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Fresh News for Busy People!

CITY EXPERIENCES 'DOWN' MONTH; SOUTH 3RD PLAZA PROJECT \$440K OVER BUDGET

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All councilors were present, including Youth City Councilor Grace Hotsenpiller, as outgoing Mayor Dave Frank opened the regular Montrose City Council meeting of Tuesday, April 18. All joined in saying the pledge of Allegiance; Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum had no changes to the meeting agenda. Mayor Frank reminded the public to participate in the annual Mayor's Water Challenge. Last year Montrose placed fourth in the nation for a community of this size, Frank said.

Council issued three proclamations, in support of Earth Week, Arbor Day, and Municipal Clerk's Week. Hotsenpiller read the Earth Week proclamation, which was accepted by Katie Shroer. Each day of Earth Week will have a theme. "...we're really excited and we really encourage our community to partake in all these festivities," Shroer said.

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Colorado Mesa University's South Third Street plaza will be expanded through an agreement with the City of Montrose and Montrose Regional Library. Photo by B. Switzer.

BOCC APPROVES RESOLUTION FOR 2022 COUNTY ROAD MAP

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-"...Welcome to our regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioners meeting," Montrose BOCC Chair Sue Hansen said, as she opened the meeting of Wednesday, April 19. Commissioner Keith Caddy led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. All commissioners were present.

Pastor Curt Mudgett of Cedar Creek Church delivered the invocation. "Lord God Almighty, you've declared in your Holy Word, that righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people...I ask that here in Montrose County we remain resolute, desiring to honor you and your word on the principals on which this nation was founded...you've raised up Commissioners Sue Hansen, Keith Caddy and Roger Rash for such a time as this. Give them great courage to lead well and to lead in a manner that exalts righteousness in our county..."

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments heard

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Montrose County's Historic Courthouse continues to serve as a gracious reminder of the community's earlier days. County Commissioners recently declined congressionally directed spending for the courthouse renovation due to the strings attached. Photo by Harry Switzer.

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MONTROSE COUNTY ANNOUNCES 6075 ROAD CLOSURE

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MONTROSE-Montrose County Road and Bridge is closing 6075 Road to replace a culvert. The closure is between Jay Jay Road and Horizon Road. The closure begins on April 24 and is expected to last up to six days. Residents are asked to use alternate routes. For more information on road closures, please visit montrosecounty.net.



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CITY TO HOST OPEN HOUSE ON HOUSING NEEDS MAY 1

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MONTROSE— The City of Montrose, in partnership with Points Consulting, will host a public open house to present preliminary findings of the Housing Needs assessments. This open house will take place on Monday, May 1, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room of the Montrose Public Safety Complex located at 434 South First Street.

The purpose of the assessment is to evaluate current housing conditions and needs, make projections of future housing needs, and provide recommendations for policies, practices, and regulatory changes that can be implemented to address gaps between housing needs and supply. The public is invited to attend.

The assessment is in its final phases of completion and will be available to the public shortly after the open house. The assessment is funded by a grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.

Last fall, voters in Colorado approved a ballot measure, Proposition 123, that would set aside nearly \$300 million annually in existing tax revenue to help local governments and nonprofits increase the number of affordable housing units across Colorado.

The goal of this assessment is to help facilitate new housing partnerships and build on those that already exist. In addition, the assessment may impact policy decisions related to housing in the form of amendments to land development regulations and updates to the city's Comprehensive Plan.

For more information about the Housing Needs Assessment, contact Jace Hochwalt at 970.240.1478 or at jhochwalt@cityofmontrose.org.



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from the public on non-agenda items.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Jon Waschbusch had no changes to the meeting agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items, with Resolution No. 15-2023 assigned to Item 23, a resolution authorizing the Sheriff's Office to recover expenses associated with the pursuit and capture of prisoners charged with felonies who are located outside of Montrose County, as reviewed by Counsel, pursuant to C.R.S. 30-1-104.

MONTROSE COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

Commissioners left regular session to reconvene as the Montrose County Local Liquor Licensing Authority, approving a Special Event Permit application for Montrose Baseball, Inc., to be held at Antler

Ridge on May 13.

Also approved was an application for a Special Event Permit for Montrose West Recreation, Inc., to be held at the Nucla Fire House on May 6, 2023.

MONTROSE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Commissioners reconvened as the Montrose County Board of Health, to approve Colorado Department of Early Childhood Contract Assignment #1 - 23 QAAA 182647, and any associated documents, to replace Assignor (Montrose County Public Health) under the Contract and substitute Assignee (Montrose County Human Services).

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Consideration and possible action on the Colorado Department of Early Childhood Contract Assignment #1 - 23

QAAA 182647, and any associated documents, to replace Assignor (Montrose County Public Health) under the Contract and substitute Assignee (Montrose County Human Services) to the extent provided for in this Assignment; as approved by Counsel.

Public Works Director Keith Laube presented a Resolution to be adopted at a subsequent meeting, regarding the approval of the official 2022 County Road Map.

"Appreciate all the work you went and did on this to get it done," Commissioner Roger Rash said. The proposed resolution was approved unanimously.

There were no Planning & Development items to consider, "Which is a miracle," Hansen observed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

THE TAXES WE ALL PAY ON GROCERIES HELP FUND CITY COUNCIL'S SPENDING AND GIVEAWAY PROGRAMS

By David White

Well, they did it. Your Montrose City Council, being the good Democrat Socialists that they are, voted on second reading of Ordinance No. 2621 to sell your historic City Hall to a Telluride developer last week for at least \$850,000 under the County Assessor's estimated market value. City officials claim that an appraiser (who sometimes fits into the same category as a consultant – a person to whom you hand your watch so they can tell you what time it is) found that both appraised value and sales price were the same ...\$1,550,000. What a coincidence!

On top of that, the City financed the deal to the tune of \$1,250,000 (after deducting a down payment of \$300,000) at some interest level that is understood to be substantially below the prime interest rate but was never disclosed to the public. Nice to know they have the capital (your money) to carry a note of that size. If you're wondering how they can do what they're doing, thank inflation and our leaders in Denver and Washington, D.C. for the policies and laws they've enacted that are driving prices through the roof and by extension, tax revenues for most every form of government in existence, which we all pay.

To see how these edicts affect us, let's bring it down to the local level. A year and half ago, a gallon of milk was \$1.78. Today it's \$3.59. Combined City sales tax to include the Rec District Sales Tax and the Public Safety sales tax (3.88%) on the \$1.78 was 7 cents. Today, that same tax is .14 cents – double what it had been. Rather than giving we the taxpayers a break on the sales tax collected on food by declaring a tax holiday on it, the City Council routinely ignores requests from the public to do so, because they need the taxes to grow the City government's spending and giveaway programs.

In 2022, the City collected a whopping 28.8% more than their *inflation adjusted budget* had anticipated for their combined Sales and Use Tax revenues. The Hotel & Restaurant sales tax collected by the City came in at 25.6% over this same inflation adjusted budget.

On top of this, did you know that you get to pay City and County Sales Taxes on the franchise "fees" and "member fees" charged by

Black Hills Energy, DMEA, Spectrum, etc. that they collect and pass through to the City and County. It's called double taxation and it needs to stop! It's no wonder the City is rolling in money. You're taxed and then taxed again and again as they identify every angle they can to get away with taking money out of your pocket for their giveaway schemes.

Money keeps getting poured into hotels, restaurants and other ventures that require your discretionary income to survive. With them taking more in taxes, you have less money at the end of the day, week or month to spend at the places the City is "investing" your money in.

To top this off, if you own a home, commercial property or even just rent, get ready for an increase in property taxes like you've not seen in some time, if ever. Renters will see rents rise as landlords seek to recover these tax increases from the tenants. This is despite Colorado Senate Bill SB21-293 which offers some property tax relief as it changed the assessment rates for tax years 2023, 2024 and 2025.

However, in a press release from the Western Colorado Assessors dated April 17, 2023, and titled "*Colorado Experiences Tremendous Valuation Increases for 2023*", they state that Montrose County's median percent change in assessed values on "Residential Improved Properties" will rise 47% with commercial and industrial median values rising by 32%. This doesn't bode well for those already financially stressed.

As the press release states, "*Property owners in most of Western Colorado can expect tremendous valuation increases when they receive their 2023 Notice of Valuation on or about May 1st. Over the past two years, strong demand for real estate, increased building material costs, historically low mortgage rates, and a steady migration from larger cities into Western Colorado have all contributed to these historic valuation increases. Western Colorado has been discovered and people are paying much higher prices for properties for the opportunity to live here.*"

"Under Colorado law, county assessor offices throughout the state conduct a complete revaluation of all properties in their county every two years. The previous valuations were based

on a June 30, 2020, level of value. These valuations used market sales data from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2020. The new 2023 valuations are based on a June 30, 2022, level of value and were established using market sales data from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. These new valuations will be used for tax years 2023 and 2024 (payable in 2024 and 2025 respectively). Any sales transactions occurring after June 30, 2022 cannot be used or considered until the next reappraisal in 2025. The Colorado Legislature sets the appraisal date, the market sales data collection period, and the annual calendar for the assessment process." <https://ouraycountyco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/18179/Western-Colorado-Experiences-Tremendous-Valuation-Increases-for-2023> For more information on SB21-293, please visit:

<https://www.montrosecounty.net/DocumentCenter/View/16442/Colorado-Assessment-RatesTax-Years-2022-through-2025-?bidId=>

I would encourage all readers to educate yourselves on the importance of knowing who controls your property taxes. It's not just the County. There are the School Districts, Library District, the Rec District, Fire Districts, Water Districts, Cemetery Districts, Mosquito Districts, etc. The Montrose County Assessor has a great pamphlet that breaks all of this down. Go here to review who is getting your property tax dollars:

<https://www.montrosecounty.net/DocumentCenter/View/18554/2022-Abstract-of-Assessment--Levies?bidId=>

Most of these taxing entities have elected boards. You need to go to their meetings and learn about what they're doing with the tax money they take from you.

Run for their board seats. Do something! Time is short.

Mr. White is an active citizen and 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 and his wife are the parents of six children and have 10 grandchildren & one great grandchild.

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CLERK & RECORDER'S OFFICE APOLOGIZES FOR ERROR IN VOTER LIST FOR OLATHE FIRE DISTRICT

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Clerk and Recorder's Office provided a list of eligible voters to the Olathe Fire Protection District for their election on May 2. Unfortunately, this list included 16 and 17 year olds who are not eligible to vote. The Clerk and Recorder's Office apologizes for the error and confusion. The Clerk and Recorder's Office gave the district a corrected list of eligible voters as soon as the error was noticed. Ballots were mailed to voters including approximately 90 ineligible juveniles from the list. If a juvenile received a ballot, please destroy it. The juvenile ballots will not be counted in the election.

When a person obtains a driver's license, they are automatically registered to vote in Colorado. These individuals cannot vote until they turn 18 years old. Again, the Clerk and Recorder's Office apologizes for the error and has added a step to ensure this mistake does not happen again.



