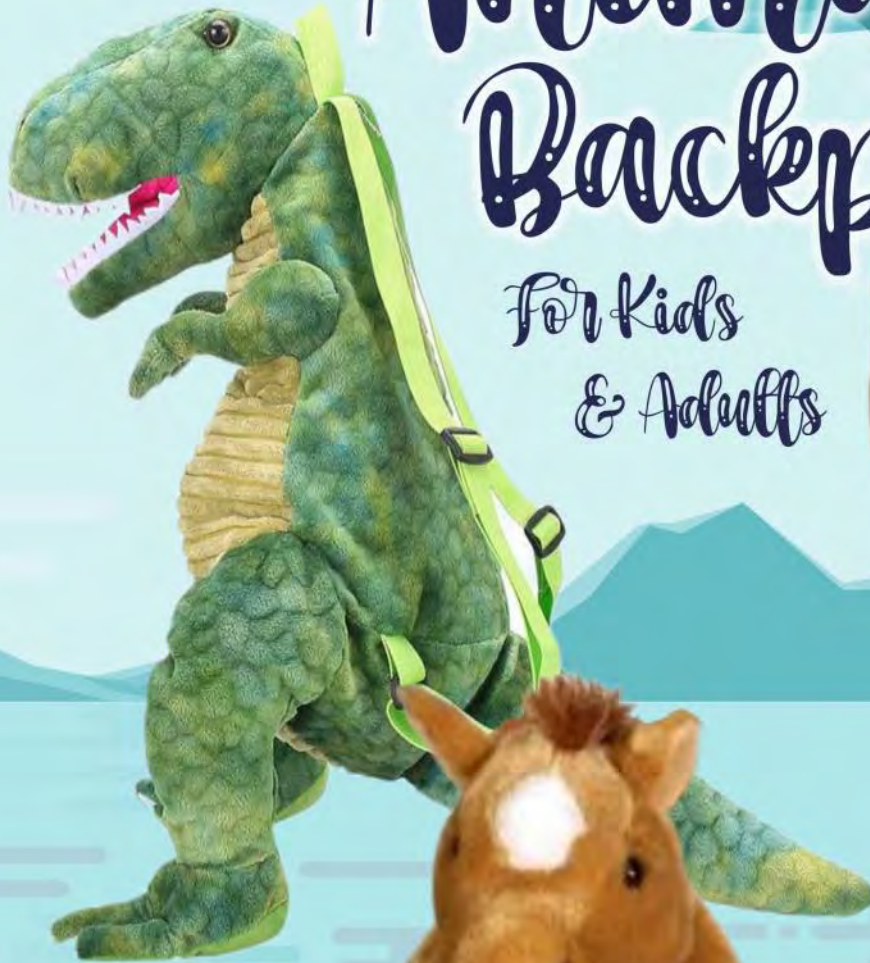
Middle School:

Morgan Alexander, Jayda Balerio, Zuri Balleck, Angela Brailsford, Natalia Clausen, Maximus Decker, John Desario, Lucille DeSario, Oliver Graves, Kate Hadlock, Jacob Hasse, Isaac King, Carter Leggett, Kolt Moreland, Peter Phillips, Sienna Robinson, Dyna Sealock, Jackson Sealock, Jonathan Stetson, Vaylen Veatch, Archer White, Theodore White, Colten Wilson, Wilson Woody



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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, Interim Priest Worship Service Times: Sunday, 9AM, Holy Eucharist. Wednesdays, 11AM Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing.

Wednesday, Noon, Multi-denominational Community 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. Children's Christian Education Program is conducted during the 9AM service. This is a family-

sized church that welcomes all individuals and families. We are currently comprised of families and singles, ages 13 to 90. Fellowship time follows each Sunday Service with a fellowship meal following the service on the 3d Sunday. Welcome home to a family celebrating Christ, in fellowship, growing in the truth of God's Word, with worship in the Anglican tradition.

Mission statement: Restoring Hope.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Independent Baptist

112Main St.

