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CITY CONSIDERS EMERGENCY CULVERT REPAIRS FOR MEADOWGATE, DUMP TRUCK CAB REPAIR

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council gathered for a work session in council chambers on Monday, Dec. 5. Mayor Dave Frank called the session to order. All councilors were present.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

Three applicants were scheduled to be interviewed for the Planning Commission, all of whom are incumbents. Applicants included Richard Rogers, David Fishing, and Chad Huffman. Fishing was not present; Rogers and Huffman spent time discussing their work and responsibilities as members of the commission.

"We're hugely appreciative of everything they do... we have three incumbent applicants, and they've given so much service to us and the community," Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said.

"We appreciate your effort,

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An emergency culvert repair has become necessary at the Meadowgate Subdivision in Montrose, where sink-holes have developed in the roadways. City of Montrose courtesy photo.

BOCC DENIES 550 ZONING CHANGE AFTER HEARING FROM CITIZENS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Snow was falling outside as Commissioner Roger Rash led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance at the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting of Tuesday, Dec. 6. As the pastor scheduled to give the invocation was not present, BOCC Chair Keith Caddy asked County Planner Tallmadge Richmond to fill in. "Dear Heavenly Father we are extremely grateful for this day, we are grateful to be here at the county commissioners meeting, we ask thy hand to guide us through this meeting," Richmond said. "...please bless everyone to travel safe today in the snow and ice...please bless us during this Christmas season to remember the reason and the purpose, and treat others with love and kindness..."

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Citizen Janet Chapman spoke on behalf of the Citizens Climate Lobby. "...I am aware that the Board of County Commissioners instituted

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Realtor John Renfrow discussed his 21044 HIGHWAY 550 Rezone [RZ22-014] proposal to Rezone from General Agricultural (A) to General Commercial (C) at Parcel 399335100001, denied after neighbors raised concerns.

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STATE REP. MARC CATLIN APPOINTED TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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 DENVER – Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin has been appointed to the Capital Development Committee (CDC). The CDC is a statutory, year-round joint committee responsible for reviewing funding requests for capital projects from all state agencies and making prioritized recommendations to the Joint Budget Committee. The Committee is comprised of six members - three House Representatives and three Senators. Representative Catlin is attending the CDC annual hearings in early December 2022. Presentations include, the Colorado Department of Corrections, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Educational institutions, and numerous state agencies. Capital Development Committee information can be found on the Colorado General Assembly Website: leg.colorado.gov/committees/capital-development-committee. Representative Marc Catlin says, "It is an honor to be appointed to the Capital Development Committee. This committee appointment allows me to continue to pursue the needed funding for Western and Rural Colorado issues. The opportunity to amplify Western Colorado's voice and needs in the state's Capitol is greatly appreciated and not taken for granted." *Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin represents the eight counties of Dolores, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel. Representative Catlin is the 73rd Session Minority Whip, Vice Chair of Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, and Livestock Committee, and a member of the Transportation & Local Government Committee.*

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50 VOLUNTEERS PITCH IN TO CREATE WREATHS FOR VETERANS



(Far right) Navy Chief John Boughton expressed his appreciation to the more than 50 volunteers who not only created 335 wreaths in record time, but also gathered at two local cemeteries to decorate the gravesites and pay respect to the Veteran. Photos by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-For more than five-years Camelot Gardens and the American Legion Riders have joined forces to make Christmas wreaths to decorate the gravesites of Veterans. Pine boughs and assembly space is donated by Camelot Gardens, while the American Legion Riders donate ribbons and their time.

The December 10, 2022, event was scheduled from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; however, when more than 50 volunteers showed up the task was completed in record time.

Organizer Navy Chief John Boughton (retired) said, "In past years we've had 12 people and it took two-and-a-half hours. This year it took 30 minutes to make 335 wreaths!"

The volunteers then caravanned behind

two pickup trucks piled with wreaths, one destined for Valley Lawn Cemetery and the other to Grand View Cemetery.

Young and old alike participated in laying a wreath on the gravesites. Boughton said, "When you lay the wreath, stop and say a word or two. Render a hand salute and say the Veteran's name. This was someone's loved one."