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CO 133 ROCKFALL PROJECT BEGINS APRIL 24

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MESA COUNTY — The Colorado Department of Transportation will begin a rockfall mitigation project on April 24. Work will take place along Colorado Highway 133, south of the town of Redstone in Pitkin County. CDOT has selected Meridian Contracting as the prime contractor for the project. Travel impacts will begin the week of May 1. Motorists should plan for 20-minute delays during the project. In June, 60-minute holds will be necessary. Weekly updates will be provided and all real-time closure information will be posted to COtrip.org.

The rockfall mitigation project will take place on CO 133 just north of the McClure Pass to North of Perham Creek Trailhead, Mile Points 48 to MP 59.

The project will help to protect the public and the roadway from falling rock. Work will primarily consist of rockfall mitigation at four sites along CO 133 between Crystal River Valley and Carbondale, in Pitkin County. Work will be done on northbound lanes for an eleven-mile stretch of CO 133. Rockfall mitigation has many important benefits including the elimination of loose material which decreases the potential of rockfall hazard for motorists traveling on the highway.

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Daytime work hours range from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, with lane closures in place from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Motorists should plan for 20-minute delays due to single-lane, alternating traffic. The speed limit will be reduced to 40 MPH through the work zone. There will be a width restriction of 11 feet. 60-minute holds are anticipated in June. The project is expected to last until the end of October 2023. Visit the project website at: <https://www.codot.gov/projects/co133pitkinrockfall/about>



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SOUTH 3RD PLAZA PROJECT \$440K OVER BUDGET From pg 1

Bynum read the Arbor Day proclamation into the record. The proclamation was accepted by Daniel Payne.

Frank read a proclamation acknowledging Municipal Clerk's Week. The proclamation was received by City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo and her team.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGEND ITEMS

First to speak was Stewart West, new Superintendent at the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Curecanti National Recreation Area. West introduced himself to Council. "...This is a great place to live already. I have only been here for a month, but it's been pretty amazing."

"Welcome to the neighborhood," Frank said. City resident Dianna Reuter also spoke, voicing her concerns over water quality in the Uncompahgre. "Currently it's not up to par...it can affect you and cause a lot of problems...the same thing happens with Ouray, Orvis...I am thinking with the ingenious ingenuity minds that are available here on the Western Slope and throughout the nation I am sure we can address the situations we are facing..." Reuter registered concerns over her property line. "It's analogous to adverse possession...fences are being allowed to be built up to the sidewalk..." Though she began to raise a third issue of concern, Reuter ran out of time to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With Reed abstaining as he had been absent from the April 4 meeting, Council voted to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023, special City Council meeting and the April 4, 2023, regular City Council meeting as presented.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

Council voted to appoint Bynum as Mayor and Councilor J. David Reed as Mayor Pro Tem. Bynum presented Frank with the gavel that he had used as mayor, and recognized him for his service over the past year.

The new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem took their seats, and DelPiccolo adjusted the name plates accordingly.

RESOLUTION 2023-06

City Attorney Ben Morris presented Resolution 2023-06, opposing the statewide land use and zoning preemptions in Colorado's Senate Bill 23-213. The proposed Senate Bill is overbroad, and "dramatically expands state authority," Morris said. Council voted to approve Resolution 2023-06.

ORDINANCE 2620 - SECOND READING

In a four to one vote, Council approved Ordinance 2620 on second reading, authorizing the substitution of other City property for the historic City Hall building under a 2017 lease-purchase financing; and authorizing and approving documentation related thereto. Ulibarri voted "no," as he had on first reading.

ORDINANCE 2621 - FIRST READING

Ulibarri also voted "no" on Ordinance 2621, "authorizing the loaning of money in conjunction with the sale of real property addressed at 433 South First Street, Montrose, Colorado, pursuant to Article II Section 5 of the Charter of the City of Montrose." Ordinance 2621 was approved in a four to one vote.

SOUTH 3RD PLAZA CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Approved unanimously was the expenditure of \$699,527.58 for construction of the South 3rd Plaza Project. This includes the award of a construction contract to Skip Huston Construction in the amount of \$659,527.58 and a survey/engineering support contract to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of \$40,000. The only change to the project is the inclusion of chargers for electric vehicles. Some items will be implemented later than planned due to budgetary constraints.

Background-A memo from City Engineer Scott Murphy to Council Notes, "The City of Montrose and Colorado Mesa University (CMU) have collectively been working over the years to expand the CMU campus and improve the campus experience within downtown Montrose... CMU is currently working on a remodel of Cascade Hall (336 South 3rd Street) and the City of Montrose has been planning to perform street and sidewalk maintenance/improvements on South 3rd Street...this joint City/CMU project will convert a portion of South 3rd Street into a parking lot with an extension of the existing CMU plaza...The initial budget for this project was \$700k which included \$500k out of the City's capital improvement fund and \$200k from CMU. This places the initial project approximately \$440k over the budget."

ORDINANCE 2622 - FIRST READING

Also approved unanimously was Ordinance 2622 on first reading, granting and authorizing the conveyance of an interest in City-owned real estate pursuant to § 1-9-2 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose (S. Third Street right of way).

SUNSET VILLAGE ADDITION ANNEXATION

Council voted to approve the annexation of

the Sunset Village Addition, including: Resolution 2023-07, Findings of Fact for the Sunset Village Addition; Ordinance 2623 on first reading for the annexation of the Sunset Village Addition; and Ordinance 2624 on first reading, zoning the Sunset Village Addition as an R-3A, Medium High-Density District.

OTTER ROAD RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION PLAT

Council voted unanimously to approve the Otter Road Dedication, an Official Act of the City of Montrose plat.

2023 PAVEMENT MARKING CONTRACT AWARD

As discussed previously in work session, Council voted unanimously to approve the award of a contract for 2023 pavement marking services to Stripe a Lot, for the not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the Sales, Use & Excise tax report for February. The city always budgets conservatively she said, "So when we have these down months it doesn't cause us to panic."

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Hotsenpilller gave a report on upcoming Youth City Council activities. "...We have been super busy but still have managed to plan a couple projects," she said, noting that the youth will be cleaning up along South San Juan Avenue and at Riverbottom Park.

"Thanks for doing that, it really makes our community look better," Mayor Bynum said.

Former Mayor Dave Frank thanked his fellow councilors for allowing him to serve as mayor, and thanked staff for their help during his year in office.

Ulibarri thanked the Clerk's Office for helping him with technology and paperwork.

Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said that there will be a one-sheet reminder of where City services are now located. "We'll be bringing those to City Council meetings...we'll also be sharing that online...so that people know where they can find us..."

The Visitor Center will be open on April 29.

Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt said there will be an open house on the City's Housing Needs Assessment on Monday, May 1 at 6pm at the Public Safety Complex Community room. The report is nearing completion and will be presented at the Open House, he said.

With no further business, Councilor Doug Glaspell moved to adjourn.



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SAN MIGUEL COUNTY COMMISSIONER HILARY COOPER RESIGNS FROM BOARD

Special to the Mirror

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY --- Commissioner Hilary Cooper announced that she has accepted a job with the State of Colorado and is stepping down from her seat as the San Miguel County Commissioner for District 1. Cooper will vacate her seat at the end of the day May 8 and begin her new role as the Director of Innovative Financing for Housing Programs at the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT).

Cooper has long placed housing as a priority in her work as a county commissioner. Her new position is a continuation of that work.

"Governor Polis has declared the creation of more affordable housing across the state a primary goal of his second term and I am eager to join my new colleagues at OEDIT to continue to focus on affordable housing and secure innovative solutions to accomplish the goals of the Governor," Cooper said.

Cooper was first elected in 2016 and was set to term out in 2024. County staff and elected officials praised her work ethic and focus on community.

"Over the past six years, Commissioner Cooper has proven herself to be a strong and energetic leader at local, state, and national levels," said District 2 County Commissioner, Lance Waring. "She oper-

ates from a fundamental desire to maintain community. Her new position will allow her to amplify these efforts. I wish her all the best."

"I will miss working with Commissioner Cooper," said County Manager, Mike Borgogna. "She is leaving huge shoes to fill for her successor. Her hard work and determination to create meaningful change with our climate action and affordable housing has made San Miguel County a leader in these areas in the region and State."

Per Colorado statute, the Vacancy Committee of the San Miguel County Democrats must select a new commissioner within 10 days following the vacation of a county commissioner seat. San Miguel County Commissioners are limited to two terms and Cooper's second term ends at the swearing in of the new commissioner in January 2025. The individual selected to replace Cooper will serve through the end of her term. The position will then be filled by the winner of the November 2024 election.



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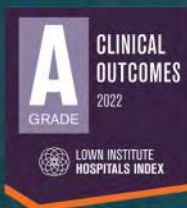





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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

MY BODY MY CHOICE?

Editor:

Women who say "my body my choice" are right most of the time. However, they don't have a choice once their body becomes a "host" to another life; they lose their choice about what they do to their bodies in that regard. Once they conceive that new life; which in "MOST" cases they could have easily prevented with all the choices of contraception available to them, doesn't give them the RIGHT TO MURDER. Murder that innocent life

which didn't ask you to conceive. Incest, Rape, danger to the mother, those cases are decided on an individual basis. But most abortions are chosen simply for convenience right up to the TIME OF BIRTH! And....what about you men? How do you feel about YOUR babies being aborted? Do you even know how cruel and painful it is as the baby struggles and can scream while they are killing that baby? Those tiny humans have no say in whether they live or die; do you care? You do have a right in

the decision since you were a contributor to the creation.

Are you speaking up??? Are you supporting your wife, your girlfriend, your sister, a friend in helping her choose life????

Life that could bring so much joy, love and meaning to your lives. It's time for men to speak out along with the women to defend life and defeat this savageness overtaking our state and country.

Carol McBride, Montrose

CONSUMERS ARE VOICING THEIR OPINIONS WITH THEIR POCKETBOOKS

Editor:

And old saying goes, "You can put lipstick on a pig, but it is still a pig!" Likewise a male who puts on lipstick, baubles, bangles, eye-shadow and a dress and identifies as a female is still a male. Such an individual is simply a cross dresser. Each to their own as far as I am concerned. However don't blow such ridiculous smoke and expect everyone to accept it without question.

For several years now many businesses trying to pander to woke ideologies have bought into the idiocy. It was refreshing to see the massive pushback against Anheuser Busch that has cost the company about \$5 billion dollars to date. Finally consumers are beginning to voice their opinions with their pocketbooks.

Dee Laird, Montrose

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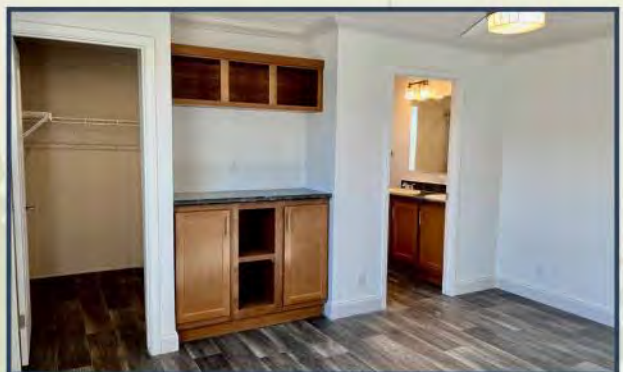
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EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTS PROJECT FOR CITY'S SUMMER MUSIC SERIES



Council has returned to chambers in the Elks Civic Building, above. Mirror file photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose Mayor Dave Frank welcomed everyone back to Council Chambers in the Elks Civic Building for the regular work session on Monday, April 17. "We are really happy to be back in our normal chambers," Frank said.