P.O. Box 262

Olathe, Co 81425

Tuesday-Friday Phone: 970-808-1021

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.

CELEBRATION CHURCH

Denomination: Southern Baptist Church (SBC – Southern Baptist Convention)

Address: 2900 Sunnyside Road, Montrose, CO 81401

Office Hours: By appointment

Phone: (970) 497-4925

Email: celebrationmontrose@gmail.com

Website: <https://celebrationmontrose.org/>

Senior Pastor:

Pastor Brandon Mathis

Church Description/Mission: Celebration Church makes disciples that make disciples. Our core values include the Scripture, discipleship, community, service, prayer, love, and unity.

Demographics: Multi-generational

Celebration Kids: Nursery (Birth-4 years old) 8am, 9:30am & 11am

Celebration Kids (Ages 5 – 10) 9:30am & 11am

Discipleship: Students (Ages 11-18) 9:30am Sundays

Adult D2 Classes: 9:30am & 11am Sundays

Other Discipleship Opportunities:

Youth Night: First & Third Wednesdays of month 6pm

Celebration Groups (all ages): Sundays – Fridays various times & locations

Seasons Young Adult (Ages 18-26) Celebration Group: Thursdays @ 5:30pm off campus location

Celebrate Recovery: Friday nights @ 6:30pm

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, [\[form@fpcmontrose.com\]\(mailto:form@fpcmontrose.com\),](mailto:in-</p>
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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.

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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.

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-Thurs, 9am-4pm

Contact information:

Phone: 970.249.4887

website: www.RosemontBaptist.org

email: office@rosemontbaptist.org

Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson

Worship Service Times: Our engaging and relevant Sunday Worship Service is at

10:45 AM. We also have Bible Study for All Ages Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. We provide a professionally-staffed nursery throughout both.

Rosemont Baptist's desire is to passionately bring people face-to-face with the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.

We are a multigenerational church from different walks of life who love Jesus, love each other, and love our community. Everyone comes dressed in whatever is comfortable. We love meeting new people no

matter what stage of life they are in.

Children's services: We have a fun Sunday School for children from four years old through youth. We provide Children's Church during the Sunday Worship Services where children four years old through 9 years can learn to be 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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528 North Uncompahgre Ave Montrose
(970) 240-6438 **VFC PROVIDER**
pfb.com/northsidechildhealthcenter

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300 South Nevada Ave Montrose
(970) 249-7751
cedarpointhealth.com

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421 Adams Street Naturita
(970) 865-2665 **VFC PROVIDER (RHC)**
basinclinic.org

UNCOMPAHGRE MEDICAL CENTER

1350 South Aspen Street Norwood
(970) 327-4233 **VFC PROVIDER (FQHC)**
umclinic.org **340B PARTICIPANT**

DELTA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

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Tdap	Rabies
Meningococcus	Polio
Chickenpox	Japanese Encephalitis
Hep A	Hep B
	COVID-19

WALGREENS

2351 South Townsend Ave Montrose
(970) 252-1743
Register Online

Flu	Shingles
Pneumonia	HPV
Tdap	MMR
Td or DT	Rabies
Meningitis	Polio
Varicella	Japanese Encephalitis
Hep A	Typhoid
Hep B	Hep A/Hep B
	COVID-19 (Moderna)

CVS (IN TARGET)

3530 Wolverine Dr Montrose
(970) 497-8981
Register online

Flu	MMR
Hep A	Tdap
Hep B	Varicella
Hep A/Hep B	Pneumococcal
HPV	Meningococcal
Shingles	Hep A/Hep B
Typhoid	Japanese Encephalitis
Polio, adult	COVID-19 (Pfizer & J)

CITY MARKET NORTH

128 South Townsend Ave Montrose
(970) 249-2064 **340B PARTICIPANT**
Register Online

Flu	Shingles
Pneumonia	MMR
Tdap	Rabies
Meningococcus	Polio
Chickenpox	Japanese Encephalitis
Hep A	Hep B
	COVID-19