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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

A STATE OF DISTRUST: QUESTION GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS

Editor:

A few years ago, I had a discussion with one of our City Councilors. During the conversation, I told her I have a healthy distrust of government at all levels. The look on her face was of utter shock: why?

Here is some insight – The December 2nd edition of the Colorado Sun had an article describing the State’s Legislative body’s desire for further restrictions on your right to bear arms. For instance:

A potential ban on assault weapons. Yet they do not have a definition of what an assault weapon is. They would have to develop one to meet their desired outcome. One representative even said we must get these weapons of war off the street. Weapons of war? I hope our army is not to be deployed with semiautomatic weapons.

The article goes on to say the legislatures want to address how to prevent people from crossing State lines to acquire firearms that may be legal across the border but banned here. How would that be enforceable? Are we going to be subjected to random searches if driving around the border of a neighboring state?

What to do with banned firearms already in possession by law abiding citizens? Are they to be registered, voluntarily turned in or confiscated? There will be many new criminals in the State if people fail to comply with any of those options. How does law enforcement reconcile their oath of office when state law conflicts with U. S. Constitution? Will there be a difference in enforcement practice between rural and urban corridors?

Stiffer gun regulations aside, I believe the State Legislature has violated our State Constitution with respect to TABOR. They recently enacted a “fee” on the purchase of every gallon of gas and that fee is to be incrementally increased every year for the foreseeable future. In my opinion, any mechanism used to increase the coffers of

the State is a tax. This fee should have been presented to the citizenry for a vote as required by TABOR. Also, there is a proposal in the works to add an additional real estate transaction “fee” to future

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HUMAN LIVES ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN GUNS

Editor:

Wednesday December 14th marks the 10th anniversary of the Sandy Hook school shooting in which 26 were shot and killed including 20 first grade kids. I often recall this horrible day and remember thinking at the time, "well at least something this terrible will without a doubt result in meaningful gun control." It didn't happen as Republicans blocked the passage of any gun control measures. President Obama still thinks of Sandy Hook as the darkest day of his Presidency. Hopefully all of us will take time to reflect on Sandy Hook and other school shootings in addition to other acts of gun violence in our country that have taken the lives of so many and shattered the lives of family members and friends. Are we ever going to demonstrate that human lives are more important than guns?

David Ryan, Montrose

HOW MANY MORE OF YOUR RIGHTS ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE UP?

Dear Editor,

An article in the Daily Press (Colorado Sun) speaks of how the Democrats are again looking to take away gun rights.

One potential law is to raise the age to 21 from 18, to buy any firearm. When does someone become an adult? An 18 year old currently can go to war but cannot buy a hand gun or a beer, now the Democrats want to not allow an 18-21 year old's purchase of a rifle or shotgun. Our rights, and especially gun rights, continue to be eroded. Young people (18-21 year old) who are more often inclined to be Democrats with educational indoctrination, may not think anything about losing their rights, but what is next?

Personally, when I go into a building and see a guns prohibited sign, I feel less safe and a sitting duck. Should someone blow a gasket and want to commit as mass shooting, we are ripe for the picking with the shooter having little worry of return fire.

Most anytime a politician goes into session, they are further limiting our rights. How many more of your rights are you willing to give up? Steven Fenburg-D (Boulder), Colorado Senate President, in mentioning a possible assault weapons ban made the comment "what should happen to such weapons already in possession of Colorado residents?" Sounds like he is considering gun confiscation to me. If Democrats want to vote for more gun laws, they personally should be the ones to confiscate the weapons, not law enforcement. The politicians might think twice.

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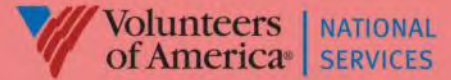
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"When pedestrians aren't following rules designed to protect them or are present on roadways that are not designed for their use, it poses a significant hazard to drivers as well as themselves," stated Col. Matthew C. Packard, Chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "We're in a season of gathering with family and friends, so let's practice safety daily to ensure the holidays are happy this year."

In winter shortened daylight hours and blowing snow can hamper visibility for drivers.

To protect pedestrians, Colorado State Patrol wants pedestrians and drivers to follow these tips.

