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## MONTROSE COUNTY APPROVES AMENDED SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS ON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR STEVE WHITE'S LAST DAY

By Caitlin Switzer  
MONTROSE-All commissioners were present for the regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Wednesday, Sept. 21. BOCC Chair Keith Cadly opened the meeting; Fairgrounds & Event Center Manager Stoney Field led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.



Montrose County Commissioners applauded passage of the amended subdivision regulations on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Meeting screen shot.

Pastor Buddy Cook of First Church of the Nazarene delivered the invocation, saying thanks for the rain and for the commissioners. "...we

thank you for this day, for the beautiful rain...I thank you for your public servants here today...I pray that you give them wisdom...bless this meeting, Lord may you use it for your purposes..."

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Lynnette Rowland of Olathe spoke during the time for public comment. She thanked the BOCC for the attention given to Olathe recently. "We're collaborating with Region 10 on a USDA grant,

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## CITY COUNCIL INTERVIEWS YOUTH APPLICANTS

By Caitlin Switzer  
MONTROSE-All councilors were present for the regular meeting of the Montrose City Council on Tuesday, Sept. 20. The meeting was livestreamed on the city web site; public access cable television channels 970 and 191 instead re-ran a recording of the previous city council meeting of Sept. 6.



At the City Council meeting of Tuesday, Sept. 20, Police Chief Blaine Hall discussed plans for the grand opening of the new Montrose Public Safety Complex, above, scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 27. Photo by Gail Marvel.

Mayor Dave Frank called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum had no changes to the meeting agenda.

### PROCLAMATION-CONSTITUTION WEEK

Mayor Frank read the proclamation into the record, attended by a representative from the Uncompahgre Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) whose name was not shared, proclaiming Sept. 17-23, 2022 to be Constitution Week in Montrose, and asking citizens "...to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787

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We do this cruise every year to bring awareness of the law to save lives. Colorado law requires drivers to safely move one lane away from emergency, tow, or maintenance vehicles. If they're unable to move over, speed must be reduced to 20 mph below the posted speed limit. We will stage vehicles at Grand Mesa Middle School October 15th at 5:30pm, (we plan to leave at 5:45-6:00 pm) and will take 31 1/2 Road to Patterson and turn West onto Patterson. We will travel up to 24 1/2 Road and turn left at the light to make our way onto 1st Street to I-70 BL. Our final meet up will be at the Teller Arms Shopping Center (Big Lots) when you can see the trucks. We have a short gathering and display of truck lights in remembrance of those we have lost, and those that have been injured on the road. If you would like to participate please let us know by calling Kim Hobscheidt at 970-589-1990 or Jennifer Laws at 702-569-4280.

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## CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY TO MEET OCT. 10

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNCOMPAGHGRE VALLEY AND THE CITY OF MONTROSE TO CO-HOST A CANDIDATE FORUM OCT. 28

*Editor:*

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization working to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. We empower voters and defend democracy through advocacy, education and litigation at the local, state and national levels. We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.

The League of Women Voters of the Uncompahgre Valley and the City of Montrose will co-host a Candidate Forum, for the Colorado State House District 58 race between candidates Marc Catlin and Kevin Kuns, at 6:00 pm, on Friday, October 28th, at the Montrose City Council Chambers, 107 S. Cascade Avenue, Montrose. Includ-

ed in HD38 and co-sponsors of this event are the Montezuma County and Gunnison Valley Leagues. The League's Forums are voter education events. To that end, our League's Forums are held in a town hall format, meaning that the intent is for the candidates to speak to the audience in attendance, those virtually or physically present, rather than to or at each other, as in a debate format. The initial questions for the candidates will be from the League membership, but the rest and majority of the questions to the candidates will come from their audience. Each of those in attendance have the opportunity as they arrive to write a question which will then be asked by the moderator. This format allows for the audience to have questions and concerns most important to them answered by those candidates for

whom they will very soon be casting their votes. Information about this and all of our events is available at our website, [lwvuv.org](http://lwvuv.org).

In the meantime, voters should check their voter registration information on file at the Secretary of State's office because mailed ballots, to be mailed out on October 17, cannot be forwarded. Please check and update at [GoVoteColorado.gov](http://GoVoteColorado.gov), or for links to that and much more election-related information, go to [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org), or check with your County Clerk and Recorder's office. Regardless of your affiliation, or lack thereof, your League wants you to exercise your right and VOTE!

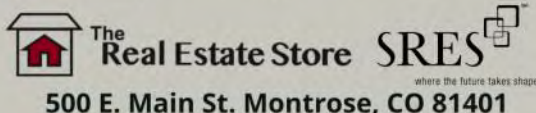
*Jan Edwards,  
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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## CONGRATULATIONS ON 500 ISSUES

Dear Montrose Mirror,

On this, the celebration of your 500<sup>th</sup> issue, I wanted to personally offer my congratulations on an achievement not accomplished by many periodicals.

In this day and age of 300 word opinion pieces, with censorship to boot, it's refreshing to have some preservation of the First Amendment available to the vocal minority in western Colorado. Through the years we have shared countless issues and were able to voice varying opinions on things affecting our daily lives and our fragile future.

From golf club totters and those with skin irregularities to the ding-a-ling oversight of municipal government, or lack thereof, The Montrose Mirror has preserved the fundamental right of disagreement in a fashion not witnessed in other sectors of the media, or, reduced to 30 second sound bites.

Thank you, and please continue to be the torch of liberty in the Uncompahgre Valley!

Sincerely,

*Richard Harding, Olathe*

## Proposed Updates to Road & Bridge Standards OPEN HOUSE



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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## DOES ANYONE REMEMBER THE MARIEL BOATLIFT OF THE 1980'S?

*Editor:*

Does anyone remember the Mariel Boatlift of the 1980's? Castro, in essence, emptied Cuba's prisons into Florida via that boatlift. A childhood friend of mine was a Seattle cop in the eighties. He was shot by one of these nice foreign guys (called Marielitos) whom he pulled over in a routine traffic stop. My friend spends the balance of his life a paraplegic. Now it's reported to be Venezuela's turn to dump criminals in the U.S., but this time at our border with Mexico. Gee, thanks, President Biden for allowing these nefarious felons into our country, and likely giving them free rides to target-rich environments.  
*Alan Metcalfe, Delta*

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## IGNITE MONTROSE HAPPENING AT PRECEDENCE UPSTAIRS OCT. 6

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MONTROSE-Ignite Montrose is happening at Precedence Upstairs (511 East Main Street, Montrose) Thursday, Oct. 6 at 7 pm. Ignite is an event where community members share their ideas, passions, hobbies or adventures, but- it has to be quick- 5 minutes and 20 slides! Stop in for an entertaining evening of fast- paced presentations.

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# CITY COUNCIL INTERVIEWS YOUTH APPLICANTS From pg 1

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### CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

### CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved, including City Council consideration of the minutes of the Sept. 6, 2022 special City Council meeting, minutes of the Sept. 6, 2022 regular City Council meeting, and approval of an application for a Special Events Permit for the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club to serve alcohol in conjunction with the closure of the 500 Block of Main Street for the Dinner on Main Event on Sept. 24, 2022.

### YOUTH CITY COUNCIL APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

Council spoke briefly with five of the 2022-2023 Youth Council Applicants, with councilors taking turns asking questions. Applicants interviewed included Grace

Hotsenpiller, Maggie Ellen Kusar, Cianna Beller, Sydney Bell, and Khloey Kuehn. Applicants Lucero Mireles-Rodales, Angie Packard, and Caitlin Dovey were not present for the meeting. Applicant Hunter Barton was interviewed later.

### ORDINANCE 2594 - SECOND READING

Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2594 on second reading, "extending the temporary moratorium to prohibit the establishment of any new or relocation of existing adult gaming arcade uses within the City limits of the City of Montrose; providing that the moratorium shall be in effect for a period which shall terminate at the earliest of the City's adoption of an amendment to Title 4, Chapter 14 Adult Business Regulations, or the expiration of seven hundred thirty (730) days from date of passage of Emergency Ordinance 2560; providing for legislative findings, intent, and purpose; providing repealing clauses; and providing an effective date."

### ORDINANCE 2595 - SECOND READING

Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2595 on second reading, "amending Title 5 Chapter 11 Sections 1, 3, and 8, to reflect recodification of certain sections of the Colorado Revised Statutes."

### ORDINANCE 2596-SECOND READING

Council also voted to adopt Ordinance 2596 on second reading, amending Title 5 Chapter 12 Sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10, to reflect recodification of certain sections of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

### STAFF REPORTS

Director of Finance Shani Wittenberg presented the July 2022 Sales, Use & Excise tax reports, by area and monthly.

One more Youth Council applicant joined the meeting; Council interviewed Hunter Barton.

Police Chief Blaine Hall discussed in painstaking detail the plans for the grand opening of the new public safety facility on Sept. 27.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned.

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## THIS CITY MANAGER SEEMS TO HAVE OTHER PRIORITIES

*Editor:*

How about someone in Montrose City government get the stinking potholes filled. Some of them more like craters since they have not been addressed in

years. They can start on East Miami Hillcrest to 6700 Road both lanes. When they are finished there, 5th street from San Juan/Miami west to Townsend. Then fix the stinking dip across both lanes at the

stop light south side of San Juan and East Main.

Used to be every spring and fall all the potholes were addressed. This city manager seems to have other priorities. And I guess the city council is asleep at the wheel. If the city leadership can't handle the easy things how do you think they are doing on the difficult things?

*Respectively,  
Christopher Brown, Montrose*

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## PLEASE VOTE FOR MARC CATLIN

Dear Editor,

We are fortunate to have an incumbent State Legislator with the seasoned acumen of agriculture and Colorado Water Law of Marc Catlin, learned while living in Montrose, Colorado, during these trying, demanding political/economic times. Marc's credentials are solid, having spent his life with backgrounds in farming, real estate sales, managing Uncompahgre Val-

ley Water Users Association several years, and years dealing with the Colorado River Upper and Lower River Basins in various capacities. All of which was accomplished as a resident of Southwestern Colorado living in the 58th Legislative District of the State of Colorado, Montrose, Colorado. Marc's institutional knowledge is an invaluable asset to the 58th District during these confusing, challenging times of envi-

ronmental water scarcity, and political pressures to divert Colorado water away from the Western Slope both in State and down river to other lower basin states. Most importantly, Marc is primed, lock and loaded to represent the people of the 58th the way it should be, for the people. Marc Catlin is the right man for the 58th at the right time. Please vote for Marc Catlin.  
*Ronald D. Henderson, Montrose*



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# CITY OF MONTROSE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX GRAND OPENING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 27

*Special to the Mirror*  
 MONTROSE — The grand opening of the Montrose Public Safety Complex, MPSC, located at 434 South First Street, is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Noon. A Sept. 21 City of Montrose news release states, “After several years of study by City staff and elected officials, a formal effort to build a new MPSC began in 2018 with the support and assistance of community partners such as Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers and the City’s Public

Safety Advisory Committee. In 2019 Montrose voters approved ballot measure 2A, increasing city sales taxes solely for the purposes of hiring more police officers and support staff, acquiring new equipment such as police vehicles and safety gear, and constructing the new MPSC, which is the new home of the Montrose Police Department. In March 2021 the City Council officially authorized \$16,212,884 for the construction of the MPSC. The MPSC’s design includes mod-

ern technology that will allow officers to sync their body-worn and in-car equipment with the building’s digital infrastructure for evidence retention and storage. The state-of-the-art public safety facility will also allow law enforcement agencies from across the Western Slope to enhance their skills inside the MPSC’s new training facility located within the building. Other spaces include meeting and conference rooms that will be made available to the public.”



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With my business background, I can appreciate a balanced budget, or “budget stabilization” (BS), as it is called in the Colorado Constitution. Unfortunately, the BS factor in Colorado has come at the expense of public education. In 2021, \$572 million was taken from public education to balance the budget. Since 2008, \$10 billion has been taken away from public education. This is unacceptable. As Coloradoans, we deserve better for our children.

I will work tirelessly to collaborate with the budget committee, managing our \$36 billion annual budget while leaving public education out of future cuts.



“The members of AFSCME Council 18 are excited to endorse your candidacy for the 2022 election cycle. We wish you the best of luck in your race and look forward to helping you get over the finish line in November.”

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which is one of 11 in the whole United States, and with this grant we're going to be able to open a new center in Olathe to help with business incubation. I think it's going to have a huge impact, not just in Olathe but in our whole region."

Media Relations Director Katie Yergensen took time to mark the passing of 82-year-old Montrose County Resident Charles McMurdy, who served on the Sheriff's Posse for many years, taught hunter education classes, and was a "very prominent member of the community."

BOCC Vice Chair Sue Hansen said that McMurdy was always very knowledgeable. "...I'm going to miss him...Mr. McMurdy was pretty special."

"He's a true example of a public servant to the community over the years," BOCC Chair Keith Caddy said. Said Commissioner Roger Rash, "Condolences to the family... he was one of the pillars of our community...he may be crippled up and stoved up and couldn't hardly walk but he would show up...just a true public servant."

### COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Jon Waschbusch had no changes to the agenda. Waschbusch said that it was the last meeting and last day with the county for longtime Planning & Development Director Steve White.

"...Above all else, Steve White is a good person," Waschbusch said. "He is unfailingly kind, calm, and respectful in his dealings...he keeps an even keel and is a class act...I know I speak for the entire county staff and team when I say Steve we will miss you...thank you."

### CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously, with Resolution 63-2022 assigned to [Item 4](#); Resolution No. 64-2022 assigned to [Item 6](#); and Resolution No. 65-2022 assigned to [Item 11](#).

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Yergensen presented a [proclamation](#) declaring September as Montrose County Preparedness Month, recognizing the importance of educating Montrose County citizens on the benefits and the utmost importance of being prepared in case of an emergency or disaster.

