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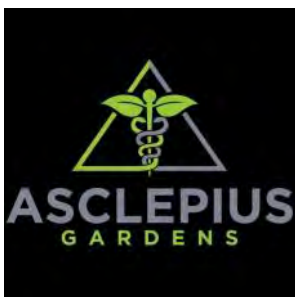


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DESPITE CONCERNS OF FAMILY, POLICE CLOSE ZACH PACE CASE

Questions remain on 2019 deaths of young Montrose adults



The Family and friends of the late Zach Pace honored his life on Saturday, Feb. 12. Questions remain on the sudden deaths of Pace, as well as those of Michael Sandoval, Ashley (Tatman-Tolin) Jiron, and Martine Luna, all of whom died suddenly within a month of Pace's death in July of 2019. Mirror staff photo.

By Mirror Editorial Staff

MONTROSE- On Saturday, Feb. 12, Zach Pace's family and friends gathered by his graveside to celebrate his life and his birthday, releasing balloons with messages for Zach written on them.

Pace died amidst questionable circumstances on July 31, 2019, during a summer that brought tragedy to several local families. Untimely deaths of young Montrose adults that occurred during the summer of 2019 include the loss of Martine Luna, age 18, on June 14; the shooting death of Ashley (Tatman-Tolin) Jiron, age 25, in Boulder on July 22, 2019--ruled a suicide by the Boulder County Coroner's office, but strongly questioned by those who knew her--and the death of Michael Sandoval, age 17, the official cause of which was never determined, on July 25, 2019.

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BEN ALEXANDER QUESTIONS TRANSPARENCY OF RE-1J DECISIONS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose County Re-1J Board of Education met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 8. All directors were present, including RE-1J Board President Sarah Fishing, Board Vice President Jeff Bachman, District B Director Jacob Suppes, District C Director Alice Murphy, District D Director Tom West, District F Director Eric Kelley, and District G Director Stephen Bush.

Fishing called the meeting to order and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board voted unanimously to approve the meeting agenda.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

RE-1J Public Information Officer Matt Jenkins introduced Olathe High School Jazz Band students Bailey, Max and Zane, who played a set led by OHS Band Director Reyna Carroll. Once again qualifying for State, OHS had a tremendous marching season in 2021, Principal Scot Brown said.

RECOGNITION

Allison Nadel of Altrusa honored several outstanding local educators with [Apple awards](#),



The Olathe High School Jazz Band played for the Board of Education with Band Director Reyna Carroll on drums.

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MONTROSE-Maslow Academy of Applied Learning, a locally-based early childhood center in Montrose, HAS announced its plans for expansion. The non-profit organization is set to grow into nearly 6,000 square feet in the new Flex Buildings within the Colorado Outdoors campus, adding up to 70 new child-care spots as part of the multi-tenant project near the Uncompahgre River. The new site will be called *Bright Beginnings at Colorado Outdoors* and will serve infants to preschoolers. Maslow expects to open the new center in the summer of 2022, which will serve as a second location to their existing location on Hillcrest Drive. Independently owned and operated since 2009, The project buildout costs are made possible by the collaboration between local government, private businesses and several non-profits. Partners include the City of Montrose, the Buell Foundation, the Bacon Family Foundation, the Montrose Community Foundation, the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority, and several local private supporters.

The 160-acre master-planned site has over 40-acres of open space and includes an array of walking trails, wildlife corridors, and a newly upgraded river restoration project for river recreation activities.

For more information, or to contribute to the project, contact Chrissy Simmons at 970-252-3399.

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BOCC HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING WITH HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Montrose County commissioners and staff took part in a special meeting with hospital trustees Feb. 7.

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) met for a special meeting at 1pm on Monday, Feb. 7. All commissioners were present for the session. BOCC Chair Keith Caddy called the meeting to order. Joining commissioners for the session were all members of the Montrose Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. Initially excused, Trustee Zander Parker joined during the executive session, as noted by Deputy County Attorney Julie Address.

All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Hospital Board of Trustees approved their Consent Agenda.

COUNTY MANAGER

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Both Boards voted to enter into a joint Executive Session. The session was for the purpose of receiving legal advice and was not recorded. Returning to regular session at 2:05pm, both boards voted to adjourn.



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COVID-19 GRIEF GROUP

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Our loss and bereavement group takes place the last Tuesday of every month in the Touch of Care conference room (1100 East Main Street, Montrose) at Noon. Please contact Touch of Care Hospice at 970-787-9988 for any questions.



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RESTAURANTS IN DANGER, SAYS COLORADO RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION SURVEY

Mirror staff report

COLORADO-A survey released last week by the Colorado Restaurant Association (CRA) notes that circumstances have not gotten any easier for Colorado's eateries. Compiled from a survey of 174 operators,

the survey was conducted Jan. 14 – 31.

The results show a stark reality.

The cost of running a restaurant is skyrocketing, leading to fewer hours of operation, higher menu prices, and job losses.

More than 99 percent of restaurants report that the cost of doing business has

increased since January of 2021, with labor cited as the cost that has risen the most, followed by food, supplies, and alcohol.

Nine out of 10 restaurants are increasing menu prices to offset rising costs. More than 60 percent of restaurants are cutting hours of operation, while more than 68 percent are reducing staffing levels.

According to the survey, disruptions in the global supply chain are affecting purchases of food, disposables for to-go orders, and equipment.

In a *Mirror* article several weeks ago, Camp Robber Owner Bill Volk said that the cost of food had tripled, and that prices for other essential products such as cleaning supplies and paper products were soaring as well.

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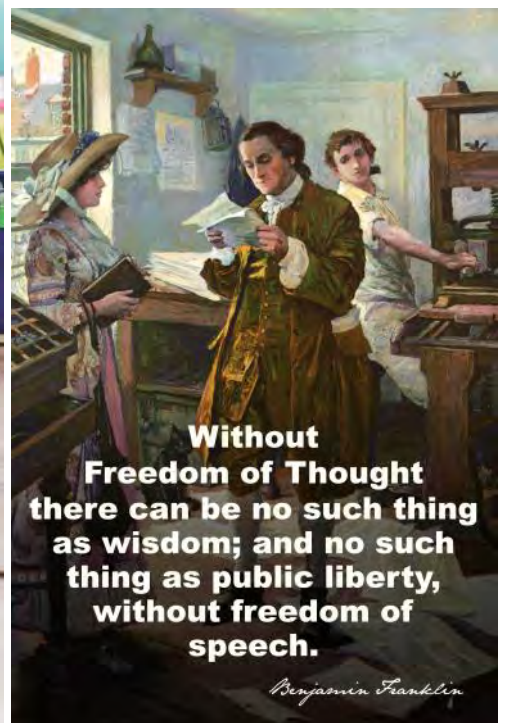
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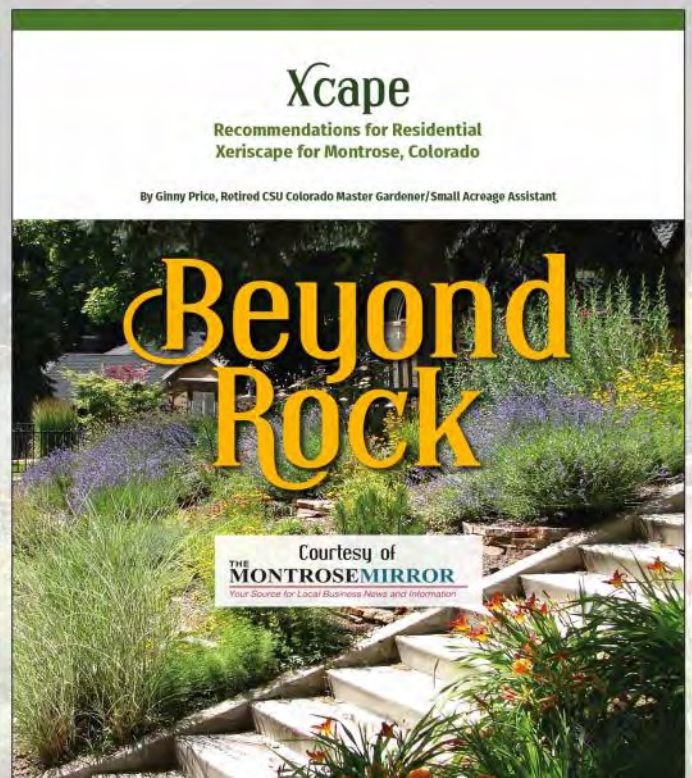


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RE-1J SCHOOLS TO END COVID REQUIREMENTS PER NEWEST CDPHE SCHOOL GUIDANCE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has provided an update to school superintendents regarding how schools and school districts should respond to COVID-19. Beginning 28 Feb. 2022, school districts are now advised to "Transition to [a] routine disease control model for COVID-19 in K-12 settings," handling COVID-19 in schools similar to influenza and other pre-pandemic preventable infectious diseases.

What this means for students and families: starting Monday, 14 Feb. 2022, morning screening will be discontinued at all district sites and MCSD will also return to our traditional illness policy.

Starting Monday, 28 Feb. 2022, quarantine and contact tracing will be discontinued as per CDPHE recommendation as will exposure notification and "individual investigation," of school COVID exposures. Testing is still available but no longer required to stay in school following exposure.

Routine testing will continue for students who would like to remain in the routine weekly testing program. Individuals who are COVID positive will still need to isolate from school for five days following their date of symptom onset or positive test date if asymptomatic. MCSD still encourages all eligible individuals to pursue and stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccination.