SAFEWAY

1329 South Townsend Ave Montrose
(970) 249-1160 **340B PARTICIPANT**
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Flu	Shingles
Pneumonia	Tetanus
HPV	Pertussis
MMR	Meningitis
Hep A	Hep B
	COVID-19

WALMART

16750 South Townsend Ave Montrose
(970) 249-7742
Walk-in's welcome

Flu	Hep A & Hep B
Shingles	IPV
Tdap	Varicella
Td	Pneumococcal
MMR	Meningococcal
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YEARNING FOR SPRING

By Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald

MONTROSE-This time of year, when the skies turn grey and winter seems to last forever, we find ourselves yearning for spring, aching for renewal, for new life. This winter has been especially hard, not so much with winter weather here in our area, but in the 14 atmospheric rivers that have hit California and spread across the country to the south and east coast.

It has been difficult for us to watch the high snowfalls, the flooding, the tornadoes and the suffering of our brothers and sisters. We yearn for a quieter time. We yearn for peace and relief for them and for ourselves. We yearn for spring.

This yearning, this ache, is so strong that people are starting to talk about it. Every conversation has some remarks about being ready for spring. "Yearning" is defined as "an intense longing, a powerful desire." The changing of the seasons always brings with it this yearning, this desire for change, especially when winter turns to spring.

There is a different light in spring. We want to see color in our world again. We want to see new life – the lambs, the calves, the nestlings, the new plants reaching for the sun. We have an intense longing to see green.

Green is the color of spring. Green symbolizes vitality, lushness, balance, peace, serenity, and healing. Green makes us feel like we belong and connects us to the natural world. Green is the color of family and relationships. Green has the calming

attributes of blue and incorporates some of the energy of yellow. Many unique living creatures are green: frogs, snakes, parrots, budgies, algae, grass, trees and plants. Sometimes the sea is green.

In the Christian *Bible*, green signifies immortality, resurrection, growth and restoration. The Garden of Eden was lush with green. Green is an important color for the Easter season. In other spiritual traditions, green stands for nature, stability, optimism, life, youth, and hopefulness. It is the new year, a celebration of new life.

Hope is part of our yearning for spring. We wait in anticipation of warmer weather, of feeling able to go outdoors in nature again and not be cold, of breathing in the fresh air of the new season. We want to feel renewed in body, mind, heart, and spirit. "Spring is when life's alive in everything," says Christine Rossetti. It's the renewal of life that we yearn for in spring.

Spring is a time of possibilities, a time to become active again and to begin to fulfill our winter plans. We are stirred within to accomplish something in this new year that makes a difference.

John C. Maxwell said it this way, "Every person has a longing to be significant; to make a contribution; to be a part of something noble and purposeful."

Planting is a purposeful and significant act. We want to grow things because we want to grow. Growing is the most significant thing that humans do. We grow physically, we mature in emotions, we blossom into new understandings. Spring makes us



yearn to be significant, to find a higher purpose, to work for meaning in our lives.

So, we do spring cleaning, we clean up our yards, we paint and repair, and we plant. We do all of these things to ease the yearning in our hearts. We get involved in new projects, in those projects that will make a difference in our community and in the world. We yearn to grow.

Yearning is an internal guidance that motivates us toward renewal and restoration. What we are really yearning for in spring is a renewal of our spiritual life. There is no doubt that the Divine Spirit is present in spring. We see it everywhere. We feel it in the renewal of our bodies, in the freshness of ideas in our minds, in the love in our hearts, and in the singing of our souls. We feel the Divine in everything in a new way.

What we are really yearning for in spring is a new recognition of the Presence of Spirit. And we can't miss it! It's everywhere! Everything in creation rejoices in spring. Life is renewed, restored, and alive again. Spring is truly a time when "life is alive in everything!"