She noted the timeliness of the proclamation. "They're having some issues this

morning with the Norwood water system...we live in a very rural area...it's good to think ahead and be prepared." Yergensen read the proclamation into the record. The BOCC voted to adopt on second reading proposed amended [ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04](#), regarding rules and regulations governing the ban of open fires, contained open fires, and fireworks to conform to SB21-271.

Public Health Director Jim Austin presented an [agreement between Montrose County and River Valley Family Health](#) for the provision of immunization services by River Valley Family Health, as reviewed by Counsel. The agreement period runs from Oct. 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 with River Valley Family Health being compensated \$46,885.50, all of which is funding received by Montrose County from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE.) "We will continue to promote all vaccine providers," Austin said.

"Any time we can make a wise decision to combine services...or we can actually have a clinic provide those and probably do a better job than we would be able to do...we try to economize any time we can and be more efficient with government services," BOCC Vice Chair Sue Hansen said. Commissioners voted to approve the agreement with River Valley Health.

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Commissioners held a public hearing, and voted to approve the Weimer Ranches #4 Mine Special Use Permit (SU22-011) [application](#) based on the findings of fact and subject to the conditions of approval listed in paragraph #7 of the [staff report](#).

Also approved was the Riverside Special Use Permit (SU22-008) [application](#) based on the findings of fact and subject to the conditions of approval listed in paragraph #8 of the [staff report](#).

Items 3 AND 4 were approved at the same time:

-the Waugh Minor Amended Plat [AM22-007] [proposal](#) to lift a plat note to re-subdivide at: Parcel 376930203001, 68020 Miami RD; and

-the Lilac Garden Minor Subdivision Amended Plat [AM22-008] [proposal](#) to lift a plat note to re-subdivide at Parcel

376722213001, 1199 Lilac RD.

Also approved was the Prestige Valley Estates, Extension Request [EXT22-002] proposal to extend an approval of a Preliminary Plan for a Major Subdivision application MA-14-0015 Request to Extend the time period to file a Final Plat at 6900 Road.

Finally, the BOCC adopted [Resolution No. 66-2-22](#), to amend the Montrose County Subdivision Regulations. The [amended regulations](#) have been intensely scrutinized in previous work sessions and public hearings. Planner Tallmadge Richmond reviewed and discussed the amended regulations. Commissioners held a brief discussion, reviewing [final details](#) before voting to approve.

Caddy said, "Thank you to the Planning Commission, thank you so much for all the hard work. And thank you to staff for all the hard work--this has been a labor for all of us to go through it and make sure we got it right...Thank you so much."

Hansen said, "This is a pretty big deal...as we look forward to a growing community, I think we have to start thinking of ways to grow our community in smart ways...we have to really be thinking about the future." She thanked the Planning Commission for their time and for reviewing the regulations.

Rash also thanked the Planning Commission, staff, and community.

He said, "...We don't take these lightly...I think about the South Townsend Corridor and what could have happened had we had better regulations with the city when that corridor was developed...now you have this dangerous situation where people are darting in and out of center lanes, traffic is horrible out there...If they would have built frontage roads with controlled intersections, we could have avoided a lot of that...it's a heavy lift but I do agree with Commissioner Hansen. We do need to look at the future. Do we plan for it now or do we wait until we get to that point..." To retiring Planning & Development Director Steve White, Rash said, "It's a big project to get done before you leave. We appreciate all your work."

Following a round of applause, the BOCC voted to adjourn.

# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## PAVING OPERATIONS TO BEGIN ON THREE CO 141 BRIDGES AND ON CO 97 BETWEEN NATURITA AND NUCLA

*Special to the Mirror*

**MONTROSE COUNTY** — The Colorado Department of Transportation continues a bridge rehabilitation project on three structures along Colorado Highway 141, between Naturita and Gateway. Area maintenance patrols will also perform paving operations along the five-mile stretch of CO 97, from Naturita to Nucla.

### **CO 141 Bridge Work**

Beginning the week of September 26 crews will apply waterproofing membranes and perform paving operations on the bridge structures.

The three bridges are located on CO 141 at Mile points 59, 74, and 88. The project

includes restoring bridge deck integrity, waterproofing, resurfacing, and pavement markings.

The rehabilitation will enhance safety and mobility for the traveling public by restoring the integrity of the bridges.

The project is part of CDOT’s Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program to extend the service life of bridges and other major structures that the state maintains. KSK, LLC, of Grand Junction, is the contractor for this project.

The bridge project began in May and is slated for completion by the end of October.

### **CO 97 Chip Seal Operations**

Highway resurfacing will also happen on CO 97, between Naturita and Nucla (MPs 0-5). The four-day chip seal operations on CO 97 will take place Monday - Thursday (Sept. 26-29). Motorists are urged to drive slowly through the chip seal work zone to avoid damage to vehicles.

### **Travel Impacts**

For all project locations, vehicles will encounter single-lane, alternating traffic intermittently in either direction. Motorists will be guided by flagging personnel or by portable light signals. Lane closures may have up to 15-minute delays. The speed limit will be reduced to 40 mph through the work zones

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# CITY CONSIDERS CHANGE TO GRAFFITI ORDINANCE, INTRODUCES HOUSING NEEDS CONSULTANT

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose Mayor Dave Frank opened the City Council work session of Monday, Sept. 19; all councilors were present.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Community Engagement Specialist Ross Valdez introduced Housing Needs Assessment Consultant Points Consulting. Included in the work session packet is a consultant [presentation](#). Members of the consulting team including Brian Points joined council by video.

Mayor Frank thanked the consultants for their time. "...We appreciate your time Brian, and we look forward to hearing some results from you."

**Background-**A memo from Valdez to Council states, "On August 1, 2022, the City of Montrose awarded Points Consulting a professional services agreement to conduct a housing needs assessment. The housing needs assessment is funded through the DOLA Innovative Housing Strategies Planning Grant with a partial match from the City of Montrose. Points Consulting organized a kick-off meeting with City staff on August 16 and is currently reviewing key documents, collecting data, and conducting market research. Staff is assisting Points Consulting by connecting them with key partners and would like for City Council to meet their team to further enhance this effort."

Council discussed Graffiti Fund Monies with Municipal Judge Charles Greenacre, City Attorney Ben Morris, and Finance Director Shani Wittenberg. Greenacre said that Council currently has a provision to create a graffiti fund for the purpose of using funds that are deposited to remove graffiti and that allows for deposit of funds obtained through graffiti cases and to accept donations.

"As far as I can tell no fund has ever been established, Greenacre said. And while the city had established a \$50 charge for graffiti, "So far as I can tell that's never been collected," Greenacre said. He has seen just one graffiti case in his year and a

half on the municipal bench. "At this point I would not think you're going to collect very much for such a fund for graffiti."

The city formerly had a restitution work crew tasked with removing graffiti, but no longer does.

"The question is whether you want to amend your ordinance or change your ordinance accordingly," Greenacre said to Council.

Wittenberg said that the city has spent \$50K on graffiti removal since 2017.

"We're spending a lot of money on graffiti," she said.

Council agreed to removal of the graffiti fund provision.

Greenacre also spoke about the need for outside legal counsel and for an increase in hourly rates for [Court Appointed Counsel](#). He discussed compliance with the statute. At least two attorneys are needed, three are preferable.

Planner II William Reis discussed the [Hilltop North Addition Annexation](#).

**Background-**A memo from Reis to Council states, "The Hilltop North Addition is a proposed annexation approximately 10.01 acres in size. The parcel is located east of 6600 Road, addressed as 540 6600 Road. It is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, City of Montrose Sewer Service Area, and the Tri-County Water Service Area. Annexation of this property will allow for future multifamily residential development. An Annexation Agreement will be required."

Council considered extending the [Intergovernmental Agreement \(IGA\) with Montrose County for Liquor Licensing Shared Services](#). "We've had a good year," City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo said. The workload is manageable. Both parties have recommended renewal of the ongoing agreement, which would then automatically renew from year to year. The city keeps all statutory fees to cover costs.

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

Judge Greenacre discussed adoption of the 2020 model traffic code, as the current model traffic code is from 2003. The

current version has a list of penalties. He asked about keeping penalties in the model traffic code or referring to state law; Council spent time in discussion. To have a penalty assessment process, an administrative order is needed. "We're working very hard to get this finalized."

The State has a much more complicated fee schedule, City Attorney Ben Morris said.

Council said they would appreciate a staff recommendation.

Wittenberg said that the all-day budget workshop was set for the next day at the Montrose Pavilion at 8am. "You can get there as early as 7:30am."

City Engineer said that dates have been set for West Main open houses; two are in English and one will be in Spanish at the MADA facility. A flyer has been prepared, the web site is up and running.

A budget open house for the public will be set on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, Wittenberg said.

Police Chief Blaine Hall spoke about the grand opening for the new Public Safety Facility on Sept. 27. Mayor Frank will introduce the governor.

"...We will start with 'Bagels with Bill,' that morning at 9 in the multipurpose room...then we'll move on to the grand opening at Noon," Hall said, adding that City Manager will make introductions.

There will be 30 minutes of opening speeches. When the speeches conclude the building will be opened for tours. The building will also be open for tours on Saturday during the Farmers Market, from 9am to 1pm.

Following the discussion, the work session was adjourned.

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council also convened at noon on Monday, Sept. 19, for a special meeting in executive session, for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4)(f), and the following additional details were provided for identification purposes: Municipal Court Judge mid-cycle informal review.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### UPDATE ON T-MOBILE CELL TOWER OUTAGE IN CRAWFORD

#### *Special to the Mirror*

CRAWFORD-Residents in and around the Town of Crawford who are T-Mobile customers, had cell phone service restored as of Saturday, September 17th. The Town of Crawford, Delta County Emergency Management and Delta County have been working collaboratively with senior regional representatives at T-Mobile to restore communications to the Crawford area during an over two month cell service outage.

Lauren Neill, Senior Advocacy Manager for T-Mobile's Central Region, informed the County and Town of Crawford that service was restored for customers as of Saturday. Regarding the outage, T-Mobile advised, "In the process of upgrading network equipment at a tower covering Crawford and parts of Delta County, there was a disruption which may have caused intermittent service impacts for some customers. T-Mobile has now restored service to the tower and service should work as normal. T-Mobile will also be adding more equipment to the tower this fall to provide customers in the area with their best 5G and LTE experiences."

According to Cally Gallegos, Town Clerk with the Town of Crawford, the Town lost cell service on approximately July 2nd, and during the outage, many residents didn't have the ability to make or receive calls unless they had home wi-fi and a phone capable of wi-fi calling.

Throughout the outage, Town of Crawford staff, Mayor Gofforth, Delta County Emergency Management and Commissioner Wendell Koontz have been communicating with T-Mobile to get the service restored as soon as possible for residents of Crawford. Emergency Management contacted engineering representatives with T-Mobile in mid-August who

dispatched crews to the tower and some service was restored on August 17th. This fix however, was unable to restore full service to the Crawford area, leaving areas outside of town and east of the tower such as Town Hall, and the Montessori School without service for another month.

Emergency Management contacted representatives with T-Mobile for government operations in early September and escalated the outage to the T-Mobile central region senior manager who worked closely with the Town and Emergency Management to restore service to Crawford. On September 15th, crews arrived on-site in Crawford and began making repairs to the tower with service fully restored by September 17th.

As service was being restored, T-Mobile informed the Town and County that the Crawford tower will be upgraded to the latest bandwidth and cellular technology in late October 2022 or early November. Residents should take steps now to ensure their cell phones, hotspots and other T-Mobile devices are up-to-date and not going to be affected by the discontinuation of 3G service this fall.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced on October 28, 2021 that it had authorized cell phone carriers to begin phasing out old 3G cellular networks in 2022. This means older cellular 3G cellular devices (phones, hotspots, in-car service, etc) will no longer work on any of the cellular networks (including AT&T and Verizon) as this wireless spectrum is turned off in 2022. As T-Mobile plans to upgrade the Crawford tower and surrounding areas in the fall of 2022, residents should ensure their devices are 4G/5G capable. If residents/businesses haven't upgraded their devices to a 4G or 5G capable device per the carrier's in-

structions, they risk losing service this fall.

When asked about the recent outage and work to restore service, Mayor Wanda Gofforth advised, "cell phone service is crucial to the Town of Crawford, our operations and that of local businesses and to the residents in town and surrounding areas. We are extremely grateful for the actions of Delta County Emergency Management in helping us resolve this issue and for T-Mobile's assistance and willingness to work with the Town and County to get service restored for residents." Mayor Gofforth expressed concerns that it took so long for T-Mobile to restore the service but advised she was happy to now have the contacts necessary to ensure any future outages are addressed promptly.

Delta County Commissioner Wendell Koontz advised, "Delta County recognizes the need for reliable communication services throughout the county, even in our rural areas such as Crawford and we appreciate T-Mobile and other communication providers keeping our communication infrastructure up to date with the latest technology. Thank you to T-Mobile representatives for their attention to this matter and willingness to work with the Town and Emergency Management to restore service ahead of the fall upgrade."

If residents still don't have service after September 17th and are T-Mobile customers, Emergency Management recommends they contact T-Mobile customer support at [t-mobile.com/support](https://t-mobile.com/support) to ensure their phone is up-to-date and to address concerns specific to their device and account. Links to 3G Phase out Articles: FCC Plan Ahead for Phase out of 3G Cellular Networks and Service (October 2021) <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/plan-ahead-phase-out-3g-cellular-networks-and-service>



# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## DMEA, ELEVATE INTERNET SECURE \$13.8M USDA BROADBAND GRANT

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-The Rural Utilities Service has awarded **Delta-Montrose Electric Association** a \$13.8 million grant to expand its fiber optic network and bring **Elevate Internet** to some of the most rural places in Western Colorado. The grant is part of the USDA's **ReConnect Program**.

"Today's news is phenomenal. It will help us bring service to some of DMEA's most rural members, often in areas with less than four homes per mile on our system.

When this project is complete, 95% of our members will have access to Elevate," said Kent Blackwell, DMEA Interim CEO and Chief Technology Officer.