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid took time to individually thank all of those who had a role in the renovation of the space. "...Thank you everybody and welcome back."

"We want to give you all a thank you and kudos on a job well done," Mayor Frank said.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Joining the City team were Animal Control Officer Katie Parish and Public Works Special Events Manager Jon Sullivan.

New to Montrose, Parish said she and her family relocated after visiting relatives here. "...we just loved it here, just got to be here...I'm loving what I'm doing, really enjoying it."

Originally from San Diego, Sullivan moved to Colorado Springs at a young age. "...I have always known Montrose and the area...my background is mountain guiding and multi-facility management."

"...We had three climbing gyms on the Front Range including a technical moun-

tain guiding service—COVID shut all that down for us...the opportunity arose to come to Montrose...my wife started working for the City of Montrose...when this job opened, I thought I would really like to pursue that. It's been a really great experience ever since..."

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION

Montrose High School Junior Jack Flower presented his Eagle Scout project, helping to clean up at the Montrose Summer Music Series.

"...Our idea is to do a big cleanup at the Summer Music Series on June 2 this summer and do...an educational aspect as well...if you could educate people on how to recycle themselves, I feel that has a lot more impact going forward in the community."

Flower said he hopes to bring a group of scouts to the amphitheater to help.

"Montrose Recycles will also be there."

There are plans for composting.

"I am going to meet with Dave Bowman...to talk about the event, he's kind of coordinating the event..."

Flower said that Domino's Pizza boxes are contaminating the recycling that is thrown into bins.

"Any help that they can get with showing people what can and can't be recycled is a good thing."

There will be a table and posters at the concerts for educational purposes. "I'm very excited about this project," Flower said.

Mayor Frank said the project sounds fantastic. "We look forward to hearing more about your progress as it moves forward."

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council considered an Ordinance Clarifying Article I Section 7 of the City Charter regarding qualifications for City Council Candidates. Public Safety Attorney Matthew Magliaro said that the change is not substantive, but procedural. City Engineer Scott Murphy presented the 2023 Water Supply and Runoff Forecast. Water information tends to change by the day, Murphy noted.

"We do this every year," Murphy said.

"But this one's more exciting because

there's a big snowpack out there."

This year's runoff will be a little more adventurous than usual, Murphy said. Ridgway Reservoir will fill this season, "...no problem." Blue Mesa Reservoir should have a great year and is 37 percent full already.

The full report is included in the work session packet.

Murphy also spoke about the Block 93 Sewer Replacement Construction Contract. Council will be asked to approve the award of a construction contract to Skip Huston Construction in the amount of \$468,104.82 for completion of the Block 93 Sewer Replacement Project. Work is expected to be substantially complete by Oct. 13.

Background-A memo from Murphy to Council states, "Block 93 is the first alley north of Main Street between Cascade and Townsend Avenues...the sanitary sewer lines are located within the alleys along with other utilities such as power, natural gas, and communications lines. This particular sewer line has reached the end of its life, has experienced pipe failures in several areas, and is in need of replacement. In addition to the main east-west alleyway line, a line running north from the alley to North 1st Street is also in need of replacement as shown on Figure 1. Further downstream of Block 93 on the western side of Townsend Avenue, it is also necessary to insert manholes at each end of the alley in front of AutoZone...to facilitate future lining of this sewer line. Given the constricted nature of the alleyway, the east-west replacement will be performed using trenchless technologies. Where more space is available, remaining work on the project will be performed using conventional open-cut excavations."

Council considered a Memo of Understanding with Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) and a Streetlight Upgrade Project in the amount of \$110,000.

Background-A memo from Public Works Manager Jim Scheid to Council states, "The City of Montrose currently has approximately 1900 streetlights on a variety of street types and most of these fixtures

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SCOUT PRESENTS PROJECT FOR MUSIC SERIES *From previous pg*

are a High-Pressure Sodium (HPS) or Mercury Vapor (MV) fixture type. These fixtures were originally installed in the 1950's and 1960's and have been the primary fixture type for street lighting until the 2010's when LED fixtures were introduced to the market. Over the last 10 years, as the HPS or MV fixtures have failed or needed replacement they have been replaced with a Light-emitting Diode (LED) fixture. There have been about 500 of the fixtures changed out to an LED in the City of Montrose. The City of Montrose is initiating an MOU with DMEA to systematically replace the remaining HPS and MV fixtures to LED in the Streetlight Upgrade Project, this is estimated to take about four years to complete."

Also discussed was an award recommendation to add solar panels to the Montrose Public Safety Complex. Council will be asked to approve a contract with Atlasta Solar for the installation of a solar panel system at the Montrose Public Safety Complex in the amount of \$205,506.

Background- A memo from Scheid to Coun-

cil states, "...there are several options available for the size and cost of the solar panels. The option recommended is the option that would cover all four of the covered parking structures with solar panels. The option does exist to cover one, two, three, or all four of the structures with solar panels. The more panels that are installed the higher the output and efficiency of the system. This is why the maximum amount of coverage is recommended...In August of 2021, the City Council authorized a total of \$17.8 million for the SHAW Construction contract and the owner's contingency...there is approximately \$350,000 remaining in the owner's contingency. This amount remains in the Public Safety Fund as a part of the original authorization but was not budgeted to be expended in 2023. The recommended authorization of \$205,506 does include a five percent contingency should there be unforeseen expenses with the installation of the solar panels."

Council and staff spent time talking and asking questions about possible façade

choices for the new City Hall location on Main Street. No backup information was included in the work session packet as possible façade choices were presented in February. Public Works Manager Jim Scheid reviewed the options prepared for the city by Blythe Group.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum said that she would prefer to review the options in the context of the 2024 budget.

Utilities Manager David Bries presented a Sanitary Sewer Rate Study Recommendation. Council will be asked to approve a contract with Carollo Engineers to perform a sanitary sewer cost-of-service analysis and develop an updated rate structure to fairly recover the wastewater treatment costs from various types of customers for an amount not to exceed \$70,000.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt said that there would be an open house on code updates at 6pm that evening. The City's Housing Needs Assessment is nearly complete, with an open house May 1 at 6pm.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

AS DEMOCRATS IGNORE CONSTITUTION, WHO CAN WE TRUST?

Editor:

It is becoming increasingly obvious to most people that we simply cannot trust the federal government. Biden's policies are detrimental to every American and the United States' strategic interests and are outright violations of federal law and the Constitution. Hunter Biden raked in millions from the Chinese, Russians, and Ukrainians for no credible business purpose other than gaining access to Joe Biden. Joe and his family, like the Clintons, can be accurately described as criminal enterprises. Both interfered with presidential elections with the aid of the FBI, the CIA, and the media. Biden abdicated his constitutional duty to defend the border. Worse yet, the DOJ, FBI, and CIA have gone full Stasi --- attacking and intimidating the political enemies of the radical left without regard for the rule of law.

Well, you say, at least we can trust our own state government, right? Wrong. With a liberal governor and overwhelming majorities in both the house and the senate, Democrats are instituting a "dictatorship of the majority," with no regard for either the rule of law or the welfare of individual citizens. The forced wolf introduction is an example --- forced only upon rural areas by Denver liberals over the objections of rural residents, but somehow exempting those areas occupied by those bureaucrats? Now Democrats are enacting legislation to take control of local zoning from towns and cities under the guise of affordable housing --- basically saying local governments are too stupid to make their own decisions so Denver bureaucrats are going to tell them what to do.

Ignoring the constitution, Colorado Democrats are also passing numerous gun con-

trol laws, including HB23-1230 banning commonly owned semi-automatic rifles (so-called "assault" weapons because they look scary). HB23-1165 would allow for the prevention of firearm use on private property. SB23-168 allows firearm manufacturers, distributors, importers, and even social media influencers to be sued for actions done by criminals. SB23-169 restricts adults from exercising their constitutional rights until they are 21 years old. None of these actions would succeed in reducing crime. Democrats mistakenly believe crime is a gun problem, when in fact it is a people problem. There is actually an inverse relationship between the prevalence of murder and rates of gun ownership. Areas with a lower gun ownership rates actually experience much higher murder rates. "A rock in bad hands killed Abel. A rock in good hands killed Goliath. It's not about the rock." Colorado Democrats previously passed laws making abortion legal for any reason up to the point of birth, in spite of the fact only a very small minority of people approve of such procedures. They are now passing laws attacking pregnancy resource centers and making Colorado an abortion haven.

Well, if we can't trust our state or national governments, at least parents can trust our public schools to help us parents grow and protect our kids, right? Wrong. The Denver Public Schools previously ended its contract with the Denver Police Department and removed all school resource officers from school grounds, but had to reverse that in recent weeks after an expelled student shot two school administrators. American public schools are witnessing a mass exodus of teachers. Teacher unions prioritize a radical political agenda rather than addressing safety concerns of

teachers. That political agenda results in students being propagandized rather than educated. Thus you have a significant percentage of school age children believing socialism is something good, in spite of all the evidence and history proving otherwise. We have Critical Race Theory teaching our kids to hate each other because of their skin color. And we have our very own MCSd superintendent telling us that CRT is only taught in upper level college courses. OK. At least we can send our kids to the public library and know that the employees at the library will help us parents ensure they do not have access to inappropriate material, right? Wrong again. When parents questioned the appropriateness of explicit and graphic materials at our public library and how that material is being made available to children, those parents were basically labeled narrow-minded fanatics pushing ignorance and wanting to "ban books." Suddenly, the library board became martyrs defending the First Amendment. We can add our library to our "do not trust" list. Don't be surprised when our local library board introduces a new drag queen story hour. The question the board will ask is why shouldn't children be exposed to drag queens? The question they will not ask is why drag queens crave an audience with children? Left-wing censorship entailing the rewriting of classics to avoid offending politically protected groups is OK, but parents dare not object to their children being exposed to graphic material in their own library. "Sensitivity experts" scrubbed the children's books of Roald Dahl. Such children's books as *Little House on the Prairie*, *Peter Pan*, and *Dr. Seuss* have been periodically banished by liberals.

Ed Henrie, Montrose



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COUNTY PREPARES FOR FLOODING WITH SANDBAG STATIONS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — Early spring run-off has created flooding conditions throughout Montrose County.

Montrose County Road and Bridge Crews have been working to stabilize roads, clear ditches, and divert water on Big Cimarron Road, Dave Wood Road, 6355 Road and Oak Grove Road areas.

To help residents protect their homes, Montrose County and the City of Montrose have teamed up to provide free sandbags and sandbag filling materials for local residents.

In Montrose, sandbags are available at the empty lot on the southwest corner of Park Avenue and the San Juan Bypass (across from the City Public Works Shop). In Olathe, sandbags will be available at the Montrose County Road and Bridge Shop. The goal of the stations is to help homeowners reinforce their properties due to high water and flooding poten-

tial. The sandbags and materials available at the station are provided free of charge and only for residents in impacted areas. County residents that live in a flood plain are encouraged to protect their properties. The creeks that run through the City of Montrose (such as Cedar Creek, Montrose Arroyo and Dry Cedar Creek) are not at risk of flood at this time.

"We have been working on flood plans for the past month, but this year's season is a week earlier than we anticipated," said Scott Hawkins, Montrose County Sheriff's Office Director of Emergency Management.