What this means for staff: previously required mitigation strategies are no longer mandatory. Staff choosing to participate in routine testing may continue to do so throughout the remainder of the school year. MCSD also still encourages all staff members to pursue and stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccination.

How this connects to our local school transmission data and rationale: Montrose County School District (MCSD) continues to see a week to week decline in COVID-19 transmission among schools and

MCSD is presently at a positivity rate similar to levels prior to the most recent variant. Throughout the pandemic, MCSD has grounded school guidance and requirements in CDPHE recommendations and continues to do so using the most recently updated state public health procedures. MCSD encourages all of our school community members to continue to stay home if you are sick, pursue testing if you are concerned you may have COVID, and

stay up to date on vaccination protections. Under the revised CDPHE guidance, the district will still continue to focus on "case cluster and outbreak" incidence in schools and will be vigilant to future possible variants. With this most recently updated CDPHE guidance, school staff, teachers, and school / district leaders can now return our focus on innovative instructional practices and inspiring a love of learning in all students.

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'FLEX' BUILDING REALLY JUST A STRIP MALL

Editor:

"It's de ja vu all over again!"

City streets with more ever deepening holes and an underfunded street maintenance and repair budget.

MURA is getting built across from the Justice Center. Very few tax payers know what the deal is. Well maybe they just don't care and figure anyone that can get what they want out of the city deserves to get it. MURA is somewhere north of 15 million dollars for what---so far supplying two downtown businesses with places to move to. Net result? Two more empty buildings downtown. And huge debts likely never to be paid back. This is called 'the public largesse'.

And we the taxpayers 'sprung' for a kitchen for one of the new tenants for \$800,000. Nice to be able to get that sort of giveaway. Kinda like cleaning up the old Montrose Daily Press building (at city expense) so that an existing pet supply store could move in. The MDP got out from under their cleanup responsibilities, the store got a nice clean building and the city (US) got the bill. Is their old store still empty?

I don't care much what it is called, the MURA thing (flex building) is really just a STRIP MALL. Strip Malls are being deserted and plowed under nationwide and MURA is bragging about building one? Too bad they are not moveable because Grand Junction has several to spare.

Let's see. Loan to be paid off in five years if the business stays afloat that long. If not we (taxpayers---citizens) may get a fraction of what we 'sprung' for in return. If the business does not survive five years it is likely that it failed and we get almost nothing for our troubles (except empty store front downtown) and an empty 'flex' front.

Did you ever ask yourself why you have to pay to put up buildings on empty lots so that existing landlords can suffer empty space? Might be worth a thought.

Did you ever notice that none of this is for the good of the populace, the taxpayer or you or me---just good for the businessman/woman who gets the 'gift of the grift'. How long will it be before the City Council, after the election, decides that they need a bond issue to fix the streets, curbs, sidewalks, and sinkholes?

It will be a 'safety emergency', you can bet on that. Just wait, unfortunately you will see. Like Yogi Berra said, "It's de ja vu all over again."

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CITY ELECTION SET FOR APRIL 5

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MONTROSE — The list of candidates for City Council that have met the requirements to appear on the ballot for the upcoming 2022 General Municipal Election has been finalized, according to City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo. The election, scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, will have six candidates seeking election to four council seats. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters in the City of Montrose during the week of March 14. Overseas and military ballots will be mailed out by February 18. All candidates were invited to attend a candidate information session with City Council on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Montrose Visitor Center. During the session, candidates from each district had their names randomly drawn to determine the order of placement on the ballot. The 2022 candidates for City Council will appear on the ballot in the following order: **District 1:**

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including Severe and Special Needs Teacher Lee Woods of Oak Grove Elementary School; Physical Education Teacher Kristal Benson of Olathe Elementary School; Reading Teacher Jessica Blacker of Centennial Middle School; and Sixth Grade Science Teacher Greg Solseth of Columbine Middle School.

The KREX Golden Apple Award this month will go to Paul Beller of Johnson Elementary School, Jenkins said.

DONATIONS

Jenkins also noted that the Brett and Brooke Edecker family has collected several large bags of hats, scarfs, gloves, mitten/hat sets, handmade purses, and socks and donated them to Pk-5 students and to the Adaptive PE Program. "This is the 24th year they have made this generous donation, worth more than \$1,000."

BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES

District F Director Eric Kelley, who is on the Facilities Master Plan Committee, gave an update. The plans are coming to fruition, Kelley said, and a presentation by planning consultant RTA is expected to come before the Board of Education on Feb. 22.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Ben Alexander spoke to the board.

"I served four years in the State Senate, four years on the education committee, and two years as chairman of the education committee," Alexander said. "I also served on the State Board of Education. 'I'm here this evening to tell you I have read the minutes of your meetings and I believe you, as a Board, have violated your oath of office and also the statutory requirements of the Colorado Open Meeting Law.'"

There is no public discussion of any of the items voted on at meetings, he said.

"Everything you consider is passed on a consent agenda and most often, if not always, passed unanimously. Even the District budget is passed, without discussion, on a consent agenda," he said. "If discussions are being conducted outside of these meetings, there is no record of those discussions. If there are no discussions on the issues you vote on and you regularly vote to approve every issue with



Allison Nadel of Altrusa presents an Apple Award to Educator Greg Solseth of Columbine Middle School during the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

a unanimous vote, then I believe you are violating your oath of office to properly represent the taxpayers as well as the students of RE1J."

Alexander asked that the Board of Education change its procedures, "...to properly document discussion of issues at your regular board meetings as well as your work sessions." He demanded a written board policy requiring such documentation on or before February 28, 2022.

"If that policy is not provided as requested, I am prepared to make a legal challenge to your procedures," Alexander said. "Thank you for your serious consideration of this important issue."

Also addressing the board was this reporter, speaking as a parent. I said that after being in a lockdown recently at Montrose High School, my youngest student and his friends were further endangered by having to cross busy Rio Grande Avenue without the benefit of a stoplight or crossing guard, a circumstance that is a safety issue for the students who live on the West side of Rio Grande.

ESSER FUNDS REPORT

Superintendent Carrie Stephenson gave a presentation, prepared by Instructional Services Director Jessica Beller, on the district's use of ESSER funds. Board of Education President Sarah Fishing said that there are students in the district now who have never experienced a non-pandemic classroom; the investment in the outdoor learning center is very important.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

In the absence of Finance Director Emily Imus, Stephenson presented the Enrollment Report. As of Feb. 3, 2022 the RE-1J schools had a total of 6024 students. The number is lower than last month by 54 students, but higher by 267 students than last year at the same time.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC)

ECC Director Penny Harris gave an update, and shared attachments including several memos from the Head Start Program as well as the monthly Data Dashboard; The 2020-2021 Head Start Annual Report; and 2021-2022 fall-Spring Class scores (used to measure teacher's classroom instructional skills with preschoolers).

Also, "We implemented the masking and

ALEXANDER QUESTIONS TRANSPARENCY OF RE-1J DECISIONS

From previous pg

vaccine mandate, so next month I'll have a better idea of how many students we might have lost due to the mandates that we had to implement," Harris said.

"Five years ago, we had to recompetete for our Head Start grant because of our instructional support scores," she said. "...our teachers and our coaches have worked really hard to improve those scores...we are right there with the national average for Head Start."

Also, "We are engaging in our registration process for next Fall," Harris said, noting that the ECC will be re-enrolling 200 of its current students. "We have room for 325," she said. "Our enrollment is going to be pretty good next year."

The percentage of ECC students who are homeless is on the rise, Harris said in response to a question from Kelley.

The State has approved a new Department of Early Childhood. "Come June of 2022, it will be a standing Department at the State of Colorado," Harris said.

CONSENT AGENDA

District D Director Tom West asked that Item 3, "Ratify contract with Chester Consulting Group for E-Rate consulting group in the amount of \$37,050 and WiFi analysis contract in the amount of \$45,480," be removed from the Consent Agenda for further explanation. The remaining Consent Agenda items, including End of Year and Personnel reports, were approved unanimously.

Executive Director of Operations James Pavlich discussed Item 3, noting that the contract award is part of the cleanup for mismanagement over the last decade. Pavlich is spearheading replacement of the District's Wireless (Wi-Fi) System. The Board voted to ratify the contract with Chester Consulting Group.

The meeting agenda states, "The consultant charge is for assistance completing the e-rate application on time and accurately for the rest of the year. This includes all RFP filings and follow-up. The WiFi analy-

sis is needed to write the RFP for e-rate, which is due on February 22. This particular RFP is for redesigning our WiFi infrastructure across the district. The timing is critical as both the e-rate consultant and the WiFi analysis team need to be onsite to provide an accurate RFP for February."

NEW BUSINESS

The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve Resolution 04-2022 to revise director district boundaries.

"...We've rebalanced the district quite nicely from the previous deviations from average," Fishing said, as she presented the new director district boundaries.

As presented by Finance Director Emily Imus at a previous meeting, Resolution 05-2022 and 06-2022, Supplemental Budget Adoption 2021-2022 for additional expenditures related to capital projects, were approved unanimously by the Board of Education.