With these grant funds, DMEA will construct more than 340 miles of fiber optic cable, primarily across Delta and Montrose counties. Once built, the currently underserved residents of Somerset and the surrounding mesas near Hotchkiss and Crawford, including Scenic Mesa and Rogers Mesa, will have access to Elevate's

world-class internet. In total, DMEA will bring Elevate's Gigabit internet to an additional 1,479 homes and businesses.

In reference to DMEA's award USDA Rural Development Colorado State Director Armando Valdez said, "For too long, many rural communities across Colorado have been left out of the digital economy. Connectivity is a real game-changer in rural America. The internet is vital to our state's growth and continues to act as a catalyst for our rural prosperity."

This is the second multi-million dollar grant the co-op has received from the USDA ReConnect Program. Last year, DMEA was also awarded a \$10.5 million grant to build out Elevate's fiber network to approximately 2,400 homes and businesses near Delta and Olathe, CO. Construction of Elevate's network in these areas is expected to begin in early 2023. With today's award, there still are numerous steps to complete before DMEA can determine a construction timeline and begin construction.

"DMEA sets the standard for delivering affordable, high-speed internet in rural Colorado," said U.S Senator Michael Bennet. "As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I have consistently supported USDA's ReConnect program to expand high-speed internet in rural communities. I am very pleased by ReConnect's \$13.8 million investment in DMEA to connect Coloradans across Delta, Montrose, and Gunnison counties. This new funding was possible thanks to the \$65 billion we secured in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to connect every American to affordable, high-speed internet. This is what it means for rural America to invest in itself once again.

Residents in Montrose and Delta can determine if their home is located within either Reconnect grant area by visiting [www.elevateinternet.com](http://www.elevateinternet.com).

U.S Senator John Hickenlooper echoes Senator Bennet's words, stating, "We're connecting every house in America to fast, affordable internet using Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding. For Montrose, that means DMEA is getting a \$13.8 million grant to reach more Coloradans on the Western Slope."

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## BIDEN INVITING WHOLE WORLD INTO AMERICA; WE FOOT THE BILL

*Editor;*

Surprise! Surprise! Now that the Biden cult has the American economy headed for annihilation, they have decided that now is the perfect time to lure even more invaders into the U.S. with the promise of even more welfare benefits. Earlier this month the White House published a rule that increases the amount of welfare invaders and green-card applicants can receive without being considered a "public charge". In short, a "public charge" is when non-citizens are considered a burden to American taxpayers. Under the long-standing "public charge" rule, invaders can be denied a green card if they cannot financially support themselves and need to go on public assistance. Well congratulations to the donkey spendocrats.

Under their new rule to go into effect before the end of the year, invaders will now have access to welfare programs, including Medicaid and food stamps and will not be considered a "public charge" unless "they are likely at any time to become primarily dependent on the government." So in other words, every invader will receive all these extra benefits because they're all dependent on the government the minute they climb out of the water! This new rule completely cancels a previous public charge rule put into effect by President Trump in 2019. This, alongside the Remain in Mexico policy and other immigration enforcement actions, dramatically reduced the invasion during Trump's last two years in office. Now, Biden is reversing these actions. What else is this America-hater going to think up next? He has already erased all of President Trump's policies that corrected much of the Obama/Biden corruption. President Trump's rally cry was "America first" Biden's is America "last". Every immigration decision Biden makes threatens our national security and places the interests of invaders over American Citizens. Invaders are taking up homeless shelters, food and housing that are supposed to be

for Americans. Five million invaders have arrived since Biden took office. And the promise of more government benefits will bring more. When is this insanity going to stop? We can't take in the whole world especially with food shortages looming. But they won't have to worry. The Democrat cult will buy up the food and give it to them just like the baby formula. Biden is so worried about Ukraine's borders, but not ours. He is inviting the whole world into America.

What kind of a debilitating mental disorder does Biden possess for him to destroy his own Country? He rants and raves about Americans dying from Covid that came from Communist China who he and his family are business partners with, but Biden won't call them out for it and sacrifice the \$millions he makes from his collusion and corruption with China. Isn't that treason and influence pedaling? Would President Trump have been impeached if he did that? Oh, I forgot, since Biden's a Democrat he can do anything illegal he wants. Then there's the drugs Biden is allowing into America. Fentanyl has killed over 100,000 Americans in one year! And guess where the fentanyl is coming from? Yup.....it comes from Communist China also! It comes down through Mexico where it's made into pills and then on into America. There again, is Biden demanding Communist China stop sending drugs that are killing Americans? Nope, why screw up lucrative business deals with America's #1 enemy? Someone should investigate all the Biden family's income tax records. Maybe one of his 87,000 IRS agents will take the time to do it! By the way, wouldn't it have shown good will if Biden had included funding for just 5 new border guards along with his 87,000 IRS agents? He missed a once-in-a-lifetime chance to be a national hero! Then everyone probably woulda overlooked his making a complete fool out of America and his self at the United Nations when he attempted to mock an image of a leader. He couldn't even find his way off the stage when he

finished and was holding his hands out expecting someone to rush up and shake his hand, but there were no takers. The world is laughing. And by the way, whenever he gives a speech he has this sinister-looking motion of touching the side of his face with his fore finger in different places. Sometimes it's his nose. It's not like he's scratching or even chasing a fly. And sometimes he squeezes his bottom lip between his fore finger and thumb. It's like it's some kind of a message to someone or a ritual. This is weird! The world is laughing!

Biden's hateful attacks on America just aren't slowing down. Now he is auctioning off another 10 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in an attempt to sell 180 million barrels of crude to bring gas prices down. All he has to do to lower gas prices is open up drilling in America and the Keystone pipeline. So here goes more politics.....the delivery of this batch is designed to be delivered just before the midterm elections. Don't be fooled by lower gas prices just before the election. He is denying you of your security derived from the oil Reserve by selling it just for votes. Our Reserve is now at the lowest level since 1984. Here's another example of Biden's collusion with Communist China....six million barrels of that oil was sold to them!

Again, would President Trump be impeached if he raped our Oil Reserves by selling it to Communist China? Absolutely! They impeached him for just a phone call! But Donald Trump is not giving up. He just held another SAVE AMERICA rally in NC last Friday with another massive PEACEFUL, HAPPY, PATRIOTIC, overflow crowd. And the jealous Democrats are going berserk worrying about the next election! Rallies will continue Saturday nights up to the mid-term elections. Watch them on Newsmax tv or Right Side Broadcasting. And remember, any political party who tells you men can have babies will lie about anything!

*Jerry Bartholome, Montrose*

# DMEA FORM 990 MAY BE POSTED AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK

## Form lists details of board compensation



*The regular Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) board meeting was held at 3 p.m. in the Black Canyon Room on Sept. 22, 2022. Interim CEO Kent Blackwell [center] noted he recently approved a phishing test that sent a fraudulent email to DMEA's 120-plus employees to see if they could induce individuals to give up private information. Blackwell said, "It was a well-crafted email...that I fell for. It's certainly humbling." Photo by Gail Marvel.*

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The September 22, 2022 Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors meeting, scheduled a week prior to the normal meeting time, was held in the Black Canyon Board Room and called to order at 3 p.m. Board of Directors Enno Heuscher and Bill Patterson were absent; however, Patterson joined the meeting just prior to the board going into executive session. All other board members were present for the entire meeting.

During meetings the board of directors hear verbal summary reports of their monthly meetings and activities; however, neither the co-op membership nor the media have access to the written reports submitted for board approval.

The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening meeting prayer, determination of a quorum, and approval of the consent agenda (Membership Report and Minutes from the August Regular Board Meeting).

DMEA co-op members are afforded an opportunity to speak during Member Comments, which were scheduled for 5 p.m.

### Introductions:

Community member present was Paonia resident Mike Atwood.

### Board Committee Reports:

Prior to the reports, Interim CEO Kent Blackwell was pleased to announce, "For the first time we have eclipsed 36,000 active meters [actual 36,050 meters]."

**Finance-Audit-Rate Committee (FAR)** – Ken Watson, Chair.

Watson said, "We met on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. The whole committee was there, as well as staff and several board members. We reviewed the Form 990 [details on board compensation] and learned about the 990T [Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return] for 2021. We talked about security and the drop boxes. We're going to replace some drop boxes. We're going to take away kiosks, but we're making more places for people to

pay. We reviewed highlights of the KRTA [Key Ratio Trend Analysis]. There were 50 of them, some were compelling and we found some we want to watch going forward." It was noted the Form 990, following final approval, could be posted to the website as soon as next week.

**Engineering – Construction – Energy Services Committee** – Stacia Cannon, Chair.

Cannon said, "We met on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. All the committee was present, as well as a number of staff and board members. The Construction Work Plan shows a slight increase in cost due to inflation. There was some conversation on underground vs. overhead [lines], life expectancy, clean-up on unattended lines, the pole attachment audit — who is using our poles and fees for using our poles. We don't have a pole attachment policy. In the Vegetation Management Plan that we have in-house, we will be welcoming a new manager soon. We want to get our trees back to a five-year cycle of trimming." Also discussed was load forecasting for 2021-2031 as per contract requirements with the power supplier. Cannon said, "It's difficult to forecast for a 10-year span."

**Member Relations Committee** – Bill Patterson, Chair.

In Patterson's absence, Kevin Williams said, "We're scheduled for a meeting] October 20<sup>th</sup>."

**Executive Committee** – Kyle Martinez, Chair.

Martinez said, "On August 30<sup>th</sup> the full board met to go over the job profile for the new CEO [Chief Executive Officer]. On September 6<sup>th</sup> we discussed the salary range and we'll come out with a job posting for the CEO. There will be other details in executive session."

**Non-Privileged CEO Report** – Interim CEO Kent Blackwell.

Blackwell said, "We are in the deep throes of budget. We'll have it ready for the FAR Committee on October 11<sup>th</sup> and the full board review in November. The Crawford Spark Session had good member involvement and conversation. With strategic planning we had several meetings over the month. Legislative activity is

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mounting. We are close to getting across the finish line with the Garnet Mesa Solar Project. Operations notables are that three power poles were replaced on September 7<sup>th</sup> when three car accidents happened within an hour and a half."

On September 7-12 DMEA had a planned software maintenance upgrade which caused a disruption in making payments online, by phone or, in person. Blackwell said, "We put a lot of energy into posting and publishing [information] to have it go off without a hitch."

In the area of security DMEA recently held a phishing test by sending a fraudulent email to their 120-plus employees to see if they could induce individuals to give up private information. Much to his chagrin, Blackwell said, "It was a well-crafted email...that I fell for. It's certainly humbling." After providing the board with a moment of levity he continued, "Our goal is to 96.6 percent, we had a score of 81. We are raising our education. The board members will also be tested soon. We're not out to catch you. We introduced it to raise awareness, and for training. It raises the security level." Blackwell's report included the upcoming Member Appreciation Movie night on October 9<sup>th</sup> and the 94 percent answer rate for calls.

Although not in his written report, Blackwell just learned DMEA was awarded a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant for \$13.8 M to expand its fiber optic network for Elevate internet. This is the second ReConnect grant to be received by DMEA. Blackwell said, "We will put out a press release. The marketing staff have done well. This [buildout] will be everything surrounding Paonia; 1480 homes, 340-mile plant. It's enormously beneficial."

Martinez said, "This started six-years-ago, in 2016."

Jock Fleming said, "There are still 2,000 meters we can't reach yet."

Blackwell said, "There are a few patches peppered throughout [service area] that are deemed ineligible for grant funds. This pushes us to a milestone of grant funding. We have not done well at celebrating our accomplishments. I'm proud of where we are."

Cannon requested the staff look into cost

and savings to xeriscape around the DMEA headquarters. **Financial Report with Variance Report** – Gayle Gouker, CFO.

With no access to the written report financial report provided to the board, the verbal report given by Gouker is often unclear. Her report included margins, a one-fifth payment to Uncompahgre Valley Water Users for \$45,000, an income statement forecast, and lost historical data from the cyber-attack. Not all the financial data was available at this time since this meeting was rescheduled for a week earlier than normal. She said "The estimate power cost is in your packet."

Revisiting the CEO report Martinez asked Blackwell about the board packet being posted on Smart Hub. Blackwell said, "We will upload to Smart Hub no later than November."

**Non-Privileged Legal Report** – Jeff Hurd, Attorney.

By November 2023 DMEA must have a hearing to consider Demand Response and Electric Vehicle rebates and incentives. Hurd said, "The law doesn't say what promoting involves, but we commence consideration of the process by this November [2022]. I'll defer the rest of my report for executive session."

**Representative Reports**

**Western United Electrical Supply (WUES) Report** – Jock Fleming.

Fleming said, "The last of August we met, I sent out the minutes and the newsletter. June to July was another record, \$21 M; that's 50 percent higher than last year." WUES foresight to stockpile before supply chains issues has proved advantageous.

**Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA) Report** – Damon Lockhart.

Lockhart said, "No meeting this month."

**Conference, Webinar, etc. Attendance Reports**

No reports given.

**Action Item(s)**

Retirement Resolution 2022-18 for the retirement of 27-year Systems Designer Jesse Harrington. Approved unanimously.

Retirement Resolution 2022-19 for the retirement of 30-year employee Journeyman Lineman Mike Kuta.

Approved unanimously.

**Future Meetings**

The location for the Oct. 25 meeting, scheduled for 3 p.m., will be moved to Read.

The November meeting is rescheduled to Nov. 15.

The December meeting is rescheduled to Dec. 20.

**Rate Hearing (5:00 p.m.)**

See staff summary report at the end.

**Member Comments:**

Paonia resident Mike Atwood spoke about a Block Chain Merge, a new system for authenticating crypto transactions. The proposed merge could replace the huge power consuming system now used for Bitcoin (solar array north of Olathe). Atwood said, "To make a Bitcoin doesn't involve a lot of electricity. Bitcoin mining operations are a huge white elephant. They are talking about moving to a more trust-basis operation [rather than computers], which is doing better. You get trusted, you get paid for being trusted. Is there anything of value to DMEA? They have a white elephant [in the Olathe area]." The owners of the coins will need a central meeting to approve the merge through a vote. The board had no comments concerning the solar array in Olathe service area.