"We have adapted our plans for the water that we have and the water that we are expecting over the next few days. We are grateful to the city for providing a central location for residents near the Montrose area. This is just the beginning of the water and potential flooding--we need to work together to prepare for more. Home-

owners are encouraged to prepare emergency plans, protect their homes if necessary, and sign-up for emergency notifications." Montrose County encourages residents to determine if they live in a flood plain and purchase flood insurance as needed.

To find out if your house is in a flood plain, please visit <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search> and enter your address.

Residents are also encouraged to be prepared and plan ahead for emergencies. The first step is to create an emergency plan and 72-hour kit. Your plan should include the five P's: people, pets, prescriptions, photos, and personal computer(s). Including the five P's is essential to five things will have provide a solid foundation for a plan.

Visit ready.gov for plan examples and other preparedness tips. Residents are also encouraged to sign-up for the county's emergency notification system [here](#).

GMUG ANNOUNCES MT. EMMONS LAND EXCHANGE OPEN HOUSE

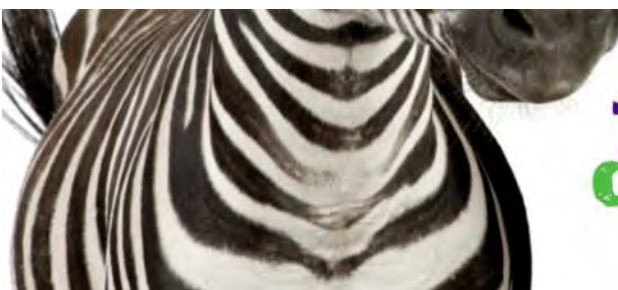
Special to the Mirror

GUNNISON —The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests will be hosting an open house on the proposed Mt. Emmons land exchange. In this proposal, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, would exchange three parcels of Federal land totaling 550 acres adjacent to the Keystone Mine approximately three miles west of Crested Butte in exchange for four parcels of land owned by the Mt. Emmons Mining Company totaling 625 acres located in Gunnison and Saguache counties. The U.S. Forest Ser-

vice will hold an open house May 3, at the Lodge at Mountaineer Square, 620 Gothic Road, Crested Butte, CO from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

"We've received requests for an opportunity to review certain specialist reports before a decision is made," said Chad Stewart, GMUG Forest Supervisor. "While we are not offering a second comment period, this open house will provide the public, stakeholders and cooperators time to ask questions and allow us to explain the progress to date. We look forward to engaging with the public in this collaborative process."

In addition to Forest Service personnel, representatives will be present from Mt. Emmons Mining Company, Crested Butte Land Trust, Town of Crested Butte and Gunnison County. For detailed project information, maps, and specialist reports visit the project website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61798> For information and updates on current fire restrictions, conditions, and recreation opportunities on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests visit the [forest website](#). Connect with us on social media ([Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)).



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MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH PERFORMS FIRST ENDOBRONCHIAL VALVE PROCEDURE

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MONTROSE— In a first for healthcare in the Montrose region, Montrose Regional Health recently performed the first endobronchial valve procedure. The procedure provides increased relief for individuals experiencing severe COPD.

"This is an additional tool for patients who have severe COPD and are already on maximal therapy but are experiencing a lot of shortness of breath," says Dr. Andrew Hersh, Pulmonologist with the Montrose Lung & Sleep Center at Montrose Regional Health. "The purpose of this treatment is to help people breathe better, walk further, and have fewer symptoms."

Led by Dr. Hersh, the multidisciplinary team included support from Surgical Services, Respiratory Services, Montrose Lung & Sleep Center, and more. The procedure to place an endobronchial valve into a patient's lung structure lasts approximately 30-60 minutes. During the procedure, a bronchoscope (camera) is used to help the doctor navigate and place the valve. The number of valves placed will be dependent on the structure of the patient's lungs. Clinical trial for the valve found patients experienced notable benefits compared to medications alone, including:

- Increased exercise capacity
- Ability to do more daily life activities –



From left to right: Nicole Graff-Gurney, Montrose Lung & Sleep Center; Michael Winn, Respiratory Therapist, MRH; Doug Hook, Montrose Lung & Sleep Center; Pulmonologist Dr. Andrew Hersh, Montrose Lung & Sleep Center; Allen Kwiatkowski, ICU RN, MRH; Chris Dovey, SDS/PACU RN, MRH. Courtesy photo.

such as walking, gardening, and getting ready in the morning

- Increased lung function
- Better quality of life

Montrose Regional Health is known for providing advanced healthcare services, including being the first hospital on the Western Slope to utilize the daVinci robotic-assisted surgical system. With the open-

ing of the Montrose Lung & Sleep Center, the hospital began offering services that previously required patients to travel to the Denver area – including Dr. Hersh performing Montrose's first Navigational Bronchoscopy in 2021. The hospital continues to increase procedures and providers to meet the region's growing health care needs.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SCOTT RIBA ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR MONTROSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose County business owner and rancher Scott Riba has announced his candidacy for Montrose County Commissioner District 3. Scott and his wife of 44 years, Linda Riba, own and operate a successful business in Montrose and a farm/ranching operation west of Montrose. Scott serves as Chair of the Montrose County Republican Party and has participated in the Montrose County political process for many years. He has also been an active member of the Colorado Republican Party and a delegate to the County and State Assemblies participating in the nominating and selection of candidates for State, Congressional, Senatorial and Presidential offices.

In addition to work within the political process, Scott has served on several Montrose County Boards, professional and association boards including the County Noxious Weed Commission, Uncompahgre Valley Pest Control District and the Montrose County Fair Board, the California Agricultural Production Consultants Association and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Scott's professional background is



in agriculture, having 25 years of experience in agricultural research and marketing and over 40 years in agricultural production and ranching. Scott holds a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Plant Science specializing in plant pathology and an Associate in Science in Forestry and coursework toward an MBA.

In his candidate announcement at the Montrose County Republican Party meeting, Scott thanked the current County

Commissioners for their leadership of Montrose County and stated, "We need to look at where we want to be in 30-50 years and figure how to get there. The view of Montrose County and Colorado needs to be from 30,000 feet, not from across the street. We must preserve our way of life on the Western Slope and have smart, well planned growth moving forward."

Scott can be contacted at 970-596-9998.

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MONTROSE—Lion's Club Carnival Tickets are for sale at Black Canyon Gymnastics. The carnival is May 11-14. Tickets are \$30. Cash only. Pre-purchased tickets save you \$10. Tickets are non-refundable. Our hours are Monday-Wednesday 9-11am. Monday-Thursday 2:30-7:30pm. 970-249-7264

CHIPETA HIGHWAY 550 SIGNAL PROJECT RESUMES

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Beginning April 17, Montrose County and Mountain Valley Contracting will resume work to implement the construction of a traffic signal located at the intersection of Chipeta Rd and Highway 550. Improvements include traffic signals, curb and gutter, and striping.

Project Schedule and Information

The project will restart on April 17. The project will be in operation Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with night work on Wednesday April 19. The anticipated completion date is late April 28.

Travel & Other Impacts

A northbound and southbound right shoulder closure on HWY 550 at Chipeta

Road will be in effect for the majority of the duration of the project. There will be traffic holds in all directions, daytime sin-

gle lane closures with flaggers in all directions will be in place. Any other lane closures will be posted on COtrip.org



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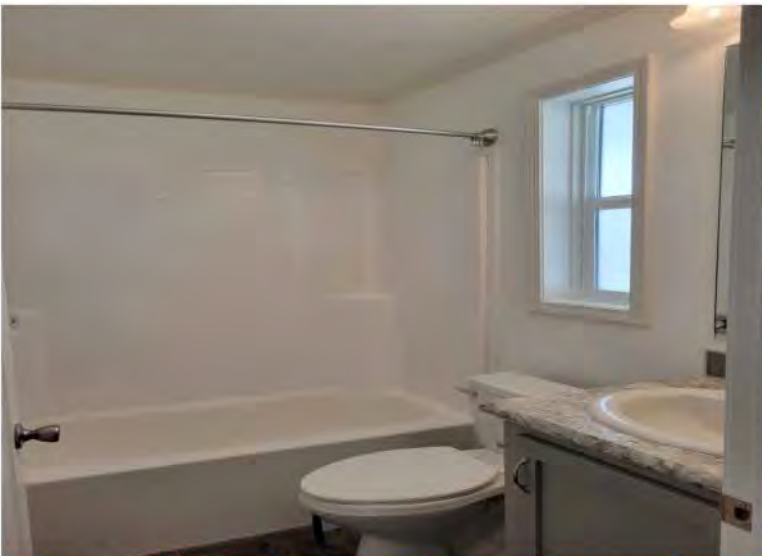
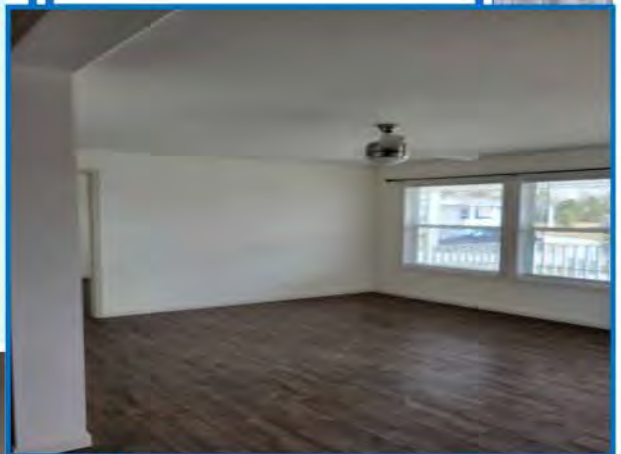
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MCSO REPORTS INCREASE IN MAIL THEFT

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MONTROSE-The Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) wants residents to be aware of an increase of mail theft, especially from larger banks of mailboxes. The MCSO has received reports of mail theft recently and investigators believe there may be more homes affected in the Dave Wood area.

"Mail theft is especially concerning as it can not only impact your bills or important mail, but thieves can also steal your identity and even more money with your personal information," said Montrose County Sheriff's Office Commander Ted Valerio. "We are asking for the public's assistance in working to prevent mail theft by reporting any suspicious activity around mailboxes and any identity issues that come from stolen mail."

Here are some tips to help protect your

mail from thieves:

- Use the letter slots inside your Post Office for your mail, hand it to a letter carrier, or deliver it to one of the local U.S. Post Offices.
- Sign-up for delivery alerts offered by many major carriers. For instance, the U.S. Postal Service offers Informed Delivery services that provides a photo of the package (as available; see more info [here](#)).
- Pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.
- If you don't receive a check or other valuable mail you're expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately.
- If you change your address, immediately notify the Post Office and anyone with

whom you do business via mail.

- Keep your mailbox in good repair and make sure it's properly installed.
- Consider getting a locking mailbox. Ask your local postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes.
- Don't send cash in the mail.
- Tell your Post Office when you'll be out of town, so they can hold your mail until you return.
- Report all suspected mail theft to a Postal Inspector. Consult with your local Postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes, including the availability of locked centralized or curbside mailboxes.
- If your mail is stolen, monitor your identity and personal information to make sure new credit cards or accounts are not opened in your name.