With no further business, the board voted to adjourn.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BLM SOUTHWEST DISTRICT RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET IN MARCH

MONTROSE – The Bureau of Land Management's Southwest District Resource Advisory Council will attend a field trip to discuss travel management matters at Jumbo Mountain on March 2, then a meeting on March 3 at the Uncompahgre Field Office, 2465 S. Townsend Ave. Montrose, CO 81401 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, and participants who cannot attend in person can join via the Zoom platform. To request virtual access, please register here: <https://blm.zoomgov.com/j/1616329294?pwd=M2JHYWE4cXVteXJ3akRuQkpuRVk2UT09>.

"The Southwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council provides the BLM with vital feedback on current issues, concerns, and

proposals, and enables us to engage with local communities and stakeholders to improve how we manage public lands," said acting District Manager Elizabeth Dawson. "Their diverse backgrounds in southwest Colorado are essential in our decision making, and we look forward to hearing their perspectives on the projects we are currently working on.

A public comment period is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Planned agenda items include an overview of field office updates, a discussion about the travel management issues seen on the Jumbo Mountain field trip, a presentation on grazing management, and an opportunity for public comment. Individuals who want to make a statement during the public comment

period are encouraged to also submit a written copy of their statement at the meeting for the administrative record. The meeting agenda is available online at: <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/colorado/southwest-rac>

All 15-member Resource Advisory Councils in Colorado are forums for providing advice and recommendations to the BLM on various resource and land management issues. The Southwest Resource Advisory Council advises the BLM Colorado Southwest District including the Gunnison, Uncompahgre, and Tres Rios field offices.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Shawn Reinhardt at 970-240-5339 or sreinhardt@blm.gov.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING: 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY POLICING

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-For several years, Delta and Montrose counties have been at the forefront of a nationwide movement to bring law enforcement and behavioral health experts together. The Center for Mental Health and law enforcement agencies in Montrose and Delta Counties are partners today and respond together when officers determine that behavioral health services might be needed on scene. This program gets community members the right help at the right time, keeps people who might be experiencing a mental health emergency out of jail, and frees up law enforcement resources. In December of 2021, the behavioral health and law enforcement teams responded together to 79 calls, provided 12 crisis assessments in the field, and connected many individuals to resources.

The Center for Mental Health and Delta and Montrose law enforcement agencies will continue to partner in 2022 and will offer training to staff to learn how to use crisis de-escalation techniques in their response to calls involving mental health and substance use issues. Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), borne out of a community's recognition that a new model of engagement was required to address crisis response, trains law enforcement staff to deescalate a crisis and ensure that individuals get the right help at the right time. A Delta County Sheriff Deputy, already trained in the program, said, "CIT is a good skill to have in your toolbox. You never know when you will need it. Once you use this approach, you always rely on it when helping people in distress."

The Center for Mental Health, the Montrose Police Department, the Montrose County Sheriff's Office, the Delta Police Department, and the Delta County Sheriff's Office have collaborated to bring CIT training to Delta to train 20 local law enforcement and mental health profession-

als. This 40-hour training will be held February 21st to the 25th, at the Delta Family Center, Delta, CO. Each agency will send four staff members to the training.

CIT provides local law enforcement agencies with the opportunity to learn how to respond more effectively to crisis situations, especially those involving mental health or substance use issues, and to practice those skills in a classroom setting.

Crisis Intervention Training is a community partnership designed to:

- Increase officer and citizen safety
- Minimize the use of force and unnecessary arrests
- Promote diversion from jail to community-based mental health treatment when safe and appropriate
- Intervene early and proactively to reduce chronic calls for service

Participants improve their abilities to:

- Recognize and understand crisis states, mental illness, substance use disorders, and related conditions
- Deescalate crisis using advanced verbal communication skills
- Access community-based support services

According to the instructor, Jeff Santelli (Sgt. Ret.), a retired law enforcement professional, role-playing scenarios help participants to practice their skills and hone their approach to deescalating crises, "A cornerstone of CIT training is the extensive use of highly realistic and emotionally intense role-playing scenarios using professional actors to portray people in crisis. Participants report that this is where the real learning occurs."

Departments with staff trained in CIT are skilled at responding to crisis calls. Dispatch staff are trained to identify these calls and to appropriately dispatch CIT-trained officers. CIT-trained officers use de-escalation techniques and assess if an individual needs to be seen by a mental health professional. Mental health pro-

viders work with law enforcement to assist with that evaluation and referral to other services, as needed.

In Montrose and Delta counties, individuals are often seen at The Center's Crisis Walk-In Center for evaluation and if appropriate, can be treated for up to 5 days at The Center's Crisis Stabilization Unit. This option helps get community members the right help at the right time and reduces the likelihood that someone will be arrested when they are experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis.

Recently, a Delta County Sheriff's deputy responded to a call for assistance with an individual experiencing both visual and auditory hallucinations. The deputy said, "I immediately began using CIT skills. Using a calm, even voice, as we learned in the training, I expressed concern, compassion and asked for cooperation. The individual was highly agitated, but through affirming body language and active listening, I was able to establish trust and that I genuinely cared for them and had no other motive but to keep them safe." The deputy was able to work with the individual and their family to get them help that day saying, "I sincerely believe my CIT training greatly contributed to a successful outcome in this crisis."

To learn more about Crisis Intervention Training or the CoResponder program with local law enforcement, please contact Laura Byard, Regional Director at The Center for Mental Health at 970-252-3200.

If you, or someone you know, is living with suicidal ideation, waiting is not an option—your prompt response could save a life. Call The Center Support Line at 970.252.6220 or visit our Crisis Walk-in Center at 300 N. Cascade Ave, Montrose, both open 24/7/365 days a year. The Colorado Crisis Services Line can also be reached at 1-844-493-TALK (8255) or text "Talk" to 38255.

OPINION/ EDITORIAL: LETTERS

BIDEN HAS PERSONAL ULTERIOR MOTIVES

Editor:

It's always something you can take to the bank. In the year of an important election like this year, Democrats will always loosen their dictatorial strangle hold on their subjects. Magically, they say, Covid is loosening its grip on their subordinates and Democrat-held local, county, and state governments are now saying, hey everyone, we don't think ya'all have to wear masks so much these days. So we're gonna work out a time and place where y'all can start throwing away all those old soiled and contaminated masks and continue on with your lives. Heck, they didn't do any good anyway. Musta not because even Democrats didn't use them unless they were in front of a camera and even then if they were caught they would just say, "yeah but, I didn't breathe!" Kinda sounds like Clinton's yeah buts, "I didn't inhale" doesn't it? C'mon Americans wise up to these Democrat frauds and deceit! When election time comes everyone needs to remember "RED", (remove every Democrat).

The Bidens and his Democrat ilk have no intentions of doing anything good for America. Take a look---pull head out of sand. Everything they have done has hurt or is hurting America and you as an individual. Recent polls have shown the majority of Americans can't think of anything good Biden has done for America. Oh, but the Bidens have their corruption perfected with financial dealings with the Chinese Communist government making million-

aires out of him and his whole family! Uh huh, so he does know how to make things good, but only for him and his family! The corruption of Joe Biden has no bounds! We, all taxpayers, have given Joe Biden's son, Hunter Biden eight years of free rides to China on Air Force two for business meetings with Chinese communist leaders when Joe was vice president. And Joe has the gall to lie and say he knows nothing about Hunter's business deals!! And they impeached President Trump for a Hillary Clinton lie about Russia and an Adam Schiff lie about a phone call that was completely altered by Democrat pencil neck Adam Schiff.

These Democrats have neither honor nor shame.

And now Biden is sending our troops 3,000 miles into Europe to defend Ukraine's border!! What??? As everyone knows, Biden won't do a thing to protect America's borders! Article 1V, section 4 of the U.S. Constitution, "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against INVASION.."(emphasis added). Even worse, Biden is forcing his border agents to aid and assist the invading enemies by coordinating times with the cartels so the agents can process the massive invasion. So, as a traitor Biden and his traitorous Democrat comrades have decided that Ukrainian lives and property are worth defending, but American lives and property are not. That is treason, but of course

Democrats can get away with it. And when considering the lawless vaccine mandate (but it's not really a vaccine!), lockdowns, reckless spending, endangering and sabotaging our military and the abandonment of Americans behind enemy lines, we have to wonder whose side Biden is on. After all, Biden has never expressed any kind of love or devotion for America, but America is constantly barraged by endless and constant criticism from Biden and his comrades. But again, pull head out of sand. Biden has personal ulterior motives for committing his treasonous acts. China is working directly with the Mexican government and apparently the American government to import drugs into the U.S. Most of the drugs coming across the border are from China worth \$billions to China and the Bidens both, so he has to keep the border open to allow China's drugs in. Plus, the frosting on the cake for Democrats is letting invaders in from over 160 countries to saturate America's culture and cancel Americans' votes. Voting RED is the only solution this November.

Just for a quick test for every place in this article you see the name "Biden," replace it with "Trump".

And when you see "Democrat", replace it with "Republican". Now, can anyone even come close to imagining how berserk the news media would go in trying to destroy Trump and Republicans if they committed all the above horror?

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose

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APPLICATION PERIOD FOR BIG-GAME LICENSES OPENS MARCH 1

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DENVER – Hunters hoping to draw a big-game license in Colorado in 2022 are urged to review the changes in license requirements and fees in the [2022 Colorado Big Game brochure](#) prior to the March 1 opening of the primary draw application period (March 1 - April 5 at 8 p.m. MT). Hunters are encouraged to submit their applications early to avoid complications or delays.

For a good overview of what's in store, watch CPW's "What's New" video for the 2022 big-game seasons.