Atwood also questioned proposals to put three solar farms in Delta County. He said, "Does that have anything to do with us [DMEA]?" Blackwell said, "It's not associated with us. We don't know. We can only guess."

**Executive Session**

-Privileged Interim CEO Report including a Strategic Plan Review

-Privileged Legal Reports: Corporate, Litigation, and Regulatory Matters

-Cyber-Security Consultant Report

**Executive Session Summary** –Amy Taylor, Executive Assistant.

In an email Taylor summarized the executive session:

"At 4:47 p.m. the board entered executive session to: (1) receive a privileged interim CEO report containing confidential information including a review of the strategy plan; (2) receive a privileged legal report concerning corporate, litigation, and regulatory matters; and (3) receive a cyber-security plan update.

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At 5:02 p.m. the board unanimously exited executive session to participate in the rate hearing.

President Martinez opened the rate hearing. There were no written member comments presented prior to the meeting nor were there any members present for verbal comments at the meeting.

The rate hearing addressed proposed updates to tariff 13 (net metering) and tariff 4 (industrial-distribution voltage-12kV) and presented a new tariff 4A (industrial stand by-distribution voltage-12kV).

The updates to tariff 13 were primarily policy referencing clean-up and matching the monthly credit members receive to match the net metering policy to pay out at avoided costs which is determined annually. The update to tariff 4 was updating how monthly demand is calculated from using kVA to kW. The rate hearing was

closed at 5:07 p.m.

The board determined to table a vote on new tariff 4A (industrial stand by-distribution voltage-12kV) to a future meeting after discussion on verbiage clarification on co-generation, demand response for capacity generation, and qualifying facilities interconnection.

Upon motion from Director Fleming, seconded by Director Gray, the board unanimously approved the updates to tariff 13, net metering, as presented.

Upon motion from Director Cannon, seconded by Director Patterson, the board unanimously approved the updated to tariff 4, industrial-distribution voltage-12kV, as presented.

At 5:24 p.m. the board re-entered executive session to finish discussion on the aforementioned topics.

The board deferred any final decisions with respect to the strategic plan to a fu-

ture meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the board adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m."

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### “CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW RESPECTING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION, OR PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE THEREOF”

*Editor:*

Extremist politician? Lauren Boebert's promotion of Christian Nationalism and abolishment of the separation of church and state should give all god fearing Christians pause. The Constitution's First Amendment states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Wars have been fought over freedom of religion and many fled to this country because of religious persecution elsewhere. As a Christian I do not want a government run by the extreme religious right, the Catholic Church, the Church of Latter Day Saints or any other religion for that matter.

Ms. Boebert needs to focus on her job as a Congresswoman and quit making a fool of herself and Colorado in the process. We have another chance in November to elect a representative that will hopefully not be so focused on attacking everyone and everything and work for the concerns of District 3. I pray that we take that chance!

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## COLORADO RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES POSITION ON PROPOSITION 126, APPEARING ON THE STATE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER

*Special to the Mirror*

Denver, CO – The Colorado Restaurant Association (CRA) and its Board of Directors are pleased to announce support of Proposition 126 (Third-Party Delivery of Alcohol Beverages), which will appear on the State Ballot in November 2022. Proposition 126 benefits the Colorado restaurant industry by allowing third-party delivery companies to deliver alcohol directly to customers on behalf of restaurants and bars, driving additional, much-needed revenue to restaurants after two-plus long years of operational restrictions and billions in revenue losses. The CRA surveyed its members in July 2022 to gauge their interest in using third-party delivery companies to deliver to-go alcohol, and 75% of respondents said that they would utilize this allowance should Colorado voters pass the measure in November.

Most importantly, Proposition 126 secures the allowance of to-go alcohol sales for restaurants and bars in perpetuity. “We have lobbied fiercely for this allowance since the onset of the pandemic in early 2020 and were thrilled when alcohol to go legislation was signed into law in 2021,” says Sonia Riggs, President and CEO of the CRA. “Now, after two-plus years of pandemic-related hardship, continued labor shortages, skyrocketing inflation and fuel prices, and supply chain disruptions, permanently securing alcohol to go for restaurants and bars cannot come at a better time.”

Daniel Ramirez, CRA Board of Directors Chairman Elect and co-owner of Los Dos Potrillos restaurants, is just one local operator excited about the possibility of utilizing third-party delivery for to-go alcohol

sales. “At the beginning of the pandemic, alcohol to go really helped our business through additional sales, but it also allowed us to provide for our customers where they were: in their homes. If third-party delivery companies can deliver alcohol with our food, that helps us continue providing deeper hospitality to our customers who wish to have their food delivered.”

Ryan Fletter, owner of Barolo Grill, agrees: “Barolo is a sommelier-driven hospitality business and extending alcohol to go allows us to continue curating our guests’ experience when they leave our four walls. It’s a win-win for our restaurant and our guests.” Please feel free to reach out with any questions or for further comment from the CRA or area operators.



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## TOUR NEW POLICE FACILITY DURING OPEN HOUSE SERIES

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE — Residents of Montrose and the surrounding region are invited to attend the grand opening of the Montrose Public Safety Complex, MPSC, located in downtown Montrose on the city’s civic campus at 434 South First Street. The grand opening ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Noon, and there will also be a series of open houses in the days following the grand opening ceremony, during which the public can tour the facility.

Open house dates are listed below:

- Sept. 27, 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. Open House
- Sept. 28th, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. Open House
- Sept. 28, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Open House
- Sept. 29, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Open House
- Oct. 1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Open House



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### ALWAYS USE CAUTION WHEN APPROACHING RAIL CROSSINGS

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COLORADO-The Colorado Department of Transportation reminds motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists to always use caution when approaching rail crossings. Last year there were 25 traffic crashes involving trains in Colorado, resulting in 11 injuries and two deaths. CDOT has created videos that provide warnings about crossing railroad tracks where there may not be gates or signals, known as passive crossings. Such crossings are common in rural areas of the state. Every year in North America, 2,100 people are killed or seriously injured around tracks and trains — often at at-grade crossings.

“Safety at railroad grade crossings is a

critical issue that we must address through improvements in signals and by reinforcing the need for all travelers to be extremely careful at train tracks,” said Darrell Lingk, Director of the Highway Safety Office at CDOT. CDOT urges motorists to follow these tips to stay safe at railroad crossings:-When approaching a railroad crossing, slow down, look and listen for a train on the tracks, especially at passive crossings where there are no gates or warning signals.- Look carefully in both directions before crossing a rail track, even during the day-Do not rely on past experience to guess when a train is coming. Trains can travel from either direction at any time.- Never race a train. It is easy

to misjudge a train’s speed and distance from a crossing.-Before entering a railroad crossing, check that there is enough room on the other side of the tracks for your vehicle to cross completely and safely. Be aware that you may need to cross multiple sets of tracks at some railroad crossings. - Never stop on railroad tracks. Keep moving once you have entered the crossing. To avoid a vehicle stalling, never shift gears on the tracks.- If your vehicle stalls on a railroad track, quickly move away from the track and your vehicle at a 45-degree angle to prevent being hit by debris. Call the phone number on the Emergency Notification System sign or, if the sign is not visible to you, dial 911 for help.



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## OVERNIGHT ALTERNATING TRAFFIC COMING UP ON THE WESTBOUND I-70 EISENHOWER-JOHNSON MEMORIAL TUNNEL

*Special to the Mirror*

CLEAR CREEK/SUMMIT COUNTIES - As part of a project to repair the tunnel walls, the westbound bore of the I-70 Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnel (EJMT) will be closed for several nights over a four-week period beginning Sunday, Sept. 25, with alternating traffic in the eastbound tunnel.

For motorist safety, overnight full-bore closures on westbound I-70 are necessary to reset the panels that have been displaced. A large forklift will move the panels and this equipment requires the entire two-lane width of the tunnel to maneuver safely.

**Closure Details:**

The westbound I-70 EJMT tunnel will be fully closed to traffic from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights for four weeks, beginning Sunday night, Sept. 25. There will be no more closures past Oct. 20 before the first of ski season openers.

Westbound and eastbound I-70 traffic will be stopped at the tunnel and one direction of traffic will be taken at a time through the eastbound bore.

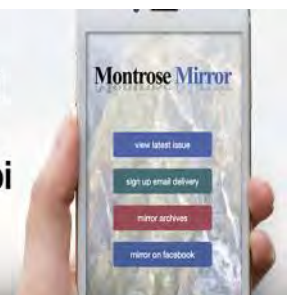
Traffic will be led by a pilot car to ensure the safety of the traveling public. Motorists should expect reduced speeds and travel delays. There will be about 15 to 20 -minute delays from 11 p.m. to midnight and minor delays afterward.

The closure schedule could change depending on the weather and other factors. Check [COtrip.org](http://COtrip.org) for the latest information on closures and road conditions.

**Project Details:**

The grout repair project is replacing and repairing grout beds that support the interior wall panels in the EJMT westbound tunnel and is repairing steel hangars (brackets that hold the wall panels in place) throughout the tunnel. The estimated construction completion date is November 2022. [See project background video here.](#)

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## BACK TO THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL FIELD TRIP OCT. 2

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DELTA-The public is invited to attend the Back to the Old Spanish Trail field trip on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9am to noon. Transportation will be provided by the Interpretive Association of Western Colorado (IAWC). Please plan to meet at Fort Uncompahgre no later than 9 am and return no later than noon. We will be using a school Bus, so seating is limited to the first 46 folks who sign up. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water. RSVP is required please call 970 874-8349.



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## DEER HUNTERS SHOULD WATCH MAILBOX FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE MANDATORY TESTING LETTER

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DENVER – Colorado Parks and Wildlife has selected specific deer hunts for mandatory chronic wasting disease testing in 2022 to inform how and where to fight the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease. Beginning in early October, CPW will be sending letters to Colorado rifle season deer hunters who have been selected for mandatory CWD testing. CPW will require mandatory submission of CWD test samples (heads) from all deer harvested during rifle seasons from specific game management units to better evaluate the infection levels of CWD in herds. There will be no charge for mandatory testing. Find the hunt codes selected for mandatory testing of deer on pages 21-31 of the [2022 Colorado Big Game Brochure](#).

### CWD testing locations

A complete list of CWD testing submission sites along with hours and locations can be found here: [CWD Testing and Submission Information](#). CPW is continuing the use of temporary CWD submission sites to assist those who are hunting in remote locations.

### Where has CWD been found?

The results of annual mandatory testing are yielding new insights into varying infection levels in deer herds [throughout Colorado](#). As of April 2022, CWD has been detected in 40 of 54 deer herds, 17 of 42 elk herds, and 2 of 9 moose herds. The estimated proportion of sampled animals that are infected (or disease “prevalence”) appears to be rising in many Colorado herds. [Click here to read the 2021 Chronic Wasting Disease Commission Update](#)

### What is CPW doing to address CWD?

CPW is working to ensure long-term health of deer, elk and moose herds. Over time, this means minimizing the number of animals that get infected and die from this disease. To date, management actions have been prescribed for half of Colorado’s 54 deer herds with the goal of reducing infection levels to below 5%. More information about our plan to manage CWD is available in the [Colorado Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan](#).

### What are the health risks to humans?

CWD is a prion disease that affects Colorado’s deer, elk and moose. The disease course generally lasts 2 - 3 years and is always fatal. Although there has been no evidence that CWD has yet been transmitted to humans, the Center for Disease Control, along with CPW, recommend that hunters not eat the meat of a CWD-infected animal.

# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## DELTA COUNTY'S 2022 LAND USE CODE UPDATE

### *Special to the Mirror*

DELTA— Following multiple Work Sessions with the Board, Planning Commission, and stakeholders, Delta County has released a public draft of the 2022 Land Use Code (LUC) Update. The purpose of this update is to clean up the LUC based on how it has been implemented since January 2021, when the LUC was first adopted. Some notable changes include:

- Changing the Urban Growth Area zoning designation to an overlay to apply where higher density and/or mixed-use development can occur.
- Adding Residential 2.5-acre (RES-2.5) and Residential 1.0-acre (RES-1.0) designations to apply where a smaller lot subdivision is appropriate.
- Clarifying terminology and process for Subdivisions, Allowed Uses and Permitted

### Uses.

- Providing an Administrative review process for lots that do not meet the minimum lot size, provided they meet specific criteria.
  - Incorporating the procedural requirement of the Development Application Ordinance
  - Establishing standards for Renewable Energy Facilities
  - Establishing standards for Wireless Communication Facilities
- Public Hearings on the draft LUC will begin on October 12th. The public is encouraged to attend to provide comments or submit written comments to the Planning Department.
- A tentative schedule of public hearings has been set as follows:
- 10/12/2022; Planning Commission. Op-

- portunity for the public to provide/submit comments for consideration
  - 10/13/2022; Board of Adjustment. Make a recommendation to the Planning Commission.
  - 10/26/2022; Planning Commission. Consider all comments and provide direction to staff on a final draft LUC.
  - 11/16/2022; Planning Commission. Consider a certified draft to forward to the Board of County Commissioners.
  - 12/7/2022; Board of County Commissioners. Consider the certified draft as recommended by the Planning Commission.
- For information about the Draft Land Use Code, including a draft to review and public hearing schedule please visit our website at: <https://www.deltacounty.com/6/Planning-and-Community-Development>



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## SECRETARY OF STATE JENA GRISWOLD ANNOUNCES WINNER OF "I VOTED" DIGITAL STICKER DESIGN CONTEST

*Special to the Mirror*

COLORADO-Secretary of State Jena Griswold announced that Holy Family High School senior Matthew H. is the winner of Colorado's first ever "I Voted" Digital Sticker Design Contest.