If you see a mail theft in progress, please call 9-1-1 immediately. If you believe your mail was stolen, please contact WestCO Regional Dispatch Center at 970-249-9111, then contact the U.S. Postal Inspector at 1-877-876-2455 or report a crime online at <https://www.uspis.gov/report>.

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WESTERN COLORADO EXPERIENCES TREMENDOUS VALUATION INCREASES FOR 2023

Western Colorado Assessors' News Brief

REGIONAL-Property owners in most of Western Colorado can expect tremendous valuation increases when they receive their 2023 Notice of Valuation on or about May 1st. Over the past two years, a strong demand for real estate, increased building material costs, historically low mortgage rates, and a steady migration from larger cities into Western Colorado have all contributed to these historic valuation increases. Western Colorado has been discovered and people are paying much higher prices for properties for the opportunity to live here.

Under Colorado law, county assessor offices throughout the state conduct a complete revaluation of all properties in their county every two years. The previous valuations were based on a June 30, 2020 level of value. These valuations used market sales data from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020. The new 2023 valuations are based on a June 30, 2022 level of value and were established using market sales data from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. These new valuations will be used for tax years 2023 and 2024 (payable in 2024 and 2025 respectively). Any sales transactions occurring after June 30, 2022 cannot be used or considered until the next reappraisal in 2025. The Colorado Legislature sets the appraisal date, the market sales data collection period, and the annual calendar for the assessment process. The two graphs below provide the median valuation percentage increases between the June 2020 level of value and the June 2022 level of value for residential properties and commercial/industrial properties for several Western Colorado counties.

In Colorado, three factors determine the level of taxes on a property: the market valuation, the assessment rate, and the mill levy. (Market Value x Assessment Rate = Assessed Value x Mill levy = Property Taxes)

The assessor's office is solely responsible for establishing valuations, not taxes. To accomplish this, the assessor uses actual market sales transactions to build a mass appraisal valuation model that is then used to set the values on all properties within the county.

Median % Change in Value: Western Colorado Counties

	Residential Improved Properties	Commercial/Industrial Improved Properties
Delta	45%	15%
Garfield	45%	25%
Gunnison	53%	16%
Mesa	40%	42%
Moffat	26%	23%
Montrose	47%	32%
Ouray	66%	47%
Rio Blanco	30%	12%
San Miguel	58%	28%
Overall Average % Change	46%	27%
Overall Median % Change	45%	25%

Assessment Rate by Property Class

	2022 Tax Year	2023 Tax year
Residential	6.95%	6.765%
Residential-Multi-Family	6.80%	6.765%
Renewable Energy	26.40%	26.40%
Agricultural	26.40%	26.40%
Commercial, Industrial, Vacant Land	29.00%	27.90%
Business Personal Property	29.00%	27.90%
Other Agricultural Property	29.00%	27.90%
Oil & Gas	87.50%	87.50%

With the 2020 repeal of the Gallagher Amendment to the State Constitution, assessment rates are now dictated by the Colorado Legislature for all 64 Colorado Counties. In an attempt to off-set the tremendous valuation increases across the entire State, the Legislature has made the following reductions in statewide assessment rates for several property classes for tax year 2023. In addition to lowering assessment rates, the Colorado Legislature has also provided an actual value exemption of \$15,000 per residential property and \$30,000 per improved commercial property for tax year 2023. These actual valuation exemptions will not be reflected in the Notices of Valuation, but will be applied prior to the 2023 tax bills being sent. The last component used to calculate taxes is the mill levy. Mill levies are

established by the county commissioners, school districts, and the boards of the various taxing entities (fire, recreation, library, sanitation, cemetery, etc...). A summation of these various individual levies is applied to the assessed value to determine the taxes due. It is undetermined at this time what the 2023 mill levies will do since the taxing entities will not set their 2023 mill levies until later this fall during their budget hearings. Ultimately, the assessor's goal is to equalize property values and ensure that the tax burden is distributed fairly and equitably among property owners within the statutory and constitutional guidelines of the State of Colorado. If you have questions or concerns after receiving your new Notice of Valuation in early May 2023, please contact your local County Assessor's Office.

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REPRESENTATIVE MARC CATLIN BILL TO MOVE \$10 MILLION TO CMU AND WCU

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DENVER-Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin is bringing long-overdue funding to Western Slope Universities. Catlin introduced and passed the bill, *Transfer From Severance Tax Operations Cash Fund*, [SB23-250](#). The bill requires the State Treasurer to transfer \$10 million into the capital construction fund. The bill appropriates \$6 million to Colorado Mesa University for implementation of the geothermal exchange system. \$4 million is appropriated to Western Colorado University to provide additional teaching and laboratory space for its petroleum geology program and to allow for expansion of the Natural and Environmental Sciences Department. The bi-partisan bill received 95% approval

from all state legislators and is set to be signed by Governor Jared Polis.

The prime sponsors in the Colorado House of Representatives are [Shannon Bird](#) (D-HD29) of Adams County and [Marc Catlin](#) (R-HD58) of Montrose County. The prime sponsors in the Colorado Senate are [Barbara Kirkmeyer](#) (R-SD23) of Weld County and [Kyle Mullica](#) (D-SD24) of Adams County.

Representative Marc Catlin says, "Over the last several years, Western Slope Universities have repeatedly asked the legislature to finish funding specific programs, but were denied any allocations. This year, my colleagues and I brought attention and weight to bear on this issue. We were able to find a pathway for funding. On the Western Slope, opportunities for expanding education

should be taken seriously. Mesa's geothermal program is expected to lower the cost of tuition, while expansion of the Natural and Environmental Sciences Department will bring more educational opportunities to Western. Our number one export on the Western Slope is our kids. This money will increase opportunities for our kids to stay and thrive at home."

Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin represents the eight counties of Dolores, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel. Representative Catlin Vice Chairs the Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources Committee, a member of the Capital Development Committee and Ranking member of the Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee.

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO STATE WILDLIFE AREA REGULATIONS THROUGH MAY 24

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-Colorado Parks and Wildlife is seeking public input on proposed regulation changes for State Wildlife Areas.

CPW manages about 350 [State Wildlife Areas \(SWAs\)](#) across the state, which are properties held to benefit wildlife populations or provide opportunities for wildlife-related recreation. To help ensure SWAs are benefitting wildlife and manage increasing recreation demand at SWAs, CPW

is proposing updates to SWA regulations and is seeking public input on the proposed changes.

SWA visitors are encouraged to learn more about the proposed changes to general SWA regulations and property-specific changes.

The public can learn more and provide feedback on [EngageCPW](#) through Wed., May 24, 2023. CPW is looking for specific feedback regarding its [general provision](#)

and [property-specific](#) changes. Comments will be reviewed by CPW staff and considered by the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

The proposed regulations are tentatively scheduled to be discussed at the May [Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting](#) before final consideration and possible adoption at the June PWC meeting.

More information on the meetings will be available on the [PWC meetings page](#).



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MIRROR IMAGES: EARTH DAY RALLY 2023



An Earth Day Rally at Montrose's Demoret Park Saturday drew citizens concerned about the future of the Planet. Organized by Leslie Hallenborg, top left, the rally drew young people as well as retired teacher and climate activist Janet Chapman, above. Photos by B. Switzer.



OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WHAT HAS JOE BIDEN DONE THAT IS GOOD FOR AMERICA?

Editor;

"Just pay your fair share"!....."Just pay your fair share"!.....that's the famous repeated words childishly whispered into the mic. from wobbly traitor Joe Biden while trying to portray the righteous, honest and fair-minded holier-than-thou leader of virtue. It's too bad he doesn't apply his advice to himself and his entire crime family. For years Hunter Biden has supposedly been under investigation for income tax fraud, but fellow Democrats have been sweeping the entire matter under the rug.....now things are different under the Republican controlled House. Evidence is now seeping out from under that rug revealing massive money coming in from many countries going to numerous Biden family members including the "big guy". It used to be just a "few" family members receiving money, now the total is up to a minimum of nine and counting. This massive amount of money is in the \$millions from many Communist countries, including China. Hunter's business associates have made more than 80 visits to the White House when Joe Biden was vice president and he still claims he knows nothing about his son's business dealings. And the Bidens are not paying a cent of income tax on those \$millions from their corruption of selling out America! So while Mr. mumbler-in-chief hires thousands of extra tax agents to attack the poor hourly wage earners, he and his crime family are raking in \$millions all tax-free and the American taxpayer is paying all the travel expenses for the Bidens' to rake in their \$millions! It's the same with his Democrat comrades like Al Sharpton who for years has owed hundreds of thousand of bucks to the IRS which he still hasn't paid. In fact the results of an investigation show Democrats are the biggest tax cheats, but they want you to pay yours! Joe Biden must not be whispering into their ears on the virtue of paying their "fair share"! Joe Biden has shown that today's White House does not serve any American citizen today, instead, they are serving the enemies of America to destroy our freedom, liberty and justice. They lie and make excuses and even

blame Donald trump for every blunder they make. They hate everything America has ever stood for and they aim to destroy it. In the good ole days we had liberals and conservatives who were working on common goals. Liberals used to be peacemakers and anti-war types. They used to advocate for women's rights. Now they are destroying women's rights in sports and where does it go from here? Now they're the most violent destructive people in the USA, via Democrat groups like Black Lives Matter and ANTIFA, a most fascist group. We now know Biden is entirely owned by the CCP (communist China) and owes them total allegiance for the \$millions they are receiving from them.

The time has come, we must sit down, take a minute, think real hard, be honest, and ask ourselves: What has Biden done that is good for America? What does he propose to do that would be good for America? What is he doing that is unraveling America's very basic moral fiber? The honest answers to these questions should frighten everyone. Every Democrat in the House just voted no to legislation to protect women's rights against male intrusion in women's sports! All "no" votes came from Democrats, but Republicans passed the Bill anyway. The Soros agenda in the Biden White House has never been stronger. The death and destruction of our open borders and the rogue Progressive prosecutor movement is the pride of the Soros movement. Soros donated \$1 million in 2021 to the Left wing PAC that backed Alvin Bragg's election. Soros has made at least 14 visits to the Biden White House. Biden's cabinet is full of Soros loyalists. Now his 37 year old son, Alexander is taking over and was one of 330 people who attended a "lavish" state dinner on the White House lawn. We paid for that! The young Soros is wasting no time donating to PACs involving Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi as well as pushing the radical aggressive environmental agenda and open borders. There are now roughly 6,000 daily encounters at the border and unknown getaways. China is now sending

their people across the border. Mexican cartels are making \$13 billion a year smuggling illegal invaders into the U.S. Drugs smuggled in are killing over 100,000 Americans per year, but yet, Biden and his Democrat cult rant and rave about gun deaths in the U.S. with a scant total of 3,608 deaths in 2020 by comparison, but never a word from them about the over 100,000 fentanyl deaths of Americans they are causing from open borders!!

Democrats are killing America. A Missouri high school offered "sweet prizes" to students who read books featuring sexually explicit LGBT material, critical race theory, and transgender education. Because Biden shut off the flow of oil and gas in pipelines, they must now be moved by truck or railroad and both use diesel fuel, which produces their hated greenhouse gas and pollution. The resultant shortage of oil and natural gas has forced us to buy oil from enemies like Russia, Venezuela, Iran, and Saudi Arabia. And their oil is dirty-burning so it produces much more pollution. The U.S. has the cleanest-burning gasses. So now our oil is shipped in 1,000 foot long vessels with big diesel engines going 24 hours a day for approximately 2 week stretches to reach us while spewing out vast amounts of pollutants and greenhouse gases. Then they have to return for another load spewing out another load of pollution; whereas by pipeline there was no pollution! Ya just cannot under estimate the depleted intelligence level of Joe Biden and the Democrats!