Important information for hunters to take note of this season includes:

Qualifying Licenses

Hunters must purchase a qualifying license to participate in the big-game draws. All qualifying licenses are available beginning March 1 and must be purchased prior to applying for all big-game licenses or preference points.

Archery hunters: There is no longer a maximum let-off percentage for hand-held bows

Archery hunters may now use compound bows with any let-off percentage, giving them greater options when selecting archery equipment for the big-game seasons. Please note, an ADA Recreation Accommodation permit is still required to use a draw-loc or crossbow during archery season.

Archery clothing suggestion

Archery deer, elk, moose and bear hunters are encouraged, though not required, to wear fluorescent orange or pink during the overlapping archery and muzzleloader seasons to help address safety concerns. The overlap for these seasons is Sept. 10 - 18, 2022. See page 15 of the brochure for more information.

Mandatory testing for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

CPW will require mandatory submission of CWD test samples (heads) from all deer harvested for specific hunt codes as part of its [Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan](#). There is no charge for mandatory testing. The hunt codes selected for mandatory testing are shaded green in the [2022 Colorado Big Game brochure](#) (see



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page 22 and 27-31). Check your hunt code closely as not all hunt codes in each Game Management Unit (GMU) were selected for mandatory CWD testing.

[Get more information about where and how to submit a CWD sample.](#)

Voluntary CWD Testing for 2022

Hunters who have harvested deer in a GMU not selected for mandatory testing, or harvested an elk or moose in any GMU, may also voluntarily submit their animal for testing for a fee of \$25 per animal. If a hunter is not selected for mandatory testing but wants to know whether their harvested deer, elk or moose has CWD, they can submit their animal and pay a testing fee of \$25.

License Surrender Period

CPW will send emails to hunters who were successful in the primary draw. Hunters who draw elk, deer, bear pronghorn and moose licenses, but decide to surrender their licenses, will have until Monday, June 6 at 11:59 p.m. MT to surrender them. Hunters who draw a bighorn sheep or mountain goat license, but wish to surrender their licenses, will have until Friday, April 22 at 11:59 p.m. MT to surrender them. If a license is surrendered, CPW will reinstate the hunter's preference points to the pre-draw level and remove the license from their account.

CPW will charge the card on file for all non-surrendered licenses after the license surrender period. If CPW is unable to charge the credit card on file by the primary draw payment deadline, midnight Mountain Time on June 17 (May 3 for sheep and goat licenses), both the hunter's license and preference points will be forfeited. Draw results will be posted online May 31 - June 3 (April 19 for sheep and goat). Please see page 8 in the big game brochure for more information.

License Exchange Fee

Hunters who wish to exchange their licenses will now be charged a flat \$5 fee, instead of a percentage of the total license cost, as in previous years. For more information about this fee reduction, see page 8 of the big game brochure.

Plan your hunt

If you have questions about setting up your accounts, planning your hunts or applying for licenses, call center agents and hunt planners are available Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 303-297-1192.

Hunting resources are available at:

cpw.state.co.us/bg/hunting.

Be sure to read the "What's New" pages in the big game brochure and the sheep and goat brochure to get a full list of changes for 2022.

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QUESTIONS REMAIN ON 2019 DEATHS OF YOUNG MONTROSE ADULTS

From pg 1

A *Mirror* reporter was informed last week by a family member that the Pace family had received a letter from the Montrose Police Department, informing them that police were closing the case on Zach's death at age 22. The *Mirror* reached out to MPD and verified that they had indeed closed the case on the death of Zachary Pace. Also present at the ceremony for Zach Pace Saturday were the parents of Michael Sandoval. Neither family agrees with the official findings concerning the young men's deaths.

According to Police Chief Blaine Hall, "The coroner did rule his death as a sui-

cide. We've extensively worked with the family on this case as it took time to complete to ensure it was done correctly."

Hall also said that they were waiting on a piece of evidence they had sent to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation for analysis. Once that was returned the case was closed and the family was notified.

As reported in the *Mirror* in October 2019, Zach's brother Josh said it had been hard for the family to communicate with officials or obtain information about the case.

Family members and friends that the *Mirror* spoke with do not agree with the de-

termination of suicide, or how the case was handled.

At right, lifelong Montrose resident Ashley (Tatman-Tolin) Jiron (pictured at right) had finished her associates degree and had been married for just two years when her sudden, violent death—strikingly similar to Pace's—in Boulder in July of 2019 shocked those who knew and loved her. Courtesy photo.



Ashley Tatman-Tolin Jiron.

DELTA SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATING DOUBLE HOMICIDE OUTSIDE OF PAONIA

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-On Friday, Feb. 4, 2022 at approximately 11:41 am, the Delta County Emergency Communication Center received a call for a concern for welfare on a male

subject who appeared to be deceased at an address on Black Bridge Road, near Paonia.

Delta County Deputies and Investigators responded to the address and during their

investigation, located a male and female deceased inside a residence near the Black Bridge east of Paonia. Due to the nature of the investigation, Sheriff's Office Investigators requested agents and forensic specialists from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) respond to assist in the investigation.

Investigators determined both deceased individuals sustained multiple gunshot wounds and their deaths are being investigated as homicides (murder). Investigators believe the murder of these individuals to be an isolated, deliberate and targeted act and do not believe the general public is in any danger.

Delta County Sheriff Mark Taylor would like to encourage anyone who may have information relevant to this investigation, to please come forward and contact Detective Sergeant Becker at 970-874-2005, or share your tips via Delta County Crime Stoppers at 970-874-8810.

The Delta County Coroner's Office has identified the victims as: Michael Arnold, age 69, and Donna Gallegos, age 65; both of whom were residents at the home on Black Bridge Road at the time of their deaths. The Sheriff's Office and Coroner's Office wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Arnold and Ms. Gallegos during this difficult time.

No further information is available at this time.



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Elizabeth has over 25 years of experience analyzing population and economic trends in Colorado. Her current research agenda involves examining Census 2020 results, demographic impacts from COVID-19, housing supply and demand, and aging.

Elizabeth is an economist and received her B.A. in Business at the University of San Diego and her masters in Agricultural and Resource Economics at Colorado State University. Elizabeth was born and raised in Colorado, something only 43% of the state's population can claim.



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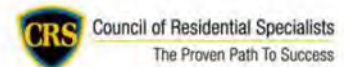


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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

BIDEN, HANDLERS HAVE QUIETLY DECLARED WAR ON CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES

Editor:

Regardless of our political leanings, if we are being honest with ourselves, we have to ask ourselves whether Biden and his handlers have quietly declared war on the citizens of the United States.

Why is the Left fixating on skin color and intentionally encouraging hatred and division? Why is Biden's Secretary of Education pushing Critical Race Theory on our school children and his DOJ accusing concerned parents of being "domestic terrorists"? Why are Democrats reimagining America's founding as some evil paradise for slaveholders, instead of the total triumph for freedom and liberty that it was?

Why have Democrats across this country vilified local law enforcement as "white supremacists" while at the same time celebrating riots, murder, and mayhem in major Democrat-run cities across this country? Why are they perpetrating the lie that the Iran "nuclear agreement" was a good thing that would actually prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, when we all know negotiations only gave them cover to ramp up their nuclear program, and are now only weeks away from having enough material to make nuclear weapons?

Why is the federal government under cover of darkness transporting illegal immigrants as fast as it can into unsuspecting communities across the country? Why are Democrats trying to make our elections less secure and lying that it has to do with

"voter suppression", and demonizing state efforts to prevent election fraud? Why are they trying to take control of elections from the states? Why did Biden intentionally destroy the energy independence Trump created and then within a few months beg OPEC to increase production?

Why is the U.S. military discharging the unvaccinated, and at the same time trying to purge it ranks of patriots, Christians, and conservatives? Why has Biden advocated trillions of dollars of unfunded spending, knowing that it would vastly increase taxes on the middle class, increase the national debt, and create out of control inflation?

Why is Biden bragging about employment slowly increasing when he knows that the unemployment was caused by dictatorial Democrat governors shutting down the economy? Why is he bragging about small wage increases knowing that his inflation has more than offset those increases and is now destroying working class families?

Why did Biden totally bungle our withdrawal from Afghanistan, leaving what we now know was up to 9,000 Americans and an untold number of Afghan allies to the mercy of the Taliban? Why did he make the Taliban one of the best equipped militaries in the world with tens of billions of dollars of sophisticated U.S. weaponry? Why did the leftist establishment dismiss all early treatments of COVID (like Ivermectin) in favor of unproven vaccines and draconian lockdowns, when those treat-

ments were known to be effective?

Why has the Biden family raked in nearly \$31 million with deals with Chinese communist party/intelligence service people, with no discernable business or professional service rendered in return for that cash?

And, most importantly, why did the elites in control of the Democratic Party nominate and elect a president they knew had rapidly diminishing mental capabilities in addition to being corrupt, and a vice-president they knew would be many levels beyond her limited abilities? And why did they fill their administration with inexperienced incompetents (example; Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation)?

The highest level of incompetence cannot possibly explain how the Biden administration could do so much damage in so short a time. The only logical conclusion is that whoever is in charge of this administration (obviously not Biden) is intentionally trying to destroy this nation from within --- as part of a plan.

Democrats across this nation are complicit --- many as useful pawns, but complicit nonetheless. The pawns are the ones that still think Biden is "a breath of fresh air" and that an orderly withdrawal from Afghanistan was "just too difficult". (The same ones that see the usage on their monthly natural gas bill go down 15% from the prior year and the total bill go up 27% --- and have no clue why.)