"Congratulations to Matthew for his amazing design!" said Secretary Griswold.

"Colorado voters have always worn their 'I Voted' stickers with pride, and now they'll be able to showcase them digitally after casting their ballot thanks to Matthew. My sincere gratitude to every Colorado high schooler who submitted a design for consideration."

"I was really excited to find out I won the I Voted Sticker Design contest, I put a lot of effort into this design and I'm so glad people like it," said Matthew, who hopes to pursue graphic design in college. "Art is meant to be

beautiful, and I just hope that when people see the design it makes their day a little bit better."

Matthew's design features a Colorado-flag inspired sun setting over twin peaks in the western sky. Below the mountain landscape are the words "I Voted" on top of alternating red and white stripes. The mountains were loosely inspired by mountains Matthew sees from his community, and he chose a muted color palette inspired by the Colorado flag to create a warm feeling in the design.

The new digital sticker designed by Matthew will be sent to voters via BallotTrax once they have voted in the upcoming General Election. It will also be featured on the Secretary of State's website, media channels, press releases, and as part of a digital effort to encourage people to vote across the state.

Matthew will also be able to see the sticker's use first-hand. The 2022 General Election in Colorado will be the first election in which he is eligible to vote – when asked if he plans to vote, he said, "Yes, I do, because I want to be an active member of my community, and I don't want to be afraid to use my voice for what I believe in."

BallotTrax enables voters to receive notifications by phone, email, or text about the status of their mail ballot, from the time it is mailed to the voter, to when it is received, and counted. Colorado voters can enroll themselves in BallotTrax by visiting [www.GoVoteColorado.gov](http://www.GoVoteColorado.gov) and clicking on "Sign up for BallotTrax."



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# Annual Holiday Crafts & Bazaar

**FRIDAY, NOV. 4TH  
9:30AM TO 6PM**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 5TH  
9AM TO 4PM**

**MONTROSE COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS  
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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## CHILDRENFIRST PRESENTS FILM OCT. 11 AT ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—"What is happening in schools today? Whose Children Are They," film at All Saints Anglican Church, 6:30pm. 2057 South Townsend Ave. Adult viewers only recommended. Presented by ChildrenFirst, No charge. Child care provided.

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# What Are the Benefits to Senior Living?

1. Boredom Buster!
2. Help When You Need It
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4. Safety and Security
5. Healthier Lifestyle
6. Focus on Independence

Each of our senior living care communities and programs are designed to provide optimal opportunities for every resident or participant to have the ability to live the life that makes them the happiest.

We are available to discuss options and recommend which services would be a good fit for you or a loved one!

**Home Health of Western Colorado**  
**The Homestead at Montrose**  
**Valley Manor Care Center**  
**Horizons Care Center**  
**Senior Community Meals**  
**Senior Community Care PACE**  
**AdvantAge Health Resource Center**



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The background of the entire page is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in detail.

# **Veterans Appreciation Taco Bar**

**September 30th**

**4:00 p.m – 8:00 p.m**

**Montrose Elks 1053  
801 S Hillcrest Dr  
Montrose CO**

**Please RSVP to**

**970-249-4852 by**

**September 26th in order  
for us to plan for food.**



# Local Immunization Providers

## PEAK PROFESSIONALS

1550 Niagara Road Montrose  
(970) 497-4921  
peakpros.org

## PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES

947 South Fifth Street Montrose  
(970) 249-2421 **VFC PROVIDER**  
thepediatricassociates.com

## NORTHSIDE HEALTH CENTER

528 North Uncompahgre Ave Montrose  
(970) 240-6438 **VFC PROVIDER**  
pfb.com/northsidechildhealthcenter

## CEDAR POINT HEALTH

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

## BASIN CLINIC

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

## UNCOMPAHGRE MEDICAL CENTER

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

## DELTA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

255 West Sixth Street Delta  
(970) 874-2165 **VFC PROVIDER**  
deltacounty.com/8/personal-health-services

## RIVER VALLEY FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS

1010 Rio Grande Montrose  
(970) 497-3333  
308 Main Street Olathe  
(970) 323-6141  
rivervalleyfhc.com  
**340B PARTICIPANT & VFC PROVIDER (FQHC)**

## THE PIC PLACE

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## MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

510 29 1/2 Rd Grand Junction  
(970) 248-6900 **VFC PROVIDER**  
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## 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).

## 340b

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.

**CITY MARKET SOUTH**

16400 South Townsend Ave Montrose  
(970) 240-1994 **340B PARTICIPANT**  
Register Online

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

**WALGREENS**

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

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

**CVS (IN TARGET)**

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

Flu	MMR
Hep A	Tdap
Hep B	Varicella
Hep A/Hep B	Pnemococcal
HPV	Meningooccal
Shingles	Hep A/Hep B
Typhoid	Japanese Encephalitis
Polio, adult	COVID-19 (Pfizer & JJ)

**CITY MARKET NORTH**

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

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

**SAFeway**

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

Flu	Shingles
Pneumonia	Tetanus
HPV	Pertussis
MMR	Meningitis
Hep A	Hep B
	COVID-19

**WALMART**

16750 South Townsend Ave Montrose  
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Walk-in's welcome

Flu	Hep A & Hep B
Shingles	IPV
Tdap	Varicella
Td	Pneumococcal
MMR	Meningococcal
	COVID-19 (Moderna & JJ)

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Flu	Pneumonia
Shingles	Tdap



Please note that this list is not exhaustive and is not an endorsement of any pharmacy or provider. Visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines) for the latest recommendations. Please contact your Pharmacy or Provider to confirm availability of vaccines. Montrose County Public Health will not provide immunizations after June 30th, 2020. Last Updated 7-25-2022.

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**\$14,312**

**PROGRESSIVE GAME #6**  
**WIN THIS JACKPOT BY REACHING BINGO**  
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**Tues Sept 27th, 2022**

**Progressive Game**  
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**in 37 #s or less**

**Progressive Game #4**  
**\$1,199 "Must Go"**  
**Awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> Person**  
**that reaches Bingo**

**\$10 Bingo Packs**  
**Doors Open at 4:00 PM**  
**Games Start at 6:30 PM**  
**Open to the Public**  
**Limited Seating**

*Josh and Von*  
*Present:*  
**Pulled Pork**  
**Sandwich**

**Full Bar**  
**Drink Specials**



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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS



ARTIST RENDERING



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Learn more at [MontroseHealth.com/ACC](https://MontroseHealth.com/ACC)

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[MontroseHealth.com](https://MontroseHealth.com)



## “LEAF-PEEPING” SEASON IN COLORADO IS PEAKING; RECREATE RESPONSIBLY

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER – As the aspen trees start to change colors, Colorado’s vibrant “leaf-peeping” season is kicking into high gear. While the stunning display of fall foliage is worthy of the annual crowds drawn to the state’s most scenic trails and parks, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) reminds people searching for autumn gold to peep responsibly and balance recreation with mindful conservation.

“It’s one of the busiest times of the year at our park, as we head into peak leaf-peeping season,” said Bronwyn Phillips, administrative assistant at Golden Gate Canyon State Park. “We ask that people plan ahead, watch out for people and wildlife crossing slowly on roads and park in designated parking areas to avoid damaging vegetation.”

When heading out to the vast outdoors to find the perfect scenic view this fall, it’s important to practice the Care for Colorado — Leave No Trace principles to keep our landscapes colorful and clean.

### Know Before You Go

To help prepare for a more enjoyable outdoor experience, check the weather and foliage conditions for where you plan to visit.

If the parking area is full, move on to the next designated parking area.

Use the CPW Park Finder to explore Colorado’s 43 state parks and visit the park’s individual web page to learn about any possible park or trail closures.

Have a backup plan in case your desired trailhead, park or location is crowded or closed.

### Stick To Trails

While it’s tempting to find a new and unique spot to photograph, or to move to areas with fewer people, it’s important for our plants, trails and visitors that you stay on the trail.

Help natural areas stay natural by sticking to designated trails.

Avoid trails closed for maintenance, vegetation projects or wildlife reasons. We all love our flora and fauna, so let’s keep them healthy for future generations.

### Leave It As You Find It

In this busy season, it’s especially important to park in designated areas — undesignated parking destroys vegetation and encourages those coming up behind you to continue the trend.

Leave plants, acorns, leaves, rocks and historical items as you find them so others can experience the same joy of discovery.

# COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

## JOHN MERRITT KING *May 7, 1960-September 17, 2022*

JOHN MERRITT KING of Montrose, CO passed away on September 17, 2022, in Montrose, CO. John was born in Montrose to Dwain and Marilyn King on May 7, 1960. He graduated from Olathe High School in 1978 and completed a course at the Delta-Montrose Voc-Tech in Diesel Mechanics. He grew up and enjoyed working on the family farm until it was sold. After the sale of the farm, he worked for local farm implement dealerships as a mechanic and for WAPA (Western Area Power Administration) as a mechanic. As a teenager, John was diagnosed with Diabetes and battled it for many years, and that eventually led to kidney failure. He was placed on a transplant list and was able to receive a kidney/pancreas transplant. John recovered well and was able to go back to

work and once again do the things he loved to do. John loved fishing, hunting (especially bird hunting), and enjoyed spending time in the mountains. His friends and family have many great memories of bird hunting on the family farm and hunting deer and elk up in Little Cimarron. In his younger years, John was very involved in raising many different types of birds, mainly pheasants. In addition to raising birds, he also became skilled in Avian Taxidermy.

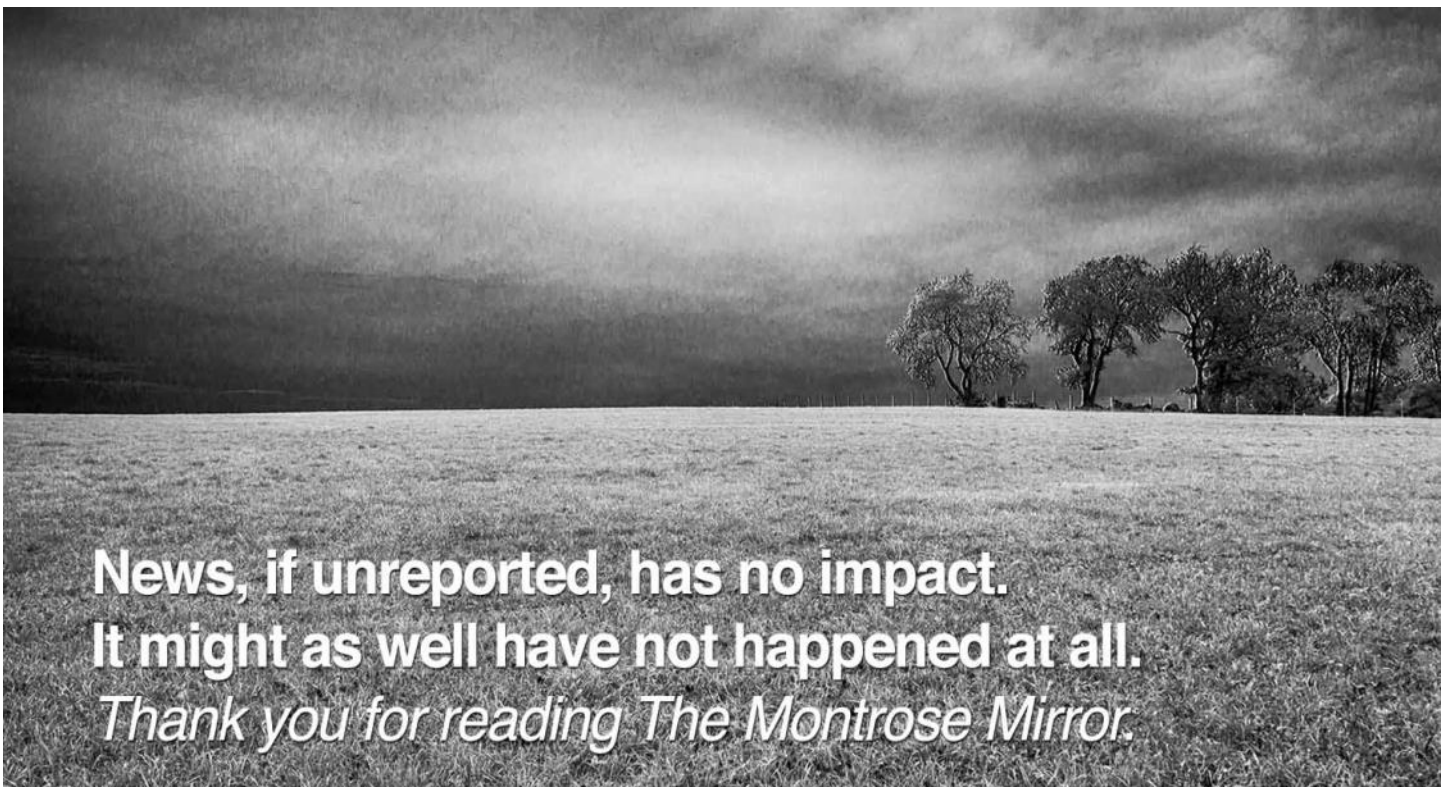
He is preceded in death by his mother, Marilyn King. He is survived by his father, Dwain King, brothers Tom King and Scott (Susanne) King. Nieces and nephews, Samantha Alsobrook, Levi Alsobrook, Kaylee (Steve) Vanden Hoek, Stephanie (Peter) Vanden Hoek, Brandon (Marietta) King, great nieces and neph-

ews, Coralee, Jaina, Sarah, Micah, Marcus, Delaney, and Zane Vanden Hoek, Aland Stroud,



and Makayla and Joseph Spangenberg. He will be greatly missed!

Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 10:00 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1521 S. Hillcrest Dr, Montrose, CO. Arrangements under the care of Crippin Funeral Home. (970) 249-2121



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It might as well have not happened at all.  
*Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.***

## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

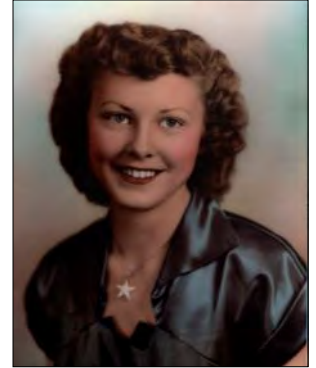
### BETTY J. ELLIS (IVES)(MARAHA) *October 13, 1934-September 15, 2022*

BETTY J. ELLIS (IVES)(MARAHA), age 87 passed away September 15, 2022 at her home comfortably in Montrose, Colorado. Betty was born at her grandparent's home (Fred and Arta Cole-Deceased), on Smith Street in Fort Collins, Colorado on October 13, 1934. Her parents (Maryann Cole and Allen Ives- Deceased) were from Sundance, Wyoming. The family later relocated to Eckert Colorado where she met and later married Dale (Mike) Marah (Deceased) on October 21, 1951 and had three beautiful children from this union.

Betty married George Ellis (Deceased) in 1977 who was a skilled mechanic and a wonderful handy man. They shared a dog together named Crissy (Deceased) who left a paw mark on their hearts. He loved and appreciated Betty's three children and was immensely proud of their accomplishments. He dearly loved his granddaughter, Erin Marah, who he

fondly called "The Kid." Betty and George were married for 26 long beautiful years before his passing in 2001.

We all miss him and his laughter. Betty spent many of her years working at Palomar Community College, in San Marcos, California, in the childcare center, where she touched the lives of so many parents, friends, and co-workers. Betty retired in 2000 and in 2017 moved back to her home state of Colorado to be closer to her children. Betty is survived in death by her three children, Kevin D. Marah (Spouse Ellen Traver) of Montrose, Colorado, Deanna J. Marah (Son- Nicholas Pell and Granddaughter- Michelle Pell) of Montrose, Colorado, and Mark A. Marah (Daughter-Erin Marah and Grandson-Patrick Marah of Colorado Springs, Colorado. She is also survived by her brother Myron "Mike" Ives and family of Benton,



Kentucky. Cousins Cal Minard (Spouse- Rosina Minard) of San Diego, California, and Dr. Don Wilson (Spouse- Jeri Wilson) of Longmont, Colorado. Remembrances may be sent to her home or HopeWest Hospice in Montrose, Colorado. Betty has touched the lives and brought smiles to whomever she came in contact with, and it was her wish that there be no services at this time. Arrangements under the care of Crippin Funeral Home, Montrose, (970) 249-2121

### LORRAINE "MARTI" HAHN

### *February 27, 1946-September 21, 2022*



LORRAINE "MARTI" HAHN passed away on September 21, 2022 in Montrose, CO surrounded by her family. Lorraine was born in Queens, NY on February 27, 1946.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents Martin Martinson and Lorraine Martinson and her beloved husband Bernard Hahn. She is finally rejoining the love of her life, Bernard Hahn, who passed in 2000. She will be remembered for all her acts of kindness. She had the biggest heart and shared that with everyone, including her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and coworkers. She cherished spending time with her kids and grandkids. She is survived by her siblings Eileen, Jim

(Michelle), Pat, and Judy, along with her sons Mike (Kim) and Joe (Truddie). She has four grandchildren; Madison, Skye, Spencer, and Logan, and her loyal dog Poco. She enjoyed helping her children and grandchildren with school and religious education classes. She was a special woman and was their teacher, friend, mom, and grandma. She loved to travel from a simple day trip to longer excursions. She always enjoyed planning a good party and found every opportunity or holiday to do so.

She had a love for learning and teaching. She loved reading books. She acquired a Bachelor's Degree in Artificial Intelligence and a Master's Degree in Computer Science.

She was always a big part of the church community by lecturing at church, teaching religious education classes, and attending bible study groups as part of St.

Mary's Catholic Church. However, her true joy was helping the community. Once moving to Montrose in 2017, she donated her time to the CASA program and with The Shephard's Hand by coordinating daily delivery of meals to the less fortunate.

A visitation will be held at Crippin Funeral Home and Crematory on Thursday, September 29th from 4-6 p.m. Memorial Services will be held on Friday September 30th at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. A light breakfast will be served following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to The Shephard's Hand (505 South Second Street Montrose, CO) or Young at Heart (Senior Pet adoption) (4301 IL-47 Woodstock, IL 60098).

Arrangements are in the care of Crippin Funeral Home, (970) 249-2121



## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

# CATHERINE LOUISE “KITTY” GEESING

## *July 28, 1938- September 16, 2022*

CATHERINE LOUISE “KITTY” GEESING of Montrose died peacefully at Valley Manor Care Center on September 16, 2022; she was 84.

Kitty was born July 28, 1938, in Montrose to Bernard and Lucile (Morris) Tripler. She spent her childhood in Montrose and Grand Junction, CO, graduating from Grand Junction High School with the class of 1956.

Kitty met the love of her life, John Geesing when he was playing for the Grand Junction Eagles semi-pro baseball team. They were married January 26, 1957, eventually settling in Delta where they raised their family of four beloved children. After living in Delta for over 30 years, they moved to Basalt, CO in 1990, then returned to Delta in 1999 before making their home in Montrose, where they could be close to their children and many of their grandchildren.

Kitty spent her life loving and caring for others, with a special place in her heart for babies, and children of all ages. She taught kindergarten for several years at the school she opened in the early 60’s, located next to their family home in the “little log cabin.” She later spent many years working for Garnet Mesa Elementary as a teacher’s assistant, then school secretary. The highlight of her days was being able to spend time with the kids,

assisting them in whatever they needed, from a band-aid to a hug, and everything in between.

Kitty was a long-time member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Delta. She volunteered at Salvation Army in Delta and Christ’s Kitchen in Montrose after her retirement. Always ready with an open heart and helping hands, she was willing to help wherever she could.

Some of her favorite past-times were spending time with family and friends, golfing, cheering for the Denver Broncos and Colorado Rockies, and anything outdoors – camping, fishing, boating, riding ATV,s, travelling and sight-seeing. Most of all, she loved watching her kids in all their sporting events and activities through the years; and later her grandkids and great grandkids. She was a regular at all their activities, and in later years came to be known to many as “Grandma Kitty.”

Kitty’s priority was always her family, who she devoted her life to without reserve. Her “never give up” positive attitude – friendly smile - fun loving sense of humor - and her kind, generous spirit will never be forgotten.

Surviving family members include daughter and son-in-law Tammy & Mike Henderson, son Randy Geesing, son and daughter-in-law Craig & Janet Geesing,

and son-in-law Chuck Madison, all of Montrose. She is also survived by brother John Tripler of Grand Junction, as well as eleven

grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. Kitty was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, John Geesing, beloved daughter Kimberly Madison, parents Bernard & Lucile Tripler, brother Bernard “Shorty” Tripler, and niece Heather Tripler.

The vigil and celebration of Kitty’s life will be held at Crippin Funeral Home on Monday, September 26th at 6:30 pm. The funeral mass will be on Tuesday, September 27th at 10 am at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, followed by the burial at Grand View Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made In Memory of Kitty Geesing to The Dolphin House Child Advocacy Center, 735 South First Street, Montrose CO 81401.



## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### CHARLES DUANE MCMURDY

*December 26, 1939 ~ September 13, 2022*



CHARLES DUANE MCMURDY passed away on September 13th, 2022 at the age of 82. Charles was

born December 26th, 1939 in Haigler, Nebraska to Delia Velma Williams and Charles Clyde McMurdy. He was known as Duane to his family and friends. He grew up in western Nebraska and eastern Colorado where his family were farmers. In April 1962 Charles and his parents moved to a farm on East Mesa in Olathe.

Charles married the love of his life, Eve Mae Ballard, on September 21st, 1963 at First Baptist Church in Olathe, Colorado. To this union three children were born: Angela Valentine, Larry McMurdy, and Sherrie McMurdy. With his marriage to Eve he also gained eight brothers and sisters-in-law.

Charles loved spending time with his family and looked forward to holidays and special events when the family got together.

Charles worked the farm in Olathe with his parents and then, when his children were old enough, with his children. In 1962 he also began working at the sawmill in Montrose and quickly worked up to being the sawyer and millwright. He often worked the night shift at the sawmill and then farmed during the day. He worked in sawmills in Montrose and Hotchkiss for ten years. In the early 1970s the family increased the size of their farm and Charles quit the sawmill to focus on farming.

With the help of his family, Charles farmed as many as 500 acres of his own

and rented property around Olathe.

Charles enjoyed working with his family. He retired from farming in 2014. In the early 1980s he became a real estate broker in Olathe with All Area Realty. He sold real estate until he fully retired from the office in 2007, but kept his license.

Charles was a member of the Olathe Baptist Church for many years and served as a Deacon for a number of years in the 1970s and early 1980s.

Charles enjoyed both watching and playing sports. In his younger years he played softball and basketball on local teams. In later years he was on a bowling league.

Charles was an active member of the community and gave hundreds of hours a year volunteering with different organizations.

Charles joined the Montrose County Sheriff's Posse in the 1970s and was still an active member at the time of his death. He held numerous offices with the Sheriff's Posse, including several stints as President. When he first joined the Posse, the members often rode with the deputies and Charles spent many evenings riding with them. He was always ready to respond to calls for help with search and rescue or security for the Montrose County Fair or other activities. There were many times he was out most of the night with the Posse and then worked all day on the farm. He received numerous awards for outstanding service to the Posse. In 1990 he received the Public Safety Award for Excellence from the Montrose County Chamber of Commerce. He also served as the east end posse representative with the West End Posse for many years.

Charles began volunteering with the Olathe Fire Department in the early 1980s and served for over 20 years.

Charles' love of fishing and hunting led

him to share his knowledge as a Hunter's Education instructor with Colorado Parks and Wildlife. He often had former students come up to him and tell him how much they enjoyed his class. At his retirement from teaching in 2018 he was recognized for teaching nearly 95 classes and nearly 3,000 students in his more than 30 years of teaching.

Charles became a member of the board of the Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel County Farm Bureau in the early 1980s and was still an active member at his death. He served as president several times. He earned the top member recruiter award for the Colorado Farm Bureau in 2012, 2015, 2018, and 2019. In 2013 he received the Colorado Farm Bureau Service to Agriculture Award.

Over the years Charles served on a number of other local and state boards and committees including the Montrose County Planning Committee, Shavano Soil Conservation District Board, DMEA Board, Montrose School District School Accountability Committee, and the Colorado Corn Board.

Charles is survived by his wife of 58 years, Eve Mae McMurdy, daughters Sherrie McMurdy and Angela (Kevin) Valentine, son Larry McMurdy, grandchildren Amber and Deven, granddog Honey, and brother and sisters-in-law Sonya Ballard, Manual (Kathy) Ballard, Pam Ballard, Isaac (June) Ballard, (Bill) Sarah Washington, Paul (Melody) Ballard, and (Lonny) Esther Cain. He was preceded in death by his parents, mother-in-law Edna Mae Ballard, and brothers-in-law Adam Ballard, Nathael Ballard, and John Ballard. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Taylor Funeral Service and Crematory. View the internet obituary and sign the online guest registry at [taylorfuneralservice.com](http://taylorfuneralservice.com)

## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

# CHARLES RICHARD "DICK" BERARDI

*December 30, 1937 ~ September 11, 2022*

CHARLES RICHARD BERARDI passed away Sunday, September 11, 2022 at his residence in Cedaredge, CO. Dick, as many knew him, was 84 years old.

Dick was born on December 30, 1937 to Evaline (nee Souply) and Charles Nicholas Berardi in Longmont, CO. Dick shared stories a plenty from his time at Boulder High School, from which he graduated in 1955. Education and learning were his passion so he continued his studies attending college in Greeley, CO, College of the Pacific in Stockton, CA, and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 1961.

On August 1, 1958, in Raton, NM, Dick married Bonnie Lorraine (nee Barbiero) of Hayden, CO. Dick and Bonnie met in Louisville, CO and would spend their years together in various parts of Colorado, Las Vegas, NV and Templeton, CA, eventually returning to Colorado in 1995 making Cedaredge their home for over 20 years.

Dick's career path spanned decades. Many had the honor of having Dick as their academic teacher, physical education teacher or as their sports coach at Baseline, Burke, Louisville, Sargent, Southern Hills, and Strasburg schools in Colorado, and Templeton schools in California. To this day, his former students share fond memories of their time with him during their school years. He made an incredible impact, never hesitating to help students find their way and see the wonderful things that life can bring. Alt-

hough he was and is admired by so many that came to know him, it was Dick's absolute gift to be a coach and teacher. His penchant for cooking afforded him many opportunities to own and co-own restaurants throughout Colorado and Paso Robles wine country in the Central Coast of California. He was no doubt a phenomenal cook, making his mark where his fans would travel miles for a hearty and delicious meal. It is no surprise that Dick enjoyed his everyday work, often teasing and joking with his staff, making every kitchen and dining room a place of joy and laughter. Dick often left the kitchen to visit with his customers, leaving a long trail of parmesan cheese or tomato sauce, letting anyone know where he had been. Each person that he interacted with would instantly become a lifelong friend, or become a part of his lasting memories which were included in his stories for many years.