Pedestrians

- Remember to look both ways before stepping out into the street.
- Make yourself visible with bright or reflective clothing or a light source (cell phone/flashlight) in low light and poor weather conditions.
- Stay in Your Lane** by only crossing at intersections and crosswalks. Make eye contact with drivers and ensure the vehicle is yielding to you before stepping onto the street.
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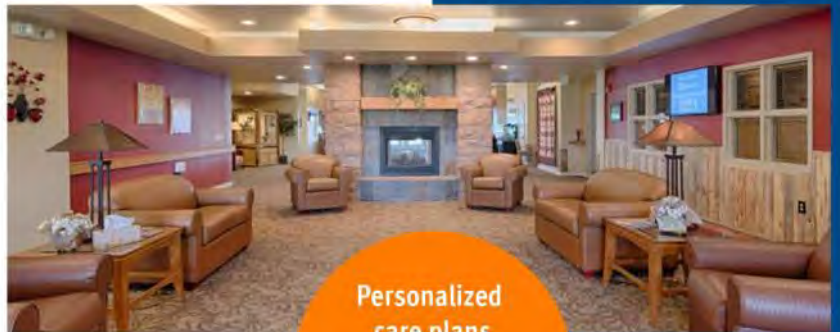
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DMEA RETIRES \$3.4 MILLION IN MEMBER CREDITS

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MONTROSE-Delta-Montrose Electric Association retired \$3.4 Million in capital credits this week to more than 8,000 current and former cooperative members. DMEA’s Board of Directors approved the retirement in November after evaluating the co-op’s financial condition. “Capital credits are a benefit unique to co-op members, and it’s our responsibility to ensure DMEA operates in a way where we continue to fulfill our cooperative principles. I’m proud to report DMEA’s finances are robust, and we are in a healthy position to return member credits,” said Kent Blackwell, Interim CEO and Chief Technology Officer. Active and former DMEA

members who purchased electricity in 1991 and 1992 will receive their capital credit this month. Retirements of \$50 or less will be applied as a bill credit, and checks will be mailed to all members receiving more than \$50. The average total retirement amount for a residential member is approximately \$130. How does the capital credit process work?

-DMEA keeps track of how much electricity members buy and how much they pay for it throughout the year.

-At the end of the year, DMEA completes a financial analysis and determines whether there are excess revenues, called operating margins.

-DMEA allocates operating margins back to members based on how much electricity the members purchased during the year.

-When DMEA’s financial condition permits, the board of directors elects to retire (pay) those capital credits back to members. Current cooperative members receiving a capital credit can expect to see their credit applied to their DMEA bill this month and checks to arrive within the next two weeks. DMEA also reminds members who move outside of the co-op’s service territory to provide updated forwarding addresses to ensure they receive future capital credit retirements. For more information about capital credits visit <https://www.dmea.com/capital-credits>.

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YOUTH CITY COUNCIL TO LAUNCH 'SEVEN DAYS OF SERVICE' INSTAGRAM CHALLENGE

City Councilors approve \$70K for dump truck repair, thank City staff for hard work year round

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Mayor Dave Frank led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance when the Montrose City Council gathered for a meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 6. Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum was absent; all other councilors were present, including Youth Council Representative Maggie Kusar. There were no changes to the meeting agenda.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve minutes of the Nov. 14, 2022, special City Council meeting, the Nov. 15, 2022, Special City Council meeting, and the Nov. 15, 2022, regular City Council meeting.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Council voted to appoint Catherine Stroh as an alternate member of the Historic Preservation Commission for a term that expires on Oct. 16, 2025, and to appoint Darlene Mora as a regular member of the Historic Preservation Commission for a term that expires on Oct. 16, 2023.

LODGING AND ENTERTAINMENT LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATION

Council voted to approve the transfer of a Lodging and Entertainment liquor license at 511 East Main Street from Precedence Productions, d.b.a. Precedence Productions to The Temple LLC, d.b.a. The Temple LLC, for consumption on the licensed premises. The new owners of 511 East Main, Crystal Combs and Jerrod Young, were present to answer questions and discuss their plans for the historic venue.