Ed Henrie, Montrose

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MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH ONLY SEVEN-TIME TOP 100 RURAL & COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AWARDEE IN COLORADO

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Health (MRH) today announced it has been named one of the Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals in the United States by The Chartis Center for Rural Health for the seventh year in a row. It is the only hospital in Colorado with this recognition for seven consecutive years.

"I want to say thank you to our board and our caregivers who have embodied excellence in everything they do," said Jeff Mengenhausen, CEO of Montrose Regional Health. "This is great news for our communities, who come to us expecting great care. We look forward to continuing to deliver high quality care as we move forward with our Ambulatory Care Center and our exciting future."

"Despite unprecedented adversity rural providers continue to display resiliency and a steadfast commitment to their communities," said Michael Topchik, National Leader, The Chartis Center for Rural Health. "Honoring the Top 100 is one of the highpoints of our year. We are delighted to recognize the exceptional performance and innovation of this year's recipients, particularly in light of the extraordinary challenges facing America's rural



Montrose Regional Health was recently named Colorado's only seven-time Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital by the Chartis Center for Rural Health. Courtesy photo.

health safety net."

Over the course of the last 12 years, the INDEX has established itself as the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Leveraging publicly available data, the INDEX is trusted by rural hospitals, health systems with rural footprints, hospital associations and state offices of rural

health across the country to measure and monitor performance across a variety of areas impacting hospital operations and finance.

Only four Colorado hospitals made the 2022 Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital list, with Montrose Regional Health the only awardee within 100 miles in any direction.

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MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FLY-FISHING OUTFITTERS SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE RECREATION ON THE UNCOMPAGHRE

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-This time of winter, as temperatures dip below freezing, minds can wander to white sand beaches and blue ocean waters, or summer plans for warmer days on mountain rivers and lakes. Two local fishing outfitters are offering a way to escape to those destinations through movies and a party, with all proceeds headed toward projects that benefit the Uncompahgre River.

RIGS Fly Shop (<https://fishrigs.com/>) in Ridgway and Telluride Angler ([https://](https://tellurideangler.com/)

tellurideangler.com/) are celebrating all things fly fishing with an array of short films from destinations around the world, all while raising awareness and funds to support projects on the Uncompahgre River Watershed. Ticket sales for "A Benefit for the Uncompahgre River – 2022 Fly Fishing Film Tour" at the Ouray County 4H Events Center in Ridgway on Saturday, March 19 will fund sustainable recreation efforts of the nonprofit Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP).

"This benefit will be critical to funding sus-

tainable recreation planning and projects along the Uncompahgre River. Donations and support from the local community are key for UWP to become successful with obtaining grant funding," said UWP Sustainable Recreation Coordinator Dan Chehayl.

Sponsors are providing prizes, such as a Yeti cooler with custom art and fishing gear, to win in a variety of ways at the event. Ouray Brewery is donating beer, which will be sold to raise more funds for watershed projects. Food will also be available.

"The film festival is going to be a fun event this year. We'll have some great films to watch and beer from Ouray Brewery. I'm really excited about an auction item we have up for grabs: a white Yeti Tundra 45 adorned with Em Yardley's custom artwork!" added Chehayl.

The 16th annual Fly Fishing Film Tour upholds the national event's tradition of firing up outdoor adventurers for the season ahead. The 2022 film lineup features locations including Costa Rica, Maryland, Belize, Louisiana, Alabama, Australia, Colombia, and beyond. Audiences can view the incredible energy of a cicada hatch in action, follow a legendary spear fisherman across the endless atolls of Belize, watch as a mother passes her passion for fishing down to the next generation, and explore the history of one of the most legendary tarpon fisheries in the world at Casa Mar.

In addition to local sponsors, RIGS Fly Shop and Telluride Angler, the film tour's national sponsors are Costa, Yeti, Simms Fishing, Trout Unlimited, Scientific Anglers, Ross and Abel Reels, Nokian Tyres, Adipose Boatworks and Oskar Blues Brewing. The local beer sponsor is Ouray Brewery.

On March 19, doors open at 6 p.m. and films start at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 online in advance or \$30 at the door. The ticket website is: <https://flyfilmtour.myeventscenter.com/event/A-Benefit-For-The-Uncompahgre-River-59256> For information on the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, go to <https://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/>.

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DELTA COUNTY'S COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County Courthouse Entrance Changes in Place due to Completion of Construction.

In 2019, the Delta County Board of Commissioners was notified by the State of

Colorado that the 7th Judicial District was slated to receive an additional District Judge. An additional courtroom was needed in the Delta County Courthouse to allow for another Judge, thus kicking off a series of construction projects to comply

with the State. In April of 2020, Delta County Human Services moved into their new space located at 320 W. 5th St. In October of 2020, Delta County Administration along with Human Resources, Finance, IT, Road & Bridge, Engineering, GIS, and Planning & Community Development moved into the remodeled former Human Services building at 560 Dodge St.

In 2021 the Delta County Assessor's Office moved into their newly remodeled space at 375 W, 6th St., and construction began on the Courthouse to incorporate the District Attorney's office, to move Veterans Services and Driver's License into the old Assessor's space, as well as to build out the new courtroom. Finally, a new handicap ramp was built to better accommodate access to the elevator, allowing individuals to go from the basement to the 3rd level of the Courthouse. Delta County received a grant to help with 40 percent of the construction costs for the new handicap ramp in the front entrance of the courthouse.

To meet State requirements, security will be moved to the front entrance; every visitor to the courthouse will be required to enter through the front doors, and pass through security, effective Wednesday, February 16, 2022. "This multifaceted construction project was mandated by the State," said Delta County Commissioner Chair Don Suppes. "Ultimately however, the increased security is a move in the right direction to help ensure the safety of not only Delta County staff, but visitors to the Courthouse, as well—we are proud of all of the changes we have been able to make over the past few years."

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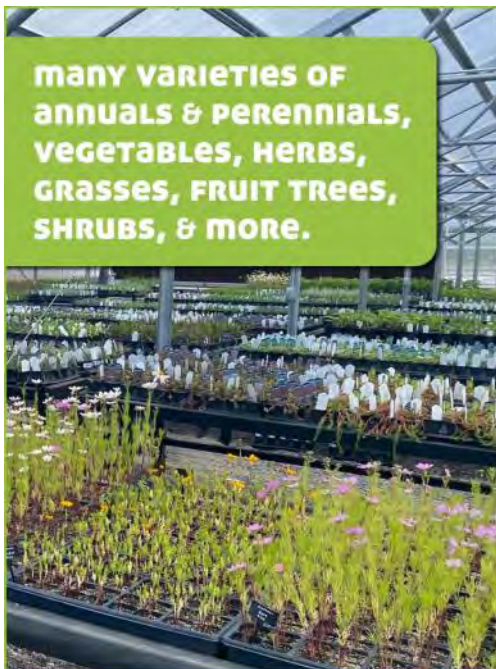
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MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH ANNOUNCES AMBULATORY CARE CENTER BUILDING PROJECT

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Montrose Regional Health (MRH) announces plans to build a new state-of-the-art Ambulatory Care Center (ACC) in cooperation with the NexCore Group.

In an effort to improve patient experience and decrease the cost of care, Montrose Regional Health is building a one-stop Ambulatory Care Center that will be a healthcare destination offering a full spectrum of services.

The 80,000 square foot, four-story building will improve the delivery of care into a more coordinated and integrated system, with convenient access, ample parking, and decreased cost of care. The ACC will be conveniently located adjacent to Target and the new Hobby Lobby near the intersection of Townsend and Rio Grande Avenue. Construction will begin the third quarter of 2022 with the grand opening scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2023.

Jeff Mengenhause, CEO at MRH said; "Our communities are growing, and Montrose Regional Health is doing all we can to meet the upcoming health needs in a comprehensive, functional, and cost-effective way.

Along with the vision and leadership of the Board of Directors, hospital administration, providers, NexCore Group, the City and County of Montrose and the community, we have been collectively working on planning this project for several months and are excited to see it come to fruition." MRH Board Chair, Dr. Kjersten Davis added; "Montrose Regional Health is committed to providing the highest level of quality, affordable and accessible healthcare to our communities. The ACC allows us another venue to provide the same level of quality patient care in a convenient, efficient, and esthetic environment." Jim Hartmann, Senior Vice President of Real Estate Development of NexCore Group added "Montrose Regional Health and the healthcare providers have consistently provided quality healthcare on the Western Slope of Colorado. In an



Architect Rendering of Montrose Regional Health Ambulatory Care Center

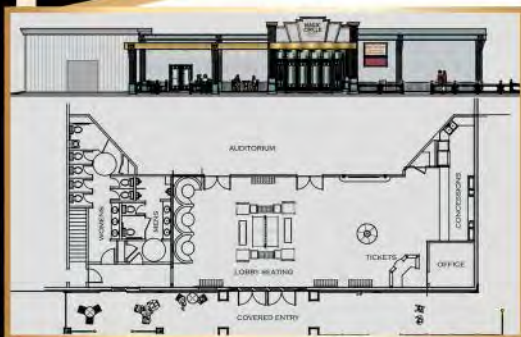
effort to keep up with the increasing demand for services, NexCore is developing a cutting-edge, Class A facility in partnership with MRH and providers to deliver on their new operational strategy for the future."