When he wasn't working, he kept himself busy with a variety of hobbies such as woodworking and decoupage. Dick also enjoyed the great outdoors whether he was fishing, camping or partaking in picnics in the mountains, rain or shine, or near the ocean no matter the temperature. Dick was also an avid sports enthusiast. Though he was a junior and high school football and wrestling coach, those that knew him know that he was a Raiders football fan, especially during the Tom Flores years, and that he never shied away from colorful discussions



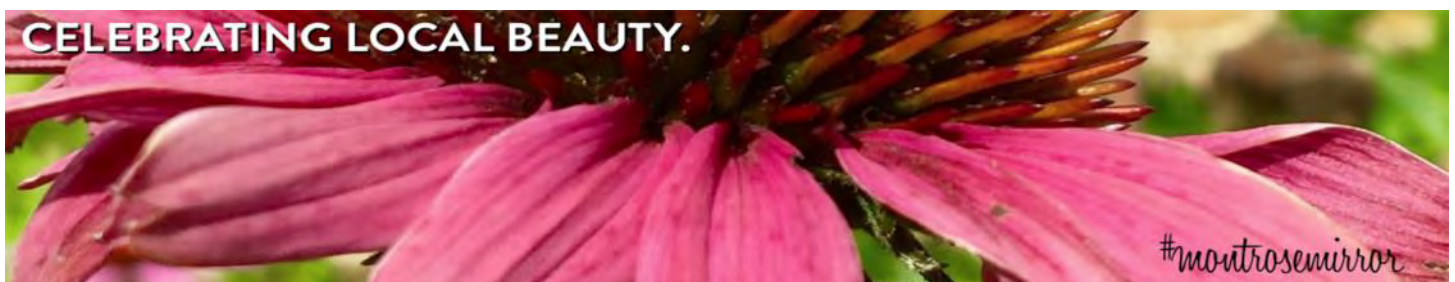
with Broncos fans.

Dick is survived by his children: three sons, Richard (Karen) Berardi of Lodi, CA, James Berardi of Lodi, CA and Timothy Berardi of Cedaredge, CO; four daughters, Tamara (Carlos Sanchez) Berardi of Lake Tahoe, CA, Marcella (Alex Landuyt) Berardi of Auburn, CA, Deborah (Robbert Wiss) of Lone Tree, CO, and Wendi Berardi of Centennial, CO; sister, Nancy Jean Bingham of Westminster, CO; and seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Dick is preceded in death by his parents, wife and two brothers; Roger Berardi and Denny Berardi.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Taylor Funeral Service and Crematory in Delta, CO. View the obituary and sign the online guest registry at [www.taylorfuneralservice.com](http://www.taylorfuneralservice.com).

Dick's Celebration of Life will be held in Boulder, CO at a later date to be determined.



## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### AUGUST GEORGE "AUGIE" NICOLAS

*Feb. 22, 1934-Sept. 17, 2022*

AUGUST GEORGE "AUGIE" NICOLAS, 88, of Montrose, a prominent rancher in Montrose and Gunnison Counties, died Sept. 17, 2022, in Grand Junction from complications following surgery.

Augie was born Feb. 22, 1934, in Price, Utah a son of Auguste Francois Nicholas and Sophie Prell.

Ranching was a huge part of his life. He began at an early age, after caring for his father when his father had a stroke. Augie ranched all his life.

Augie spent his childhood in Montrose and Cimarron and graduated from Montrose High School. He served with the Army National Guard during the Cuban Missile crisis, but otherwise lived and ranched in the Montrose area.

As was the case of many in his generation, Augie grew up fast. Neighbors remember seeing what looked like a pickup truck driving itself, when, in fact it was Augie, driving the vehicle as a child, sitting on a pillow. Even with the pillow he was barely able to see over the dash.

When he wasn't attending school, he was helping with chores and other projects on the family's ranch. In high school he spent his weekends checking sheep camps in Green River, Utah, leaving shortly after school ended and returning Sunday evenings in anticipation of school the next day.

Augie loved being outdoors—hunting and anything ranch related. He wasn't idle, ever, but worked hard and played hard.

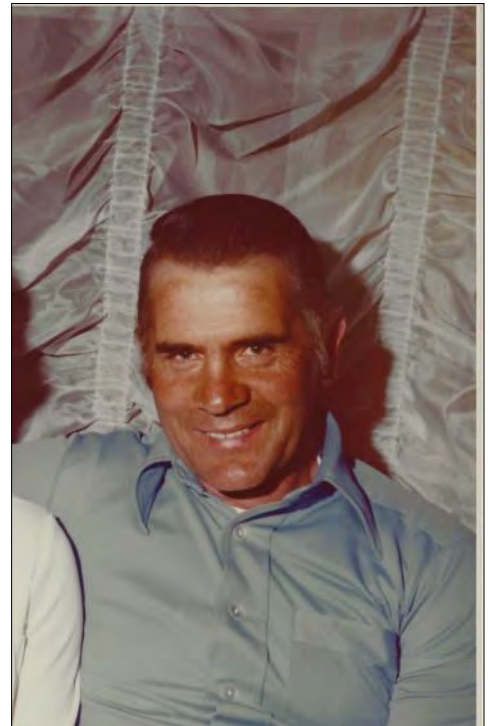
He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, the Colorado Wool Growers Association, and the Elks Lodge.

Because his free time was limited, Augie enjoyed it more than most people and was open to participating in mischief when the opportunity presented itself. On a return trip from a stock show in Denver, while in high school, he and a handful of fellow classmates, jumped out the back door of a school bus and spent the night in Gunnison. This stunt likely earned him extra chores but was a memory he would chuckle about from time to time.

Another time that allowed for less work and more play was when he was stationed at St. Lewis Military Base in Washington State. During this time, he attended the World's Fair, toured Victoria Island and enjoyed deep sea fishing.

Despite leading a busy life Augie enjoyed his time outdoors and attended family gatherings and social events was much as possible. His favorite phrase to start a conversation was "Well, what do you know?" and he liked making a fake, confused look (rolling his eyes, shrugging his shoulders and smiling) to make people laugh when a conversation became too heavy.

He has seven brothers and sisters, all of whom are deceased. They are Auguste Jr., who died as a toddler, Octave Nicolas, Paul Nicolas, Violette Crawford, Marguerite Owens, Jenny Peth and Aime Berry.



Surviving are Augie's wife, the former Sherry Lynn Drake, and a daughter, Claudette Ann Nicolas. Augie and Sherry Lynn were married June 3, 1961, in Montrose and this year observed their 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary. He was preceded in death by a son, Jason Brian Nicolas. He will be missed by many.

Donations in Augie's name may be made to Hope West Hospice, 725 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Montrose, or The Shepherd's Hand (meal delivery) P.O. Box 3854, Montrose, CO 81402.

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## BACKTRACK VOCALS TO PERFORM AT DELTA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

### Special to Art & Sol

DELTA-The Delta Montrose Community Concert Association is pleased to present the Mixed Five Piece A Cappella singing group Backtrack Vocals as the first concert of our 2022-2023 season. The concert is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 30, 2022 at 7 pm at the Delta Performing Arts Center, 822 Grand Avenue in Delta. Doors open at 6 pm.

Backtrack Vocals began its musical journey by launching a YouTube channel. Their unique music videos featured new arrangements of familiar songs. Their fresh sound transforms familiar pop, funk, Motown, and Broadway songs with all new vocal arrangements.

The evening's program will include many popular vocal medleys including some from the Temptations, songs from Mary Poppins, I'll Be There – Lean on Me Medley, as well as music from The Greatest Showman, Sweet Caroline and Walking on Sunshine. The variety of arrangements and music styles will delight and appeal to the young and the old and everyone in between. Single admission tickets will be



*Backtrack Vocals, above, began its musical journey by launching a YouTube channel. Their unique music videos featured new arrangements of familiar songs. Their fresh sound transforms familiar pop, funk, Motown, and Broadway songs with all new vocal arrangements. Courtesy photo.*

available at the door on the night of the performance, \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information, please

contact Bob 970-835-4480 or Connie 970-249-4308 or visit our website at [www.deltamontroseconcerts.com](http://www.deltamontroseconcerts.com).



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 Carole Ann McKelvey, Food Editor



**CRAVE MEXICAN? YOU JUST CAN'T BEAT EL JIMADOR**

By Carole Ann McKelvey

MONTROSE -- You know me, a Margarita connoisseur. Now, in Montrose we have many choices. Mexican food. It's just so yummy. But in my book you can't beat an evening indulging in say, a burrito, quesadilla, enchilada, with a Diablo margarita at El Jimador. It's a great family restaurant with authentic meals. Bring the kiddos! You choose the heat. I'm from New Mexico, but don't enjoy the very hot; this was tasty and not hot, unless you like it that way. My late friend Michael loved the heat, me not so much.

For the quality of food you get, here the prices are quite reasonable. I was in the other night and enjoyed a margarita, guacamole, and a quesadilla for dinner. Don't forget the flan or other dessert options.

You will find a menu full of options. Appetizers run from \$4.50 for a generous side of guacamole up to \$15.00 for a seafood appetizer; or get a combo appetizer with nachos, quesadillas, and chicken taquitos for \$12.75.

Try a dinner for two at \$35.35 for Ciera Mar y Tierra (carne asada, pollo asada and prawns prepared on a large platter for two



with sides of rice, beans, guacamole and sour cream); or there are Fajitas for two, \$32.75 (choice of meats/prawns, served sizzling to your table with bell peppers and onions plus the same sides as above and choice of tortillas.)

Meat dishes run from \$14.95-19.50 with many choices.

Chicken? Lots of dinners to choose from, \$14.50-15.75. There is even a dinner cooked Mexican style, Chicken Mexican Style.

Seafood: Next time I think I'm going to delve into the tastes of prawns sauteed with peppers and onions and covered with a special sauce, Charro Special (\$15.99).

The seafood dishes run from 13.99-15.99.

There are also many pork dishes to choose from. For example, from a pork green chile for \$9.95 to Chile Verde y Mas (pork chunks cooked in tomatillo sauce with your choice of an enchilada, tamale, burrito or chimichanga, \$14.25.)

There's a variety of fajitas on which to nibble, veggie from \$11.75 to a El Jimador combination fajita with meat, chicken and shrimp (\$16.95).

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### GETTING THE ORANGE OUT – OHIO ARTIST SHARES INSIGHTS WITH MINE SITE RESTORATION EXPERTS AT THE WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE



Above left John Sabraw, above right Ohio Sludge. Courtesy photos John Sabraw.

By Tanya Ishikawa

OURAY-The Uncompahgre River is typically a yellowish color due to high metal concentrations from the highly mineralized mountains and abandoned hard-rock mines upstream. This summer it ran deep orange several times due to the heavy rains that sent even more sediment flowing into the river between Ouray and Ridgway. Similarly, streams in southeastern Ohio run orange throughout the year due to acidic mine drainage from abandoned coal mines.

Artist and university professor John Sabraw turns the powdered iron minerals in Ohio into working paints, used in his art as well as distributed to artists around the world. Sabraw will give the keynote talk, "Pollution to Paint: Remediation as Entrepreneurial Endeavor," at the Wright Opera House in Ouray on Thursday, Sept. 29. As part of the Reconnect & Reboot meetup,

organized by the San Juan Mining & Reclamation Conference committee, he will share insights and answer questions about his process of turning pollution into paint, the benefits of having an artist's mind on a team, and why an artist is dealing with scientists anyway.

Describing the pollution problem he is seeking to alleviate, Sabraw explained, "In one local seep, over one million gallons per day of polluted water enters Sunday Creek. This water has a final pH below 2 and over 2,000 pounds of iron per day. It is like junking a car in the stream every day." His talk will be prefaced by short updates on mining and reclamation plans and policy issues in the San Juan Mountains, which face similar water quality problems from draining mines. The evening at the Wright includes a reception with exhibits and afternoon open houses at The Western hotel and Ouray Hydroelectric

Plan and is part of a two-day annual event organized by local watershed nonprofits.

On Friday, Sept. 30, event registrants will be exploring mine site restoration projects up Red Mountain Pass and Camp Bird Road. While most registrants are involved in restoration as consultants, suppliers, mining companies, universities, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies, the public is invited and welcome to attend and gain a better understanding of the economy and environment in southwest Colorado.

Pat Willits of the Trust for Land Restoration, a guide on one field trip, said, "I look forward to the San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference every year. I come for the presentations and the updates but stay for the conversation and the field trips. I used to think I was alone and the only one who cared about this kind of stuff. Now I've got friends and connections with diverse interests and backgrounds that I would never have had otherwise."