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The Montrose Community Band

21st Annual Spring Concert



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Songs We Cruised To



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LOCAL STUDENT EARNS BOETTCHER SCHOLARSHIP

Special to the Mirror

DENVER-Nancy Suarez-Duran, a senior at Olathe High School, has been selected as a recipient of the Boettcher Foundation Scholarship.**

Boettcher Scholarships recognize Colorado's top students by providing them with the funds to attain an excellent in-state education and access to additional opportunities to enrich their time in college and beyond. Boettcher Scholars become part of a network of Alumni and community leaders who will support and engage them throughout their lifetimes.

"Boettcher Scholars are selected for their academic achievement, outstanding character, and service and leadership in their schools and communities," said Katie Kramer, president and CEO of the Boettcher Foundation. "The Boettcher Scholarship is an investment in our state's doers and difference makers. It not only recognizes their past achievements but also their future impact on the State of Colorado."

Established in 1952, the Boettcher Scholarship program awards 50 scholarships each year and has established a network of more than 2,700 Boettcher Scholars. More than 1,500 graduating high school seniors apply for the scholarship annually.

The scholarship Nancy has been awarded includes \$20,000 per year for four years from the Boettcher Foundation. Partner institutions will then use institutional aid to support up to either the cost of tuition and fees, or the full cost of attendance to attend the Colorado school of their choice.

"The Boettcher Foundation's scholarship selection process is competitive and rigorous," said Tiffany Anderson, senior director of programs and strategic initiatives. "Nancy really stood out with their commitment both in and out of the classroom. We're proud to have Nancy representing the Boettcher community, and we look forward to seeing how their future leadership positively impacts the State of Colorado."

**Please note that while this student has been offered a Boettcher Scholarship, they are not considered a Boettcher Scholar until they officially confirm acceptance. If they decline, we will offer the scholarship to an alternate. As such, the finalized class of 2023 Boettcher Scholars will not be announced until early May. If you would like to receive a copy of the final Scholar announcement in May, please contact curtis@boettcherfoundation.org. About the Boettcher Foundation:



Nancy Suarez-Duran. Courtesy photo.

We believe in the promise of Colorado and the potential of Coloradans because courageous leadership benefits every community in our state. By investing in people, programs, and organizations, we provide a foundation for transformational impact and community building. For more information, visit boettcherfoundation.org.

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ROCKS, DINOSAUR BONES AND SEA FOSSILS: EXPLORING OUR LOCAL GEOLOGY

By Anne Janik, *Friends of Youth and Nature*
REGIONAL-What kid hasn't had some sort of rock collection? Discovering hidden gems is always a treat. Western Colorado is perfect for exploring geology with your kids. Look around – there is evidence of eons of geological happenings everywhere!

Geology is an Earth science that investigates how the Earth formed and changes over time. Through studying rock layers, geologists learn about the past and reconstruct the puzzle of Earth's history.

The Earth is a mind boggling 4.5 billion years old! Think of a 12-inch ruler to help you grasp the age of the Earth. Each inch on the ruler stands for 375 million years (375,000,000 years). Because the numbers are so large, scientists use abbreviations for a billion years (BY) and a million years (MY).

It might appear that the Earth's surface never changes, but it is changing slowly all the time. Sediments, such as sand grains and clay, are deposited horizontally and then squeezed down by more sediment deposited on top. Over time, these layers turn into sedimentary rock with the oldest layers at the bottom and younger layers on top. These rock layers constantly change over time, and with heat and pressure form metamorphic and igneous (volcanic) rock. Melting or molten rock below the Earth's surface builds up and breaks through older rock layers to form volcanoes. Metamorphic rock is formed when volcanic or sedimentary rock layers are buried and their structure changes under pressure - this is how diamonds are formed! Earthquakes occur when the Earth's crust moves on the molten mantle like meringue on the surface of a lemon meringue pie. Cracks in the crust, called faults, can cause the Earth's crust to move, fold, and tilt through a process called plate tectonics. Colliding plates can create mountain ranges and reshape the Earth's continents. As the plates slowly shift across the globe, volcanoes and earthquakes represent the immense power at play. External events such as landslides and water or wind erosion wear down mountains, depositing the sediments downstream. The last 1.6 inches of the 12-inch ruler is the Phanerozoic Eon. We know more about this time than any other in Earth's history and we know that life was abundant! Many strange creatures swam, crawled, and flew across this corner of Colorado. The story of these ancient creatures and where they lived are told by their fossils or impressions, bones, footprints, shells, petrified wood, and even fossilized feces, called coprolites, left behind in the rock layers.