Services offered in the new center will include outpatient laboratory, physical therapy, ambulatory surgery, specialty care, and medical imaging, with a specially designed area specifically for mammography and women's imaging. Alpine Women's Centre at MRH has outgrown its current space and will be moving to the new location to better serve their patients. Montrose Regional Health is also partnering with other independent providers in our community to offer care at the new site.

The building will be similar if not better than any other healthcare building you would experience in a metro area. The facility will use natural materials including

wood, stone, and warm colors to reflect a modern mountain image that will be located in a serene setting with beautiful landscaping, river views, and walking trails. Mountain View Therapy therapists look forward to conducting therapy sessions using the walking trails and outdoor spaces. The layout of the building will make it much easier for patients to find their way and travel through the space. People using the ACC will encounter a comprehensive digital directory and digital patient registration alongside patient education areas. Healthcare providers in the building will experience increased communication, with improved opportunities for interaction and greater flexibility.

Montrose Regional Health continues to look for ways to provide the best experience for patients in our rural communities which includes projects like this. This brings the healthcare resources in our area to a higher level.



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

FEDELINA MARTINEZ

September 10, 1935 — February 3, 2022

Montrose resident Fedelina Martinez passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday February 3, 2022. She was 86 years old.

Fedelina Lovato was born on September 10, 1935 to Charles and Nicolasa (Ortega) Lovato at Saguache, CO. She spent her early childhood in Parlin, CO. The family moved to Montrose when Fedelina was young and she graduated from Montrose High School.

As a young lady she met Rosinaldo "Ross" Martinez and they were married on September 14, 1957 in Montrose. They had 54 years together before Ross's death in 2011. She was a loving mom and homemaker.

Fedelina was a member of St Mary's Catholic church. She enjoyed gardening, doing puzzles, reading, and watching soap operas. Her greatest joy though came from being a grandmother and caring for her pets.

She is survived by her son Bill Martinez of Lakeforest, CA, her daughters, Beverly Deleplane of Montrose, CO, Teresa Wilkes of Clayton, OK and Carman (Bob) Cook also of Montrose, CO. Her grandchildren Gerri Berray, Randy Briggs, Ashley Briggs and Courtney Cook. She is further survived by eight great grandchildren.

Fedelini was preceded in death by her son Jerry Martinez and her brother Donald Lovato.



CHERYL ELAINE RUBBELKE

April 5, 1952- February 6, 2022



CHERYL ELAINE RUBBELKE, 69, of Montrose, Colorado, passed away with her son and daughter in law by her side on Sunday, February 6, 2022.

Cheryl had suffered a massive stroke 12 days earlier.

Born April 5, 1952, in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Miles and June Rubbelke.

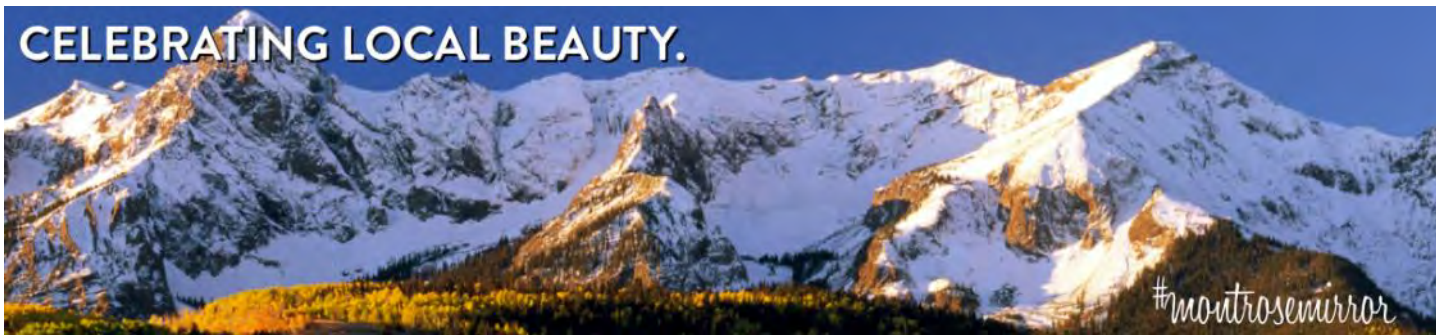
She is survived by her son, Michael Paul Munroe, and his wife Denise, of Montrose, Colorado, her sister, Jeanette Jones of Huntington Beach, California, her beloved Grandchildren, Andrew and Connor, and her nieces and nephews.

Cheryl is predeceased by her mother and father, her sister, Elizabeth Colacchio, her brother, Myles "Scooter" Rubbelke, and her brother, Michael "Belker" Rubbelke.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at Crossroads Victory in Montrose, Colorado. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. 970-249-2121.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

DONALD MONROE KATTNER

May 17, 1947 - January 26, 2022

DONALD M. KATTNER passed away on January 26, 2022 at his residence in Montrose, Colorado at the age of 74.

Don was born on May 17, 1947 in Redding, California, to Donald Ray Kattner and Rebecca B. (Robinson) Kattner.

Don spent his early childhood in California on Hatchett Mountain where his dad worked for the Dept. of Transportation as a snowplow driver and heavy equipment operator.

The family moved to Burney, CA where Don, and his younger sister Lynn, started school.

He later attended Fall River High School in McArthur, CA, where he played football and participated in FFA activities, raising sheep and competing on the Parliamentary Procedure team. He graduated in 1966.

Don attended Shasta Community College in Redding, CA for one year prior to joining the service; he enlisted in the Navy and served in the United States Submarine Service from 1967-1970.

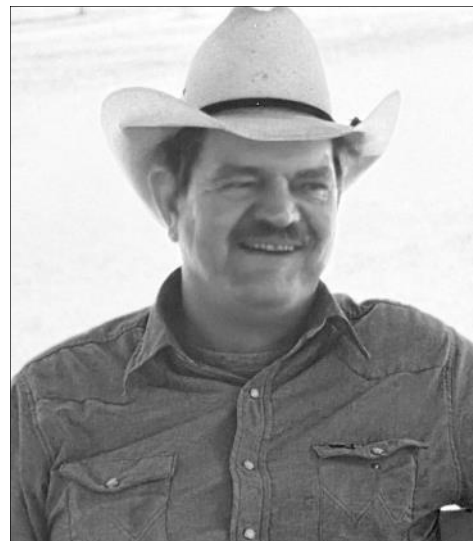
He married Rebecca Lee Thompson in June of 1968 in Burney, CA and they

raised four children together. The family moved to Colorado in 1975.

He worked in the logging industry for many years before he was employed by the state of Colorado Department of Agriculture in wildlife management. He relocated to Clear Lake, California in 1991, also working in this field.

After retiring in 2007 he moved to Crane, Oregon and in 2018 back to Montrose, CO to be closer to his family. In retirement he enjoyed gardening and storing his harvest for the winter months. From a young age he enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing whenever he could.

As an adult, he made meticulous notes regarding his hunting and trapping experiences, and was featured as a prominent wildlife specialist in a book written about the interactions of humans and mountain lions titled *"The Beast in the Garden: The True Story of a Predator's Deadly Return to Suburban America,"* by David Baron. He was also cited in a 1985 Smithsonian article regarding the tracking and study of mountain lions, among many



other publications.

Donald is survived by his four children, daughter Haley Kattner, sons Aaron (Fotina) Kattner, James (Laura) Kattner and Donnie (Jody) Kattner, as well as his beloved sister Lynn (Bruce) Poulson and their son Zach Poulson. He has eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Donald and Rebecca Kattner.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

JILL PIERSON

June 17, 1975 - January 30, 2022



JILL PIERSON was born on June 17, 1975 in Montrose Colorado to Martin Pierson and Rose (McKelvey). She lived in Montrose most of her life, moving briefly to Cortez Colorado where she graduated from High School. Jill was a bright and shining star. She loved everyone unconditionally, and taught all who knew her lessons in life. She never met a stranger, and would reach out to those that were suffering no matter who they were. Animals were drawn to her, they knew she was a special angel on this earth! Jill died on January 30, 2022 in her home and surrounded with love. She is survived by her Mother Rose Robinson and Step Father Curtis Robinson, Sisters Collette Castello and Pamela Klanecky and numerous family members. A celebration of life ceremony will be held at Grandview Cemetery on Saturday, June 18 at 11 AM. Everyone is welcome!

KENADEAN(CLARA) BURRIS

KENADEAN(CLARA) BURRIS peacefully passed in her home in Olathe CO surrounded by family on January 31, 2022. She was born in Montrose Co to parents Kenneth Wilson and Betty Gibbons.

She is survived by her husband, Dave Burris, brother and sister in law, Hody and Carol Wilson, five children, Kenny Golden, Adam Golden, Sarah Knight, Crystal Anderson, and Heather. She also has 13 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Kenadean was a registered nurse and worked at St. Mary's in Grand Junction CO, did traveling nursing, and completed her career at Delta hospital in Delta CO.