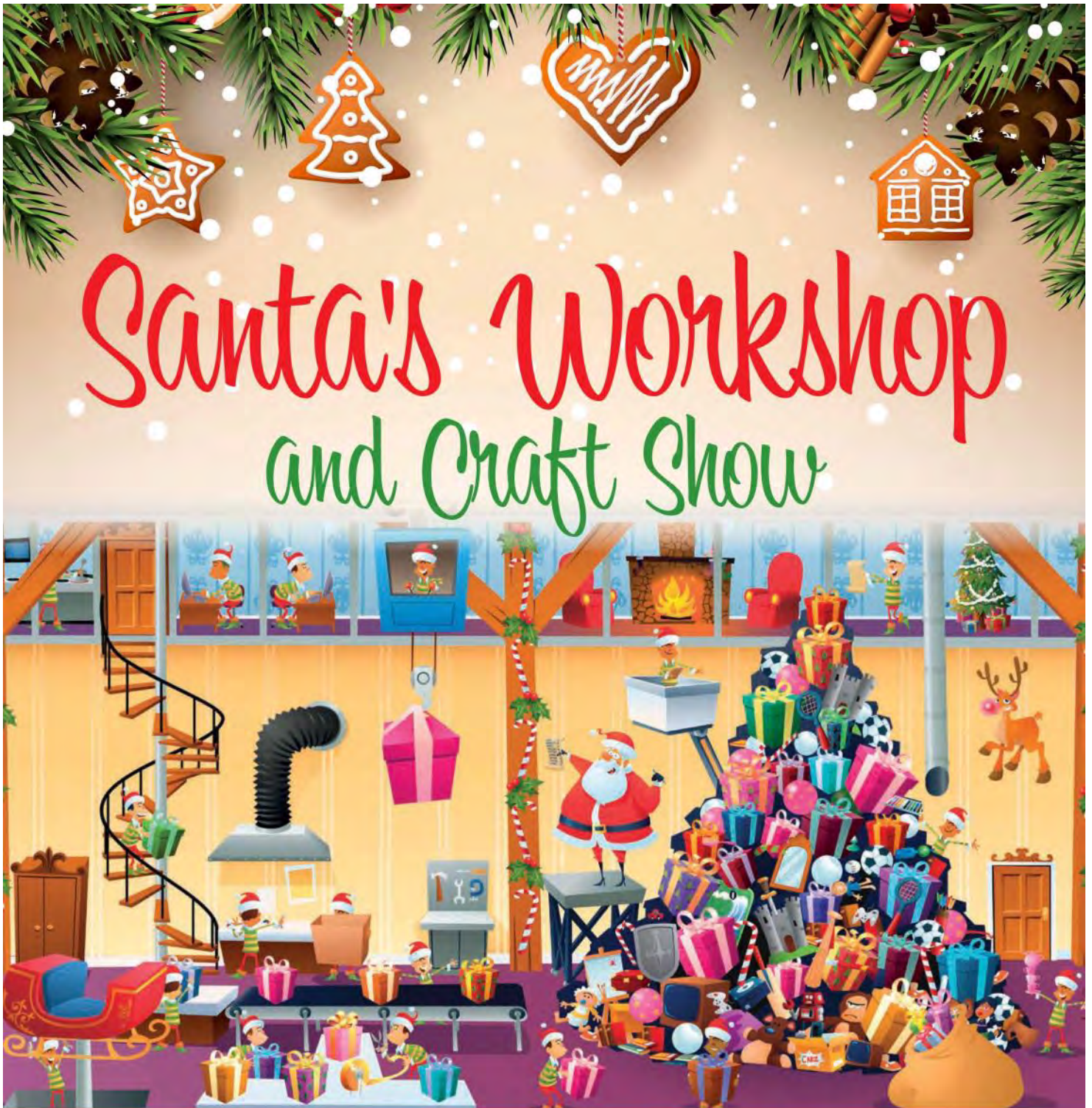
Reconnect & Reboot, Sept. 29 and 30, is the twelfth annual event organized by the San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference committee, including the [Mountain Studies Institute](#), [Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership](#), [San Miguel Watershed Coalition](#), and [Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety](#). The 2022 sponsors include Newmont, Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment, CDM Smith, Frank L. Massard Trust, Heritage Environmental Services, North Wind, HDR, NewFields, Rocky Mountain Bio Products, San Miguel Power Association, and Schnabel Engineering. For conference information, go to <http://www.mountainstudies.org/sjmrc/>.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## VOYAGER YOUTH PROGRAM AND OURAY COUNTY BASEBALL AWARDED FUNDS FROM CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-Youth around the Ridgway area will have more opportunities for personal development and team activities due to funds raised through the Ridgway Chamber Open on Sept. 8. The community event, supported through contributions from businesses and individuals from around the Uncompahgre Valley, resulted in the award of \$2,728 for Voyager Youth Program and \$1,000 for Ouray County Baseball.

“Thank you so much, chamber staff and board, for all your hard work in putting together the fundraiser and choosing us to partner with. We look forward to future collaboration with the chamber,” said Cat Geras of Voyager Youth Program.

TJ Burr of Ouray County Baseball added, “We really appreciate your support. These funds will go a long way in helping with some of our capital needs and expenses as our organization continues to grow. The youth in the county will greatly benefit.”

The Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce (RACC) brought back the golf open after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, to promote youth leadership as well as provide a business networking opportunity for the community. In addition to raising funds, the tournament at the Divide Ranch & Club awarded several players for outstanding performance. The tournament champions were the team from Montrose Ford Nissan. In addition to winning prizes, the team name will be engraved on two trophies donated by Billings Artworks, and displayed year round at the Divide and the Ridgway Visitor Center. The team named Wreckless Drivers from Ridgway, had tied scores with Montrose Ford Nissan but lost out in a tiebreaker calculation.



**Supported by contributions from businesses and individuals around the Uncompahgre Valley, the Ridgway Chamber open on Sept. 8 resulted in the award of \$2,728 for Voyager Youth Program and \$1,000 for Ouray County Baseball. Courtesy photo.**

Also awarded were Culley Winter and Tyler Piccard for the longest drives, and Erik Eckman and Felicia Discoe for closest to the pin competitions. Prizes were donated by Double G Guest Ranch & Lodge, Balance Integrative Medicine, Ridgway Adventure Sports, and Ridgway Office Supply.

Tournament sponsors included Colorado Boy Pub & Brewery, Aspen Tree Service, RIGS Fly Shop & Guide Service, Dickerson Construction Inc., Shamrock Foods, Alpine Bank, Hazel’s Housekeeping, Montrose Ford Nissan, Flower Motor Group, Becky and Charles Mueller, and Full Tilt Saloon. “I am grateful for both our sponsors and community members that supported and participated in the return of the Ridgway Area Chamber Golf Open. We are honored by the successes we were able to raise and contribute to the youth community,” RACC Executive Director Ashley Per-

kins.

In addition to raising funds for youth programs, the Ridgway Chamber supports the career development of local students through a Volunteer & Career Fair each spring.

The chamber also offers middle and high school students volunteer opportunities at the Ridgway Visitor Center.

The chamber is funded through memberships and 70% of the lodging tax from the Town of Ridgway, which are used for marketing such as the annual Visitors Guide, [ridgwaycolorado.com](http://ridgwaycolorado.com), and various tourism promotion initiatives including responsible tourism education and off-peak season tourism marketing. Through chamber programs, the town is part of the Colorado Creative Corridor, promoted on the state’s tourism website and advertising programs. To learn more about the chamber, go to <https://ridgwaycolorado.com/about>.



# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

## ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## 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](mailto:mncfirst@gmail.com), [www.montrosenazarenechurch.org](http://www.montrosenazarenechurch.org)

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

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**Address:** 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO. 81401  
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## HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Denomination affiliation:** United Church of Christ  
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**Office hours:** By appointment  
**Contact information:**

## MONTROSE MEDITATION CENTRE

The Meetings will be on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM at 602 N. Nevada in Montrose, 81401 at the Lions Park Community Center. Brought to you by Denis Hoin Darby, a Buddhist Zen Monk. Contact [Rev.Hoin.Darby@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.Hoin.Darby@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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](mailto:office@montroseumc.org), [montroseumc.org](http://montroseumc.org)

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

**Website:** [www.montroselutheran.org](http://www.montroselutheran.org)

**Email:** [montroselutheran@gmail.com](mailto:montroselutheran@gmail.com)

**Pastor:** Tim Onnen

**Worship:** Sundays at 9 AM  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:15 AM; Women's Bible Study Fridays at 9 AM. At Christ Lutheran Montrose you will

**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  
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**Pastor:** Jesse Mabanglo

**Worship Service times:** 9:30AM, Student Worship at 6PM. *We strive to encourage, challenge and support one another*

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**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

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

All Saints Anglican Church  
2057 S. Townsend Ave  
Sunday Holy Eucharist, 9 am  
The Rev Gary Way, Interim Priest  
[allsaintsanglicanmontrose.org](http://allsaintsanglicanmontrose.org)

find friendly people gathered in a welcoming environment being comforted and encouraged by the forgiveness and love of Jesus, and sharing that with one another.

We are a small congregation of seniors and middle-aged, sprinkled with young children and teenagers.

*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.

*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.*

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.

*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.*

# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

## 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](http://www.RosemontBaptist.org)  
 email: [office@rosemontbaptist.org](mailto: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](mailto:arlyn@spiritaware.org),  
[www.spiritaware.org](http://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](mailto:summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com)  
 website: [www.summitchurchmontrose.org](http://www.summitchurchmontrose.org)  
**Name of current Senior Pastor:** John De-

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

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

## VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

**Denomination Affiliation:** Independent Baptist  
**Address:** 2890 N Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401  
**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8am-12pm  
**Contact Information:** Phone (970) 249-6874;

email at [info@vbcmontrose.org](mailto:info@vbcmontrose.org); website: [vbcmontrose.org](http://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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# READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: ALTRUSA PARK



Last week, a reader in her 60's pulled vines and made two large piles of the vines taking over a mature bush at the City's Altrusa Park. She asked, "You can see the happy parts of the bush that were rescued. Why is the city allowing vines to strangle beautiful bushes in Altrusa Park?"

## WEST NILE VIRUS

### How do you get it?



Mosquitoes bite infected birds, then bite humans.

### Do you think you have it?



Only about 20% of people have symptoms, which are most often mild, flu-like complaints. Symptoms usually show up 2 - 14 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

Fewer than 1% of people get a serious illness that can be fatal.

If you develop severe headaches or confusion, contact your health care provider.

### How do you fight it?

#### Protect yourself



Use an effective insect repellent\*



Wear long sleeves, pants and socks in areas where mosquitoes are active.



Stay inside, or take steps to avoid mosquito bites at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus are most active.

#### Mosquito-proof your home

Drain standing water around your house often. Empty tires, cans, flowerpots, clogged gutters, rain barrels, toys and puddles.



Install or repair screens on windows and doors.



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\*Repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535 and some oil of lemon eucalyptus and para-menthane-diol products provide the best protection.





# SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

## ONGOING-

Schedule a \$10 **RIDGWAY TRUE GRIT WALKING TOUR**, named readers choice for best historic town tour by True West magazine. [evebeckerdoyle@icloud.com](mailto:evebeckerdoyle@icloud.com) Or Schedule a \$10 Ridgway walking tour of True Grit downtown filming sites. Contact [evebeckerdoyle@icloud.com](mailto:evebeckerdoyle@icloud.com).

**MEDITATION CENTRE** in Montrose. Meetings will be on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM at 602 N. Nevada in Montrose, 81401 at Lions Park Community Center. Brought to you by Denis Hoin Darby, a Buddhist Zen Monk. Contact [Rev.Hoin.Darby@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.Hoin.Darby@gmail.com) for more information.

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

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

**BINGO EVERY FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY** AT 7pm at the American Legion Post 24 Olathe doors open at 5:30 more info call Tom 970 260 8298.

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

**THE HEALING COLLECTIVE OF WESTERN COLORADO** offers local practitioners, who focus on healing the whole being, to attend a free one-hour informative get together every first Tuesday of the month from 12p to 1 pm and every third Tuesday from 6 pm to 7 pm, upstairs at the Mother Earth store on Main Street . We support one another with our practices, business, and personal needs. For more information please contact Erin Easton at [ErinKEaston@gmail.com](mailto: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

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

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

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

## MONTHLY

**Sept. 3-Sept. 30**-Children's Peace Art Show, in the Children's Room at the Montrose Library. Open during regular library hours. Free peace coloring sheets for children. Event of the Week of Unity and Peace.

**Sept. 26**-On Monday, Sept. 26--1 p.m.--Local genealogist, Judy Bunyard, will present a program on "Artifacts and Archives at the Montrose Genealogy Center" at the Warrior Resource Center, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way. All are welcome to this event sponsored by the Montrose Genealogy Center.

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

**Sept. 30**-The Delta Montrose Community Concert Association presents Backtrack Vocals on Friday, Sept. 30, 2022 at 7 pm at the Delta Performing Arts Center, 822 Grand Avenue in Delta, CO. Doors open at 6 pm. Single admission tickets will be available at the door on the night of the performance, \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information, please contact Bob 970-835-4480 or Connie 970-249-4308 or visit our website at [www.deltamontroseconcerts.com](http://www.deltamontroseconcerts.com).

**Oct. 1**-The public is invited to attend the Back to the Old Spanish Trail field trip on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9am to noon. Transportation will be provided by the Interpretive Association of Western Colorado (IAWC). Please plan to meet at the Fort no later than 9 am and return no later than noon. We will be using a school bus, so seating is limited to the first 46 folks who sign up. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water. RSVP is required please call 970 874-8349.

**Oct. 6**-Montrose County Public Works Open House-Proposed updates to Road & Bridge Standards—Public Works Conference Room, 63160 LaSalle Road.

**Oct. 8**-Bosom Buddies Fun Run. Opening ceremonies will begin at 9am. For info visit [www.bosombuddiesswc.org](http://www.bosombuddiesswc.org).

**Oct. 10**-On October 10, 5:30 [Citizensclimatelobby.org](http://Citizensclimatelobby.org) meets for progress on combating climate change. Montrose library meeting rm., nonpartisan, national, environmental all [welcome.info](mailto:welcome.info) at 970-765 9095.

**Oct. 11**-"What is happening in schools today? Whose Children Are They," film at All Saints Anglican Church, 6:30pm. 2057 South Townsend Ave. Adult viewers only recommended. Presented by ChildrenFirst, No charge. Child care provided.

**Oct. 14**-On Friday, Oct. 14, from 4-7 PM, the Montrose Area Woodturners Art Exhibition and Sale-Cobble Creek Clubhouse - 699 Cobble Dr. Enjoy happy hour and the art of the lathe from the Montrose Woodturners.

**Nov. 7**-The next meeting of the Montrose Women's Giving Club is Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m. at The Bridges. Everyone who attends may nominate their favorite charity. More information is available by contacting the club at [GIVINGCLUBOFMONTROSE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GIVINGCLUBOFMONTROSE@GMAIL.COM) or call 970-209-9598.

**Nov. 9**-Polio Survivors' meeting. The meeting is to be held at the Delta rec center Nov 9 from 1- 3 pm. All those effected by polio their caretakers, spouse and family. The meeting will have a time of education and time for sharing of resources.

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## MONTROSE VETERANS PLAZA SIGN INSTALLED IN CERISE PARK



*Courtesy photos*

**MONTROSE-**The Montrose Veterans Memorial Coalition and the City of Montrose joined forces to install a Montrose Veterans Plaza sign in Cerise Park Sept. 20. The Montrose Veterans Memorial Coalition is made up of local Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, American Legion Riders posts and Montrose's own Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans. Local companies/individuals contributing to the project include InDesign Signs, Buckhorn Engineering Inc., Del-Mont Consultants, Julee Wolverton, Cam Electric and others. To donate, mail a check or drop it off at the Alliance office at 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way, Montrose, CO 81401, or call (970) 765-2210 to learn more.

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