Now we learn the Walter Reed Military Medical Center has ended Catholic services and was replaced by a secular contractor. As a result, adequate pastoral care is not available for our service members and veterans. The FBI is now calling for the targeting of Catholic pro-life activists and the reconnaissance and investigation of traditionalist Catholics. Of course our famous feckless Attorney General, Merrick Garland lied to the Senate Judiciary Committee denying any such thing is going on. Oh.....isn't it Democrats who are always harping about Republicans wanting to cut

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or destroy Social Security and Medicare?? Well, as we already know, it's Democrats who are constantly ranting they want to pass "immigration reform" implying that would fix all immigration problems. They are currently and constantly introducing Bills that would offer legal status and a path to citizenship for illegal invaders, a.k.a. "undocumented workers." But their "benefits" and "voting privileges" would kick in BEFORE their citizenship! Imagine the insane demand on welfare, Medicaid

and the food stamp program for all the children, the ill, the handicapped, and the babies coming across the border including all the pregnant women from rape as they cross. That would mean profound destruction of Social Security, Medicare and America! Already there are 85 million Americans on Medicaid, while 40 million--over 10% of the population---are on food stamps (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). Over four million of them are 18 to 59 who are not disabled and

only one in four are employed. But of course Democrats tell you the invaders are only coming here to work, pay taxes, and have a better life!! UH-HUH!! If Biden and his cult have their way to make those people citizens just to get their vote, then kiss America good bye!

James Madison, who wrote the Constitution, once told the Congress, "Charity is no part of the Legislative duty of the government."

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

PATRICIA JUNE BROWN *February 12, 1941- April 16, 2023*

PATRICIA JUNE BROWN (Littlejohn) age 82, passed away April 16, 2023 at Hope West in Grand Junction Colorado. She was born February 12, 1941 in Nucla Colorado to June Lillie Littlejohn (Rice) and Ivan Ellsworth (John) Littlejohn.

She graduated from Nucla High School in 1959 and completed one year of college at Western State College in Gunnison Colorado. In 1962, Patricia married the love of her life, Luther Patrick (Pat) Brown. They began their lives together in Marysville California where Patrick was stationed in the USAF. Their first child, Paula June Brown was born in March of 1964. After Patrick finished his enlistment in the Air Force, they then returned to Nucla the same year.

Their second child, Penni Earon Philbrick (Brown) was born September of 1966. Patricia began her career as Nucla Town Clerk in 1968, she loved her job and the people she met. She retired in 2006 after

38 years of service.

Patricia had many interests and talents. She was an accomplished seamstress, sewing all of her own clothes and dresses for her girls' piano recitals and much more. She enjoyed ice skating, roller skating and playing saxophone in her younger years. She loved 4-wheeling, picnics with family and friends, family reunions, Bronco football and everything grand kid and great-grand kid related. Some of her most cherished memories were of family vacations. She volunteered as a member and president of Spruce & Columbine Garden Club 2008-2023.

She was preceded in death by her parents, June and John Littlejohn and her brother Lawrence Kent (Butch) Littlejohn. She is survived by her husband of 60+ years, Pat Brown; Daughter Paula Brown (Don); Daughter Penni Philbrick (Martin); Grandson; Seth Patrick Knob (Micaela); Granddaughter; Brittany Earon Berry,

Grandson; Derrik Allen Brown, Granddaughter Sarah Marie Brown, great grandchild; Danielle Marie Knob and Landyn John

Brown. Along with 20 beloved nieces and nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law, and brothers-in-law and treasured extended family.

Donations in Pat's memory may be made to HopeWest - 3090 North 12th Street, Unit B, Grand Junction, CO 81506 or Nucla -Naturita EMS - PO Box 740, Nucla, CO 81424.

Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose is assisting the family.



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

SUE WALL

December 16, 1937- March 21, 2023

On Tuesday March 21, 2023 Sue Wall peacefully passed away at Colorow Care Center in Olathe, Colorado after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Sue was born Sue Ann Zollinger in Big Springs, Texas December 16, 1937 to Alvin and Juanita Zollinger. She attended Big Springs Junior High and Big Springs High School where she belonged to F.H.A., D.O., Acc Choir, and was Miss Big Springs 1953. She graduated in 1955.

Sue met and married Bob Wall in 1955 and began the life of a military spouse. Over the next eighteen years they raised three children while stationed at multiple bases both stateside and abroad. She had a great love for animals and was very creative, loved to cook, quilt, paint, and had a fantastic green thumb.

In 1977 Sue made a big move from Biloxi,

MS to Denver, Colorado making a new and successful life on her own. She worked for IBM and then for the newly established Apple Inc.

She retired from Apple Inc in 2012 after her Parkinsons diagnosis and moved to unassisted living shortly thereafter.

She is survived by her sister Ede (Dave) Simmons of Montrose, Co; daughter Wendy (Ed) Cooley of Ocean Springs, MS; son Rob (Brooke) Wall of Aurora, CO daughter Tracie (Chris) Manwaring of Payson, Az.

Four grandchildren Lauren, Matthew, Austin, Tristan, and Sarah and one Great Grandchild Reese Marilynn.

A very special, heartfelt thank you to her sister Ede, who stuck by her side through it all and to the staff of Colorow Care Center in Olathe and the staff and volunteers at Hope West Hospice. Sue was cared for,



loved, and admired and will be greatly missed.

As per her request her ashes will be spread on the Mesa in a field of flowers. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting her family.

LYNETTE KAY CLEMENTS

March 18, 1939 - April 15, 2023



The Lord took Lynette Kay Clements home on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at Elk Ridge Health and Rehab with family by her side. She was 84 years old.

Lynette was born March 18, 1939 in

Quinter, Kansas to Fred Rufus Barrett and Velma Vivian Blackwell.

She lived in Quinter until graduating high school and then attended Fort Hays State College in Hays, Kansas. She then moved to the eastern slope of Colorado, until moving to the Western Slope in 2007, and eventually calling Montrose Co home

Mom had a wonderful sense of humor, sense of style, and was quick-witted with everyone she knew. She brought so much

joy into everyone's life. She enjoyed traveling, her dog Pebbles and most of all, she adored her family. She was a wonderful Mother, Sister, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, and friend.

Mom is survived by daughter Tami (Steve) Hale of Olathe, CO; daughter Michelle Nicks of Mead, Co; sister Rhonda (Rod) Fisher of Johnstown, Co; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and daughter Vicki Clements Carpenter.

She loved her job as a flight attendant for 30 years. Her career took her many places and met many people. Her amazing personality made her a perfect fit for the job that she loved so much.

"Wings"

She was stunning and beautiful in every way. She walked through life with a beautiful smile and huge dimples. With beautiful

eyes of green and a heart as big as the deep blue sea.

Her body grew tired. The time had come when God sent a heavenly plane to pick her up. The Angel put out her hand and said, "It's time to go, you have so many people excited to see you at home."

She glanced back at her girls and said "this isn't goodbye, it's a see you later. I have my wings, now it's time to go."

The Angel walked with her to the majestic plane and said "where we are going, the gates have pearls and the streets are of gold and there is no more pain"

As she boarded her last flight with a smile on her face, she turned back to her family to say one more thing. "I love you; you stayed with me and held my hand. I felt your kisses and hugs. But it's Ok, God has me now. I will always be with you."

Crippin Funeral Home will be assisting the family, (970) 249-2121.

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THE LIBRARIANS OF MONTROSE COUNTY



By Jennifer Causey Ruben

HARRIETTE COLLINS

Mrs. Harriette Dalton Collins rode into Montrose during the late 19th century and became the town's first librarian. She didn't know at the time what effect her presence would have on the small Colorado community. Harriette brought her education and experience with her from her former life in the eastern part of the United States.

Harriette Dalton was born in Readfield, Maine, on 1 September 1830. At the age of 12, the young woman matriculated at the Maine Wesleyan seminary. In the mid-19th century, seminaries for girls weren't for just religious education. They functioned to provide instruction to girls who didn't have access to public schools. Harriette began her life's calling, teaching children, when she was just 14 years old

and still at the seminary, and her career stretched for 50

years. She taught all over the east and the south, including New England and Kentucky. She returned north after the outbreak of the Civil War, where she taught Latin, English, rhetoric, and psychology at the Oak Grove Seminary in Maine. She was also the assistant principal there and taught at the Georgetown Seminary in Kentucky prior to the war.

Perhaps because of her great love of teaching, she didn't marry and start a family until she was 38 years old. As a widow Harriette followed her daughters to Colorado, where she was active in church and taught Bible classes. She was also a missionary for her faith. She was a leader of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, whose reading room gave start to the Montrose library, and thus she is considered to be the first librarian of Montrose. While she was raised in the Methodist

Montrose Librarians have included (left to right) Harriette Collins, Mary Townsend, Zee Dee Kinkel, and Paul Paladino. Courtesy photos.

Church, her husband was a Quaker, and she embraced his faith. Though the Quakers did not believe in preaching, she traveled all over the eastern US giving speeches in Quaker churches. Although she was a Quaker for many years, when her husband died she returned to the Methodist Church.

Harriette's daughter, Harriette Collins Lingham, was the first woman medical doctor in Montrose. She worked providing medical care to the miners in Cripple Creek and was so terribly busy that she begged her mother to come help her, which of course she did. Eventually, at the behest of her mother, she moved her practice to Montrose where she provided

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care to the women and children of the area. Eventually she married and retired from the medical field.

Harriette Dalton Collins died on 5 March 1913. She will be remembered in the history books as the first librarian of Montrose, and as the woman who helped the first library to become the magnificent place of learning that it is today.

ROSE SMITH HOWELL

Rose Emilia Ann Smith Howell followed Harriette Collins as the librarian of Montrose County. Rose was born in 1870 and passed away in 1958. She was employed as the librarian sometime between 1904 and 1909. Unfortunately, there isn't much known about her except for a brief article in the Montrose Daily Press on 11 January 1912 announcing her marriage to John Howell, and stating that in addition to being the librarian, she also served as a substitute teacher for several years.

ANNA L. CHRISTIANSON

The third librarian in the Montrose annals was Anna L. Christianson, who was born in Ohio in 1863. She lived with her husband Chas Christianson in Missouri before moving to Montrose. She had two sons, Willard, born in 1890, and Charles, born in 1892. In 1900 she resided with her husband and children in Missouri. At some point they moved to Montrose, where her daughter, Ruth, was born in 1905. Anna was 41 at the time of Ruth's birth. By 1910 Anna was either divorced or widowed, and was staying with her three children in the small apartment behind the reading room. In 1911, she was listed as the librarian of the High School Public Library Association. In that same year she was recorded in the Colorado Business Directory, Montrose County. By the 1920 census she was listed as the librarian in Montrose.