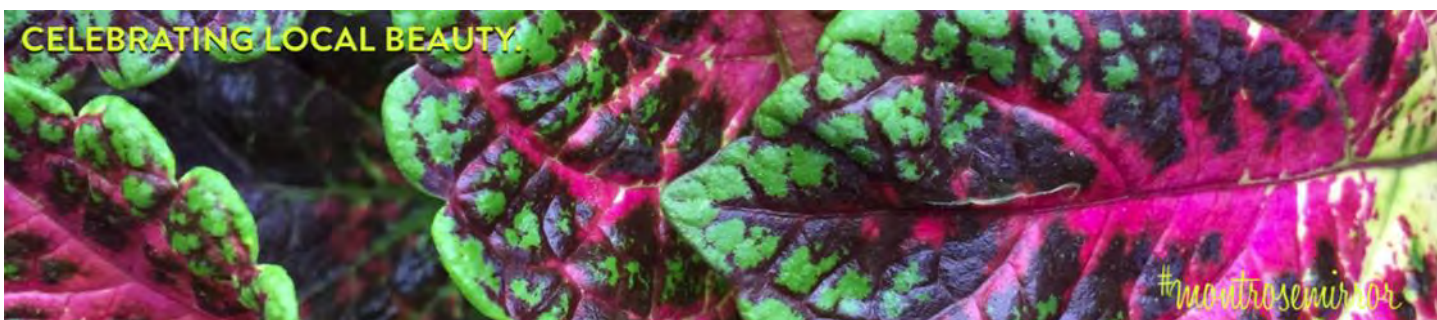
Kenadean loved traveling, camping, and spending time with her kids, grandkids, and her dog Milo.

She was an active member of the fellowship of a couple 12-step programs and loved her church community as well.

She has trudged the happy road of destiny, touching many lives along the way, and found her way back home. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.



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ART & SOL

MONTROSE MUSIC TEACHERS PRESENT DR. MARTHA VIOLETT IN RECITAL FEB. 20



Dr. Martha Violet,
Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol
MONTROSE-The Montrose Music Teachers Association is proud to present Dr. Martha Violet in recital on Sunday, Feb. 20, at 3 p.m. at the Methodist Episcopal Church at 19 South Park Avenue. Admission is free, and masks are requested.

The program includes sonatas by three well-known composers of the Classical Period-Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. The Haydn and Mozart sonatas were composed in the 1770s when the piano as we know it today was still being developed

and was known as a fortepiano, the early stringed keyboard instrument where the strings were struck by hammers. The Beethoven sonata composed 30 years later makes use of many later developments as instrument makers refined the mechanisms, created greater possibilities of sound, and increased the range at the request of composers.

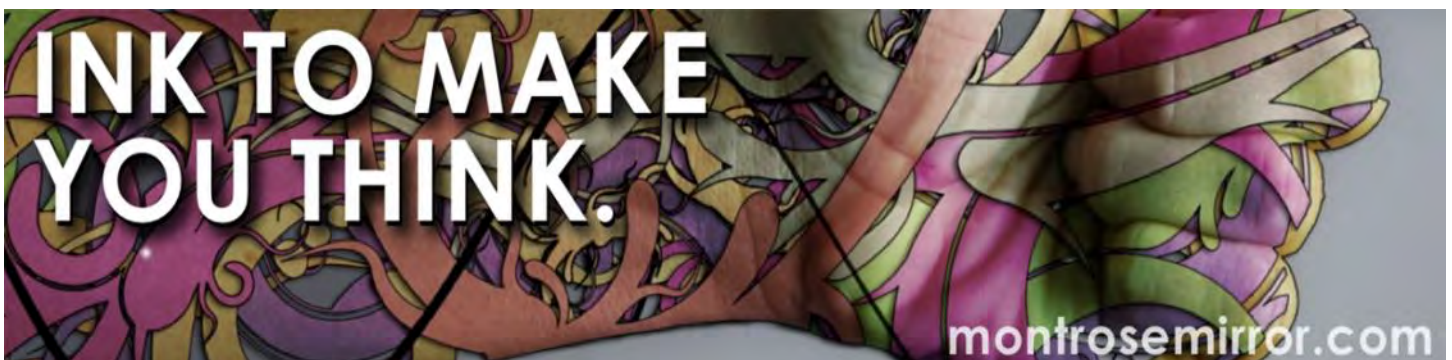
Although these three composers were greatly influenced by the same historical and contemporaneous styles, their musical careers and their compositions demonstrate very individual musical ideas and personalities.

Violet is Emeritus Professor of Music at Western Colorado University, where she currently teaches piano and class piano part-time and remains active as soloist and chamber musician with Western faculty and guest artists. Since beginning her

teaching career at Western in 1972 she has also taught music history, theory, and general education music courses and was Chair of the Music Department from 1993 until her retirement in 2010. She is a member of the Montrose Music Teachers Association and has received the Professional National Certification of Teachers of Music from the Music Teachers National Association. In 2018 she received a Top Music Teacher award from Steinway & Sons and Schmitt Music and in September 2021 was inducted into the Steinway Teacher Hall of Fame.

She received her undergraduate degree from Illinois Wesleyan University and graduate degrees from the University of Iowa with additional study at the University of Washington.

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LAST CHANCE FOR CO SKI COUNTRY USA GEMS CARD AND 4TH, 5TH, & 6TH GRADE SKI PASSPORT

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DENVER – Sales for the Colorado Gems Card and registration for the 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Ski Passport will close for the season on Monday, Feb. 28, 2022. Families,

Coloradans, and visitors must act now to purchase these products that allow for incredible deals through the remainder of the 2021-22 season.



Courtesy photo Colorado Ski Country USA.

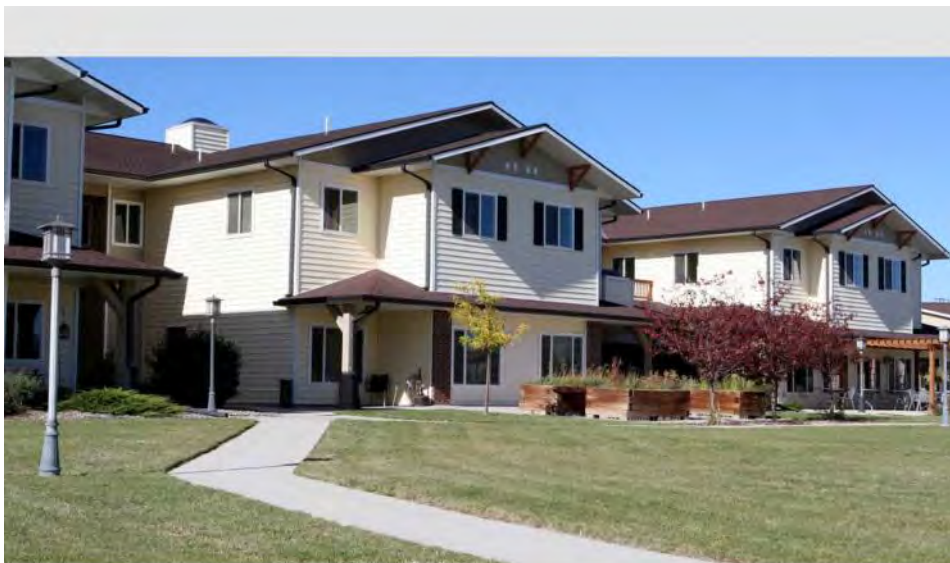
The Colorado Gems Card offers a great way to explore some of Colorado's favorite ski areas across the state for a price that cannot be beat. For just \$39 skiers can get either 2-for-1 lift tickets or 30% off single tickets at 11 of Colorado's ski resorts.

Participating resorts for the Colorado Gems Card include: Arapahoe Basin, Cooper, Echo Mountain, Eldora, Granby Ranch, Hesperus, Kendall Mountain, Loveland, Monarch, Powderhorn, and Sunlight Mountain Resort.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Ski Passport is the perfect pass for families looking to get their kids on the slopes this winter. For \$59 the Ski Passport gives 4th, 5th, or 6th Graders 4 full days of skiing at 21 different Colorado Ski Country USA resorts – 84 days of skiing total!

The 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Ski Passport is proudly supported by Christy Sports! As members of the passport program, passport holders are eligible for 2 FREE daily ski or board rentals from any Christy Sports family of brands location that offers daily rentals. To book additional rentals up to 20% off, [visit this link](#).

Resorts participating in the 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Ski Passport include: Arapahoe Basin, Aspen Highlands, Aspen Mountain, Buttermilk, Cooper, Copper Mountain, Echo Mountain, Eldora, Granby Ranch, Hesperus Ski Area, Howelsen Hill, Kendall Mountain, Loveland Ski Area, Monarch Mountain, Powderhorn, Purgatory Resort, Snowmass, Steamboat, Sunlight, Telluride, and Winter Park.



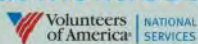
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MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

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

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

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

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

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

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

montroseumc.org
Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Lisa Petty
Worship service times: 9:30 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship & 11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
 10:30 - Social/Devotional Time
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 and without children, from diapers to dentures. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come and discover hope, joy, peace and 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: Unity Service at 11 a.m., Adult Discussion at 9:30 a.m., Quiet Meditation at 10:30 a.m.