The present is the key to the past – this is the first lesson in geology, which means geologic

events we observe today took place in the past. Volcanoes, earthquakes, floods, ocean tides, winds, gravity, as well as sedimentation and erosion most likely behaved similarly throughout time in shaping our landscapes. Glacial ice advances then melts; wind and water erode mountains until they are flat; valleys fill with rock and debris washed down from highlands. The Earth is and was a very dynamic place!

Let's look a little closer at Colorado's geologic history. Most of Western Colorado lies within the Colorado Plateau. This high-desert formed millions of years ago when tectonic plates slowly pushed together, uplifting stacked layers of sand, silt, and mud to form the Plateau. Ancient volcanic mountains, plateaus, buttes, deeply carved canyons, and stunning color ranges are the defining characteristics of this region. The plateau is dominated by high mountains gashed by river canyons, dry washes, and intermittent stream beds. Near the southern end of the Plateau, the Grand Canyon has exposed rocks with ages that span almost 2 billion years.

Colorado National Monument was established because of its unique geology. Situated on the Uncompahgre Plateau (part of the larger Colorado Plateau), the monument was shaped over millions of years into colorful, wind-eroded sandstone formations, towering monoliths, and steep-walled canyons. The deeper rock layers span billions of years, with sedimentary layers covering the bottom-most metamorphic layer. Erosion continues to change this landscape with each storm creating wind- and water-sculpted rock formations with shape-inspired names like Window Rock, Pipe Organ, and Sentinel Spire.

The geologic story of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison is one of uplift, volcanism, and the erosive force of water. Large volcanoes erupted on either side of the uplift about 30 million years ago, burying it in volcanic rock. As early as 2 million years ago, the Gunnison River began flowing in force through the soft volcanic rock. Over time, river flows eroded a deep canyon in the metamorphic rock. The canyon, at 2700 feet deep, is one of the deeper canyons in North America.

Another local geologic hot spot is located just outside of Delta Colorado. In the early 1970's, 150-million year old fossils from the Jurassic period were found in the Dry Mesa Dinosaur Quarry on the Uncompahgre Plateau. One of the most prolific sites of its time, the quarry revealed a unique chain of Upper Jurassic sedimentary rock (Morrison Formation) known for its high yield of dinosaur fossils. What a yield! Over 4,000 bones from 30 different species were unearthed in the Quarry including two



Sedimentary rocks. Photo courtesy Anita Evans.

new species of dinosaur! The Forest Service developed an informative activity booklet about the quarry finds. *The Jurassic World and Other Exciting Times in the Geological Past of Colorado, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests* (download from FOYAN blog).

The geologic past of Colorado is a dynamic story and you don't have to travel far to observe it. Start with a visit to the Dinosaur Journey Museum in Fruita for interactive displays such as an earthquake simulator, a sandbox for making your own dinosaur tracks, and a "quarry site" where kids can uncover actual Jurassic dinosaur bones. There are over 15,000 fossil specimens in its collections. Design your own scavenger hunt to see if your child can find fossils reflecting our region's warm, moist environment (ferns) or when our town was at the bottom of a vast sea (shark teeth and fish fossils). Colorado has been at the bottom of an ocean several times, has been covered by ice, and has seen the rise and erosion of vast mountain ranges long before the Rocky Mountains of today were formed. The rock and fossil collections are there to demonstrate it, you just have to get out there and take a closer look!