Anna was influential in other arenas in the town. On 4 September 1914, it was announced in the Montrose Daily Press that she was elected president of the W.C.T.U. According to church documents, she was a founding member of the First Church of the Nazarene, which was organized on 18 February 1917 and incorpo-

rated on March 16, 1920. The church and the W.C.T.U. building resided next to each other for several years. She may have worked both in the W.C.T.U. reading room and at the library, which resided in space donated by the W.C.T.U.

In the 2 February 1916 issue of the Montrose Daily Press, Mrs. CHRISTIANSON was reappointed the librarian. In all, Anna L. Christianson served the community as the Montrose Public Librarian from 1909 to 1920. In later years she lived with her daughter in California.

HELEN DEISHER

From 1922 until 1924, the Montrose librarian was Helen Deisher. Not much is known about her except for a mention in a Western History Subject Index of the city directory and two notices that she had reported information about the library to the state.

MRS. ROBERT M. DEPUTY

It was announced in the Montrose Enterprise on 25 March 1927 that the library commission selected Mrs. Robert M. Deputy to be the new librarian. She had a huge task ahead of her, as she was in charge of cataloging the books according to the Dewey-Decimal system, and then coordinated the moving of the books from the old location to the new before the opening of the new library in the newly built city hall-library building. At that time there were around 4,000 volumes in the library's collection.

Mrs. Deputy was previously employed at the library and office of Montrose High School after arriving from Manchester, Indiana. There, she was attached to the Manchester college library, and possessed a master's degree from the University of Illinois. She was uniquely qualified to handle the transition of the library to its much larger quarters in the new building, which opened on May 6, 1927. Her tenure as librarian ended in December 1927.

MARY P. TOWNSEND

Mary P. TOWNSEND was born on 27 June 1889 in Houston, Texas. She received her education there, including at a finishing school to learn proper manners and etiquette. Her grandson, George Townsend

of Montrose, had many good things to say about her. He said she was very polite, and very much a lady. When she was a young woman, she had a tumor removed, which resulted in a gravelly voice. In 1909 she married George B. Townsend, who was born on 20 May 1878, and they moved to Michigan.

In 1926 they moved to Montrose. Mary and George had three children: twin sons, and a daughter who died at a young age from meningitis. Shortly after they arrived, in January 1928, Mary became the librarian for the Montrose City Library.

Mr. Townsend passed away on 5 July 1930, leaving Mary a single mother of two five-year-old boys. She became the sole bread winner of the family. Mary had many interesting adventures as librarian. Her sons served in the military during World War II, and Mary took time off from her position in Montrose to go to San Bruno, California, where she worked as a librarian for the U.S. Navy. When the war was over, she returned to Montrose and her duties as the city librarian. Mary worked as the librarian in Montrose until 1963, when she was 72 years old.

According to George and Beverly Townsend, Mary was an organizer who liked everything to be in its place. She insisted that her space around her in the library be organized. She always dressed nicely, and always wore a brooch. She was a diminutive woman at only 5 feet tall, and wore glasses. She liked to crochet and make jambalaya for her family. She also liked to go to Ouray, and to stay at the St. Elmo Hotel, which is still there. She enjoyed eating at Mary's Cafe, and liked to order dessert first so she could be sure that she had room for it. She never drove; she preferred to walk everywhere. Mary was a member of the Episcopal Church and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mary passed away on November 25, 1979 at the age of 90.

MAYBELLE JOHANSEN WEST

Maybelle Johansen west was born on 8 May 1915 in Maywood Illinois. She graduated from Coe College in Cedar Rapids,

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, Iowa, and taught school in Iowa. In 1938 she married Marvin "Joe" JOHANSEN. She was forced to quit when she got married, as only single women could teach. They moved to Montrose, where Joe was hired by the school district as the assistant superintendent of schools. Maybelle was hired in 1964 to work in the library, which was still located in the city hall building on South 1st Street. In 1967 she became the head librarian at Montrose High School, where she started the new high school library. She retired from that position in 1976.

In 1980 Joe Johansen passed away. In 1985 Maybelle married Charles "Ed" WEST. She passed away in Olathe on 7 July 2002 at the age of 87 after a 4-year battle with dementia. In her obituary, Maybelle is described as, "Touching many lives, and believed in the adage, 'If a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing right.' She was a private, dignified, and well-groomed woman."

Maybelle was instrumental in starting the book-mobile service for the schools in Naturita, Nucla, Norwood, and Uravan, whose students otherwise wouldn't have access to library books. The book-mobile continues to the present day, and serves many different populations in Montrose County.

ZEE DEE KINKEL

Zerma Deane (Zee Dee) KINKEL was born on May 7, 1930 in Pueblo, Colorado. She graduated from high school there, and attended college and several higher education institutions in Colorado. She served as director of the Montrose Library District from 1967 to 1991. During her tenure, she increased her knowledge of library science by traveling throughout the country and attending different conferences. She used that knowledge to increase the library services. She was passionate about the bookmobile, which increased the availability of books to rural Montrose County and Telluride both.

She wanted to make sure everyone had a book to read. Zee Dee also supported the tiny Telluride library by making bookmobile trips to the town to keep the library going.

Zee Dee also grew the new library on

South 1st Street by networking the library systems on the Western Slope. If you've ever used an interlibrary loan, you can thank Zee Dee for that privilege. She also oversaw the move to automation in the late 1980s.

She died 26 March 2014 and is best described in her obituary by those who loved her: "She loved acting and performed in several early productions of the Magic Circle Theatre. She was an avid bookworm and puzzle-solver, loved playing the piano, and enjoyed being part of the CB radio craze of the '70s, using the handle 'Shakespeare.' Zee Dee was a loving wife and mother with a sharp intellect and a terrific sense of humor."

PAUL PALADINO

Paul PALADINO took over from Zee Dee KINKEL when she retired, and has been the library director since 1991. He says his occupation is librarian, and his job title is library director.

Paul was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. He was raised in a Catholic family, and spent 16 years in Catholic schools. He read a lot as a child, but didn't have access to a public library with the exception of the basement school library. He enjoys the works of Isaac Asimov, the writings of Alistair Maclean, and works of historical fiction. He lists his favorite book as Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett. He counts himself a fan of fiction and thrillers, and the science part of science fiction. He also considers himself a "news junkie," and reads from seven to eight news sources every day.

After obtaining his bachelor's degree in Dayton, Ohio, he worked for the Boy Scouts of America as a fund raiser. He traveled around Dayton a lot, and would take his paperwork to the library where his wife worked. After a while, Paul thought being a librarian might be a job that would suit him. He got his master's degree in library science at Indiana University and completed an internship there. He moved with his wife to Michigan for a year before seeing an opening for a librarian in Montrose. He was familiar with the area, having vacationed here as a child, and was hired. He and his wife then made the trip over the Rocky Mountains to his

new job in Montrose.

As the director of the Montrose Regional Library, Paul has received several national awards for the straw bale library constructed in Naturita. It received the Best Small Library of the Year from the Gates Foundation and was chosen the Library of the Year by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For the last award, Paul was presented the honor at the White House.

Paul has overseen the modernization of the library from vinyl to the digital streaming. He also oversaw the library when it was moved from the location on South 1st Street to its current location. His oversight and experience in fund raising enabled the \$6 million library to be paid for in cash. Paul strives to ensure that the library stays relevant to the community. For example, the library offers use of free computers to anyone who needs them, which assists the large number of people in the community who do not have the internet in their homes. He would also like to increase the use of the bookmobile, and would like to get a van so the books can become even more accessible to people in the community.

When asked what his most memorable moments were as library director, two things stood out.

One was when he started as the librarian at the South 1st Street location. A man named Mr. Rose would come in to read the newspaper every day. As soon as he unlocked the doors, Mr. Rose would be there. He'd just walk around, and leave, and then would come back later to read the paper. When Paul asked him about it, he said that every morning there would be new changes to the library, and he just wanted to see what the changes were for that day.

The second memorable moment came when the library on South 1st St was moved to the current location in 1998. He thought he'd be moving books until 10 at night. Instead, many volunteers showed up to help him, and they moved the library one grocery cart full at a time. One man who was in his 80's at the time raced a young boy to see who could get the most trips. Paul coordinated the effort

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while carrying around his three-month-old son, and the entire move was completed in 2 ½ hours.

Throughout his tenure as librarian, Paul has only had a handful of books challenged to be banned. He has read many of the banned books.

As library director, most of his time is now spent with either personnel issues or economic management, especially raising funds for the maintenance and growth of the library building and increasing availability to the members of Montrose County.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

'LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!' FRUITA CHAMBER HOSTS ANNUAL BANQUET



Base Camp Provisions, above, is New Business of the Year. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

FRUITA-The Fruta Area Chamber of Commerce (FACC) hosted the Annual Banquet on April 15, 2023.

This year's theme was Old Hollywood: Lights, Camera, Action! The event is an opportunity to bring member businesses together and celebrate the accomplishments and successes of the previous year. In 2022, the FACC welcomed 138 new member businesses across Mesa County and are proud to serve 500 member businesses on the Western Slope.

The members of the FACC are shining examples of how local businesses can positively impact their community. The FACC is a proud supporter and advocate for our members and looks forward to continuing our work of collaboration to strengthen our economy and be a champion for our community.

At the FACC Annual Banquet, we had the privilege of honoring members of the Chamber and community to recognize their outstanding accomplishments.

Ambassador of the Year: Gretchen Blackwelder, Community Development & Event Coordinator for Family Health West. Gretchen is a well-known volunteer in our community through her efforts at the FACC, as well as other service organizations. Her dedication to giving back is truly inspiring. Gretchen has been an active volunteer with the Chamber and is always one of the first to volunteer her time and energy to make FACC events a success. As a key player in the planning of the Fruta Farmer's Market and Fruta Fall Festival, Gretchen is a staple in our community. Her contributions to the success of the Annual Banquet silent auction cannot be overstated. Her tireless work behind the scenes helping create centerpieces, securing donations, and volunteering for the event

helped make it one of our most successful fundraising events. Congratulations to Gretchen Blackwelder on being named the 2022 Ambassador of the Year!

Volunteer of the Year: Kimberly Fuoco of Fruta, Colorado

Another truly remarkable individual in our community who deserves recognition for their outstanding contributions to our community is Kimberly Fuoco. Kimberly is a shining example of what it means to be a dedicated volunteer. In fact, she volunteered just as many hours as the FACC team during Fruta Fall Festival. When we say dedicated, folks, we mean she was so dedicated that we had to send her home to rest after taking down banners late into the night. That's some serious dedication! But that's not all! Kimberly had no idea she was nominated for this award. We had to trick her into coming here tonight by asking her to volunteer for the event. You can imagine the look on her face when we surprised her with this well-deserved award. We cannot express enough gratitude for her hard work and dedication to serving her community. On behalf of the FACC, we would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to Kimberly Fuoco as the 2022 Volunteer of the Year.

New Business of the Year: Base Camp Provisions

If you haven't had the chance to check out this amazing establishment yet, you are truly missing out! From the moment you walk in, you are greeted with a warm and inviting atmosphere that screams "let's hang out and have a good time!" Let's not forget about the food and drinks – delicious doesn't even begin to describe it! I mean, have you ever had a burger that was so good it made you want to cry tears of joy? That's what Base Camp Provisions does to you! But enough about our emotional attachment to their food. Let's talk about why they are deserving of this award. This business has quickly become a staple in our community, providing a unique experience that can't be found anywhere else. They have created a space that welcomes all, whether you're looking for a yummy meal or just a place to hang out and enjoy the oversized patio. Let's raise a glass to the 2022 New Business of the Year, Base Camp Provisions.