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

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation:

Southern Baptist

Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

Office hours: Varies

Contact information:

phone number: 970-275-7026

email: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com

website: www.summitchurchmontrose.org

Name of current Senior Pastor: John De-

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

Summit Church Montrose is a new church

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

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

Denomination Affiliation: Independent Baptist

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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-12pm

Contact Information: Phone (970) 249-6874;

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

Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

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

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

Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

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

formation to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

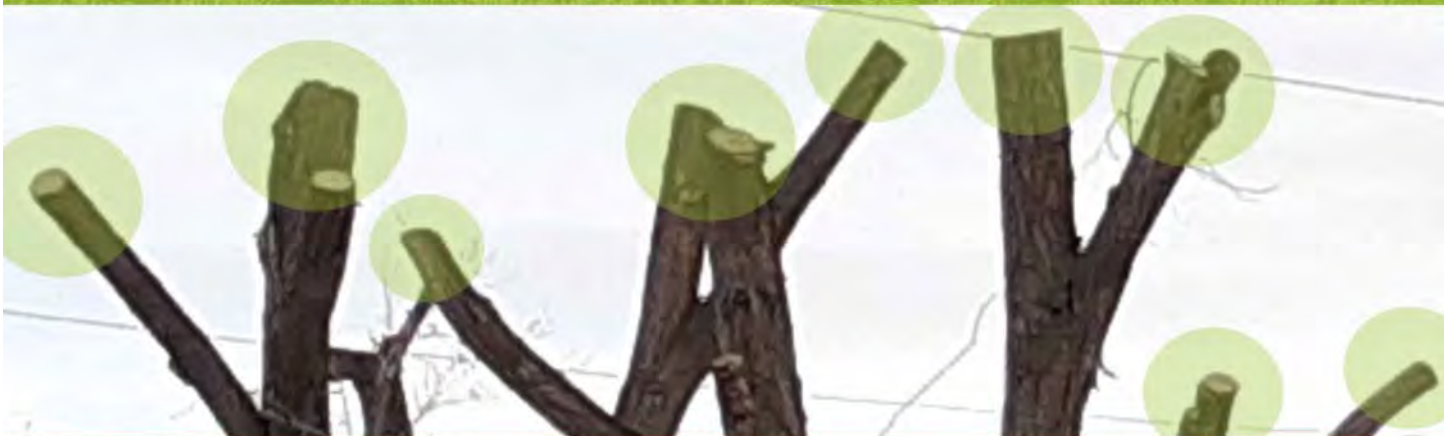
Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

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UNIVERSITY OF UTAH FALL 2021 DEAN'S LIST

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SALT LAKE CITY, UT-- The University of Utah congratulates more than 9,600 students who were named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List. Natalia Graham of Montrose whose major is listed as Design Foundations BS
Joshua Simpson of Montrose whose major is listed as Design Foundations BS

CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY TO MEET MARCH 7

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-On Monday March 7 at 5:30pm, Citizens' Climate Lobby will hold its monthly meeting in person (masks) at Montrose library meeting room. CitizensClimateLobby.org is a non-partisan, national, environmental group seeking avenues to mediate climate change. Short part of documentary how to reduce carbon footprint. All welcome-info 970-765-9095.



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970-240-8899

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970-648-0609

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970-249-0616

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970-252-1119

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970-240-1590

LIVE MUSIC ROUNDUP, WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14

By Paul Arbogast

Blue Sage Center for the Arts, Paonia:

- Friday, Feb 18, 7 PM – Emily Scott Robinson

Grand Mesa Arts & Events Center, Cedaredge:

- Saturday, Feb 19, 7 PM – The Last Spike

Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery:

- Friday, Feb 18, 7 PM – Paul Jarvis

Horsefly Brewery:

- Wednesday, Feb 16, 6:30 PM – Open Mic Night

Mesa Theater, Grand Junction:

- Thursday, Feb 17, 8 PM – The Lil Smokies

Sidelines Sports Bar:




- Saturday, Feb 19, 9 PM – Clifton Hanger

Upstairs at Precedence:

- Friday, Feb 18, 7 PM – Community Jazz Jam

COVID-19 Hospitalizations

On **February 10, 2022**, the total number of patients hospitalized with a COVID-19 illness was **5**.

 Unvaccinated  Fully vaccinated  Fully vaccinated & boosted

5 Hospitalized

- 3 unvaccinated
- 1 vaccinated
- 1 vaccinated & boosted



4 in the ICU

- 3 unvaccinated
- 1 vaccinated
- 0 vaccinated & boosted



0 on Ventilators

- 0 unvaccinated
- 0 vaccinated
- 0 vaccinated & boosted

Total hospitalized with COVID during the timeframe 10-1-21 through 1-31-22 was **298**.

28.52% Vaccinated • 1.01% Partially Vaccinated
62.42% Not Vaccinated • 8.05% Unknown Vaccine Status

Montrose Elks Bingo

Tues Feb 15th 6:30 PM

\$1,199 "Must Go"
Progressive Game 4

Jackpot Awarded to 1st person
that reaches Bingo

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\$200

Win in 37 #'s or less

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Game #6
\$3,892

Win in 53 #'s or fewer

Doors Open
at 4:30 PM,
Early Bird starts
at 6:30 PM.

Main Bingo
Session starts
at 7:00 PM

*Live life better
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801 South Hillcrest, Montrose, CO 81401

A photograph of a man with dark hair and a mustache, wearing a dark jacket, playing a light-colored acoustic bass guitar. He is standing on a stage with a microphone in front of him. In the background, there is a drum set and some stage equipment. The lighting is blue and purple.

Healthy Rhythm *presents* Paul Jarvis

Solo Acoustic Bass

Feb 18, 2022

Admission: \$15

Doors: 6:30 Show: 7pm

HEALTHY RHYTHM ART GALLERY
232 E. MAIN STREET, MONTROSE, CO
WWW.HEALTHYRHYTHM.NET

SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

ONGOING-

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

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

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

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

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

MONTROSE FARMERS' MARKET -Saturdays from 9 am-1 pm.. **Location:** Montrose Centennial Plaza . 81401 **Cost:** Free to attend.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY-Registration now open for Sept 2021 - Apr 2022 COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY, an international nondenominational Bible study. Studying Revelation Sep 2021-Jan 2022 and Christian Living (1,2,3 John, Jude & Philemon) Feb-Apr 2022. In person for women and children of all ages on Wednesday mornings 9-11. Virtual/Zoom for women Thursday evenings 6-7:15. Contact 720-635-0091 to register or for more information. Or come to our first meeting Wed., Sep. 8, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1840 E. Niagara St., Montrose, at 9AM.

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

MONTHLY

Feb. 14-Chocolate, Cupid & Casanova-The Valentine Trifecta. Kate Burke History Series. Montrose Pavilion Senior Center, 1pm. Bring Valentines to share; we'll have chocolate for everyone.

Feb. 18-Healthy Rhythm Gallery (232 E. Main St.) presents Paul Jarvis. Admission \$15. Doors 6:30pm Show 7pm.

Feb. 21-Business Networking Event, 5pm. Horsefly Brewing Company. Door prizes, drink specials, Hors d'oeuvres. Short program at 6pm with Don Martin, Patriot Business Services; "How the new Colorado Secure Savings Program law (SB-20-200) will affect all businesses with five or more employees." Starts and ends with door prizes!! Bring business cards. For more information Don@PatriotBusiness.com. 970-273-3525.

Feb. 26-Western Colorado Soil Health Conference, Montrose Pavilion. 970-964-3582.

March 1-Friday, March 1. 6-8 pm Paint & Sip at the Museum of the Mountain West. With Anne Hockenberry. [Sign up here](#).

March 4-5-Embracing Our Beauty is a Christian women's conference where we discover the glorious design of women that God originally intended. Registration is required. Tickets are \$50 for the two-day event and will be held at Clifton Christian Church. Featuring Staci Eldredge, who co-wrote Captivating, Unveiling the Mystery of a Women's Soul, with her husband. It has sold nearly 3 million copies. The Western Slope rural communities are often overlooked for events and educational opportunities. Face to Face Ministries' goal is to bring people together from rural Colorado to benefit from events such as this. Register@facetofaceministries.net

March 7-On Monday March 7 at 5:30pm, Citizens' Climate Lobby will hold its monthly meeting in person(masks) at Montrose library meeting room. CitizensClimateLobby.org is a nonpartisan, national, environmental group seeking avenues to mediate climate change. Short part of documentary how to reduce carbon footprint. All welcome- info 970-765-9095.

March 14-Monday, March 14. 1 pm. Native American Art & Artifacts. Kate Burke History Series, with C.J. Bradford, Ute Museum. 1-3 pm. Montrose Senior Center at the Pavilion.

March 16-Wednesday, March 16. 1 pm. Shady Ladies and Saloons. With Kate Burke, at Blue Sage Center for the Arts, Paonia.

March 19-Come out to enjoy fun and inspiring films about outdoor adventure and conservation through the love of fly fishing, and support projects that protect and restore your local river. This year's venue is the Ouray County Event Center (22739 Highway 550) to provide lots of elbow room! Masks currently required – stay tuned for updates. 100 percent of proceeds go to the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership for maintenance and improvement of riparian areas, fish habitat and recreation areas. Sponsored by RIGS Fly Shop & Guide Service.

6:30-9 p.m. Doors open at 6. Tickets: \$25 online in advance; \$30 event day at the door. Online ticket purchase opens by Feb. 1. Ticket information: info@fishrigs.com. More information: uncompahgrewatershed.org/events, info@uncompahgrewatershed.org, or 970-325-3010.

April 18-Monday, April 18. 1 pm. Senior Center. History of the Mountain West. Kate Burke History series. With Jim Wendt, Museum of the Mountain West. At Montrose Senior Center at the Pavilion.

April 29-Friday, April 29. 6-8 pm. Wonders from Down Under. With Paul Taylor, Australian Storyteller & Didgeridoo Player. At Museum of the Mountain West.

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

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

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

Contact the Montrose Mirror:
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*Overlooking Spring Creek Canyon.
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