Friends of Youth and Nature is a non-profit that promotes opportunities for youth and families to get outside, experience outdoor activities, and explore nature. Follow our outdoor news blog for more fascinating geology activities for kids and other tips for connecting your children to nature. Learn more, visit: www.friendsofyouthandnature.org

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READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: DEB REIMANN



Photographer Deb Reimann captured this image of the breathtaking Mineral Creek Valley. "The vista brought to mind this quote.....'How Glorious A Greeting The Sun Gives The Mountains' John Muir,'" she said.

A black bear is sitting on a wooden bench, holding a tablet computer. The bear is looking at the screen. In the background, there is a mountain landscape with green hills and snow-capped peaks under a blue sky with clouds. The text "Save a tree - Read the Mirror!" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below this, the logo for "THE MONTROSE MIRROR" is displayed, followed by the tagline "Your Source for Local Business News and Information". At the bottom, the text "Call For Ad Rates: 970-275-0646" is written in a white, cursive font.

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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 – 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. We gather at 10-11:30 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. An infant scale will also be available to check your baby's weight. Breastfeeding Support Group (Bring your questions and your family!) Montrose County Event Center (1036 North 7th Street Room 3) 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 welcomes local practitioners, who focus on healing the whole being. Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month and both are from Noon-1 pm, upstairs at the Mother Earth store on Main Street. We support one another with our practices, business, and personal needs. For more information please contact Erin Easton at ErinKEaston@gmail.com

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

April 11-Tuesday April 11 at 5pm,Citizens' Climate Lobby meets at Montrose Library meeting rm. Nonpartisan, National, Environmental .All welcome info 970-765-9095

April 16 - Montrose Community Band Free Concert "Cruisin,' Songs We Cruised To", Montrose Pavilion 3p.m. Bring your hot rods and sweethearts out for an afternoon of classic cars, classic car songs and songs for cruisin'. <https://montroseband.com/concert-schedule>

April 17-the Colorado Archaeological Society will present an illustrated introduction to conservation of artifacts, by Museum Collections manager Katy Corneli of the USU Prehistoric Museum in Price Utah. She will discuss how artifacts are preserved or preserved after an excavation, with examples from the Colorado Plateau. Basics on how to care for objects in your own home will also be covered. Katy studied art conservation in the United Kingdom and has worked with art and artifacts from Historic Jamestown Virginia and the Utah Museum of Fine Art as well as the Pre-historic Museum. The talk is at 7 p.m. at United Methodist Church, Baldrige Hall, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose. The public is invited (no charge; donation accepted); new members are always welcome.

April 29— On Saturday, April 29 Steve Fitzhugh will be special guest at the Annual Montrose Area FCA Night of Champions Spring Fundraising Event at Montrose Christian Church (2351 Sunnyside Rd, Montrose). This event is free to attend, but online registration is required: <https://montroseareafca.org/montrose-banquet> because seating is limited. An opportunity for a tax-deductible financial investment will be provided. Formal attire is requested. Individual tickets are free. Childcare is provided but please register online. Reservations can be made at: <https://montroseareafca.org/montrose-banquet> Silent Auction begins, and doors open at 5:30pm. Silent auction ends at 8pm. Banquet begins at 6:30 PM. Live auction begins at 8:10pm. Banquet ends at 9pm.

May 20-Western Slope Group of the Colorado Mountain Club Intro to Hiking Safety takes place Saturday May 20 from 10-11:30am at the Montrose Rec Field House Summit Room \$7 CMCmembers, \$12 nonmembers More info: WSGofCMC@gmail.com Seating limited, register at: <https://www.cmc.org/groups-sections/groups-around-the-state/western-slope-group/course-templates/intro-to-hiking-safety-western-slope/intro-to-hiking-safety-montrose-2023>

June 24-Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans will host their 4th Annual Freedom Sings USA Concert in Montrose on June 24, 2023. This benefit concert will help fund the continuation of Freedom Sings USA Colorado, who will open for county music headliner HunterGirl at the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater at Cerise Park. Contact Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans at 970-765-2210 for more information.

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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