Citizen of the Year: Tom Griffith

There are few award categories that receive an overwhelming amount of write-in nominations, but this individual has helped contrib-

ute to an amazing community and it shows through the words of their peers. Tom Griffith is the owner of Bestslope Coffee in Fruta. The business he has created and the team he assembled to run it is composed of passionate, interesting and kind people. Tom is exceptional at servant leadership and exemplifies kindness, selflessness, and prioritizes helping his staff grow and learn, and has created an environment where everyone feels welcome. One nomination read, "For the last seven years I've worked with Tom and it's really hard to put into words how much he's changed my life. Through his compassionate and empathetic management of our staff, his genuine care for our community, and his ability to buckle down and put in the work, Time is a vital part of the Fruta I love. I've learned how to be a good member of my community through watching him and everyone will tell you the same – Tom is truly the best." It is our honor to recognize Tom Griffith, owner of Bestslope Coffee as the 2022 Citizen of the Year.

Member Business of the Year: Rhema Music and Clothing Company

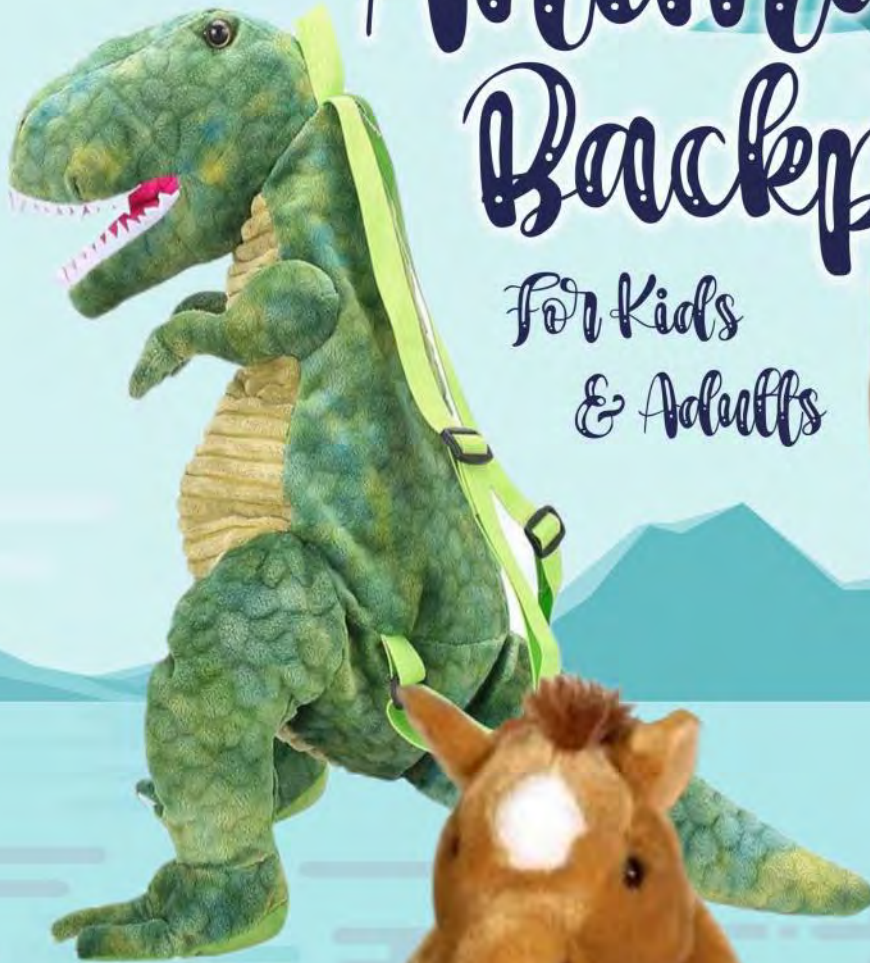
Our community is blessed with several member businesses that deserve recognition for their outstanding contributions to the community. This particular business is locally owned, and family operated as well as long-time residents of our Fruta community. This business has been in operation for 18 years and is Fruta's go-to destination for music and fashion. The family who operates this establishment have been instrumental in bringing musical talent from across the nation to Fruta and surrounding areas. Their partnership with some of our community's most popular events, like Thursday Night Concert Series, Mike the Headless Chicken Festival and Fruta Fall Festival, has brought joy and entertainment to residents and visitors alike.

The success of small businesses like this member is due to the community's unwavering support, which this family business has reciprocated by getting involved and giving back. They are shining examples of a family-owned business that cares for its community, which has made them more than deserving winners of the 2022 Member Business of the Year. And the Oscar goes to... James and Samantha Williams of Rhema Music and Clothing Company!

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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.

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

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.

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.

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

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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421 Adams Street Naturita
(970) 865-2665 **VFC PROVIDER (RHC)**
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UNCOMPAHGRE MEDICAL CENTER

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

DELTA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

255 West Sixth Street Delta
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deltacounty.com/8/personal-health-services

RIVER VALLEY FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS

1010 Rio Grande Montrose
(970) 497-3333
308 Main Street Olathe
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87 Merchant Drive Montrose
(970) 252-8896
pic.place

MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

510 29 1/2 Rd Grand Junction
(970) 248-6900 **VFC PROVIDER**
health.mesacounty.us/services/family/immunizations

VFC (VACCINES FOR CHILDREN)

The Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) is a federally funded program that provides vaccines 0-18 years of age who are enrolled in Medicaid, who have no insurance, or who are American Indian / Alaska Native. *Children who are underinsured may receive VFC vaccines at a federally qualified health center (FQHC) or rural health center (RHC).

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The 340b Drug Pricing Program is a US federal government program created in 1992 that requires drug manufacturers to provide outpatient drugs to eligible health care organizations and covered entities at significantly reduced prices.

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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
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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
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Hep A	Hep B
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SAFEWAY

1329 South Townsend Ave Montrose
(970) 249-1160 **340B PARTICIPANT**
Register online

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

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Shingles	IPV
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Td	Pneumococcal
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112 Village Square West Ridgway
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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO DEMOCRATIC PARTY HONORS LOCAL CHAIR



Kevin Kuns and his wife, Bobbie, who serves as MCDP Treasurer, at the award ceremony on April 1st in Denver. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— Kevin Kuns, Chair of the Montrose County Democratic Party, recently received the prestigious Rural Outreach Award from the Colorado Democratic Party. Kevin has worked tirelessly throughout the state, spotlighting the needs and challenges in rural areas. He is also the regional organizing director for the Colorado Democratic Party and was a candidate for a House seat in HD 58 in 2022. Congratulations, Kevin!

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Pahgre's
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Busy Corner White Kitchen
970-323-6215



Beer Barn II
970-249-5550



Lighthouse Eatery
970-964-7570



Double Barrel Taco Co.
970-417-4340



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
970-249-6889



Rio Bravo
970-964-4477



Jimmer's Steak & BBQ
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Fiesta Guadalajara
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MONTROSE-The Montrose High School Environmental Club hosted an event for the kids. They made fairy gardens planted with flowers to attract bees and butterflies and reusable cloth bags that they decorated. Courtesy photo.



Personalized care plans created for assisted living residents



CONTACT US

We look forward to meeting you!

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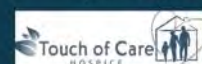


Death Cafe

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 320 S. 2nd Street Montrose

April 26th, 2023 at 7:00pm



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

GIRLS ON THE RUN OF WESTERN COLORADO TO HOST FRUITA SPRING 5K ON MAY 6

Special to Art & Sol

FRUITA-The 5K event is Saturday, May 6th at **Shelledy Elementary – 353 N. Mesa St. Fruita, CO 81521**. We are looking forward to 1200+ runners converging for an incredible event. The positive energy at the 5K event is not only tangible, but contagious.

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

The cost for the Spring 5K is \$25 by May 3 and \$35 for day-of registration. The first 500 registered participants will receive a grocery tote and GOTR headband.

To register or for more information please visit www.gotrwesterncolorado.org/5K.

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

BASIC AND BEGINNING GENEALOGY PROGRAM

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-On Monday, April 24 at 1 p.m., Myrna Shirey, local genealogist and president of Montrose's genealogy society will present a program on "Basic and Beginning Genealogy" at the Warrior Resource Center, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way. The public is welcome to this educational program sponsored by the Montrose Genealogy Center.

'SPIRITUAL ALCHEMY' EXHIBITION TO OPEN AT UTE INDIAN MUSEUM

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-The [History Colorado's Ute Indian Museum](#) in Montrose, Colorado, is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibition, **Spiritual Alchemy**, featuring new artwork by **Vickie Leigh Krudwig**, author of *Walking with Chipeta: My 179 Year Journey through Chipeta's World to Mine*. In celebration of this exhibition opening the Ute Indian Museum is hosting an artist's reception on Saturday, April 29 at 7 p.m. where Krudwig will sign copies of her new book.

This artist reception and book signing is free to the public and will be held from 7-9 p.m. at the Ute Indian Museum on Saturday, April 29. Light refreshments will be

served and participants will have a chance to hear about Krudwig's spiritual journey and how she supports the Friends of the Ute by donating a generous commission from art sales to the organization to support cultural programming at the Ute Indian Museum.

All are welcome. For more information, please contact CJ Brafford at 970-249-3098, or email Vickie at harmonyhousestudio@gmail.com.

In addition to Krudwig's art exhibit and book signing, the author and artist will be presenting a five-hour workshop, [Spiritual Alchemy for Artists, and Writers](#), at the museum on Saturday, April 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The workshop will be an interactive, hands-on event encouraging artists and writers to tap into their own spiritual energy and visions for their art and learn to connect on a deeper level with their own creativity and various ways to ignite a passion for their unique artforms.

Tickets to this workshop cost \$150 and include all art supplies, a small leather journal, pens, and a signed copy of Krudwig's new book. It also includes take home projects following creative exercises, snacks, beverages, and lunch.

Persons interested in the participating in the workshop may register online at www.harmonyhousestudio.com/events/spiritual-alchemy

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GROUP MINDFUL MEDITATION SESSION to help you sustain and grow your practice with others. Every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm at New Leaf Studio 220 N Stough Ave in Montrose.

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

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April 27-CMU Montrose Lecture Series event: "Understanding Your Body: Women's Hormones and Reproductive Health," occurring on Thursday, April 27, 6:30-8 p.m., by Dr. Gayle Frazzetta, of the Montrose Wellness Center. This event is free and open to the public.

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 1-On Monday, May 1, Montrose Giving Club meets at 5:30pm at the Bridges.

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 3-Cleaning Expo-10am, 1020 S. Townsend Ave. 970-787-2006

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.

July 29-30-Colorado Mountain Club Western Slope Group is hosting two days of Wilderness First Aid, July 29 and 30 in Montrose. Details and registration at: https://www.cmc.org/groups-sections/cmc-state/course-templates/wilderness-medicine-school-wilderness-first-aid/copy6_of_wilderness-first-aid-cmc-state-2023

Questions: WSGofCMC@gmail.com

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.

Contact the Montrose Mirror:
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