ORDINANCE 2606 - FIRST READING

As discussed previously in work session, Council voted to approve the amending of Ordinance No. 2567 which appropriated funds for defraying the expenses and liabilities of the City of Montrose, Colorado during the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2022; said expenditures of the City of Montrose over and above those anticipated at the time of adoption of the original budget for the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2022.

ORDINANCE 2607 - FIRST READING

Council voted to approve Ordinance 2607

on first reading, vacating a portion of a public utility easement.

Background-A memo from City Engineer Scott Murphy to Council states, "The City of Montrose will be replacing, relocating, and upsizing an existing waterline running north from San Juan Avenue towards the Montrose Regional Airport in 2023. A portion of this existing line runs through the center of a drywall supply yard located at 1330 North Townsend... several buildings have encroached near the existing waterline making replacement within the existing location/easement challenging to perform... the line's location within the center of the yard also encumbers the lot for future redevelopment or expansion. As a remedy to these issues, the City proposes to construct the new waterline along the eastern property boundary within a new 20-foot utility easement. Upon completion of the new line, the existing line and associated easement through the center of the lot would be abandoned and vacated..."

No compensation is proposed for the easement swap, which is expected to benefit both parties.

ORDINANCE 2608 - FIRST READING

Council voted to approve Ordinance 2608 on first reading, amending Title 3 Chapter 1 Section(s) 6 and 7 correcting a codification error.

ORDINANCE 2609 - FIRST READING

Council voted to approve Ordinance 2609 on first reading, disconnecting property at 67365 Sunshine Road.

ORDINANCE 2601-SECOND READING

Ordinance 2601 amends the zoning district designation of 820 6650 Road from R-2, Low Density District to R-5, Low Density/Manufactured Housing District. Councilor Doug Glaspell recused himself from consideration of Ordinance 2601 on second reading, as he did on first reading, because he lives close to the proposed rezone area. Mayor Frank and Councilors Ulibarri and Reed voted to approve Ordinance 2601 on second reading.

ORDINANCE 2602 - SECOND READING

Glaspell returned to council chambers. As previously discussed in work session and on first reading, Council voted to approve Ordinance 2602 on second reading, for the annexation of the Hilltop North Addition.



Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt presented Ordinance 2601 on second reading, amending the zoning district designation of 820 6650 Road from R-2, Low Density District to R-5, Low Density/Manufactured Housing District. Meeting screenshot.

ORDINANCE 2603 - SECOND READING

Council adopted Ordinance 2603 on second reading, zoning the Hilltop North Addition as an R-4, High Density District.

ORDINANCE 2604 - SECOND READING

Council voted to adopt Ordinance 2604 on second reading, designating the Montrose Electric Light & Power Co., 44 S Grand Ave, Montrose, Colorado, as a City of Montrose Historic Property.

ORDINANCE 2605 - SECOND READING

Council voted to adopt Ordinance 2605 on second reading, designating the Montrose Radium Ore Sampler, 112 W Main St, Montrose, Colorado, as a City of Montrose Historic Property.

VECTOR #361 JET-VAC REPAIRS

As previously discussed in work session, council voted to approve repairs to Vector #361 Jet Vac by Farris Machinery, Inc., for the not-to-exceed amount of \$105,000.

CITY HALL RELOCATION PROJECT CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Council voted to authorize \$1,135,000 for the second phase of the City Hall Relocation Project, including the amendment of a contract with FCI Constructors, Inc. as the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC).

EMERGENCY DUMP TRUCK REPAIR

Council voted to approve \$70,000 in expenditures to repair a damaged dump truck (Unit 256),

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as discussed in work session on Dec. 5. Turnaround time is expected to be five weeks.

“Get ‘er done,” Mayor Frank said.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Youth Council Treasurer Maggie Kusar gave an update. “So far, Youth City Council has started a project at the nursing home, Valley Manor Care Center, where we go

every other Sunday and spend time with the residents there. And then this Sunday, we’re also creating a challenge on our Instagram called seven days of service, where we challenge the community to do something positive each day and there’s a different challenge each day.”

Councilor J. David Reed thanked city staff for putting on a great production with the 2022 Christmas parade. “I thought it was excellent...thank you all for bringing us the

parade again this year. Looked to me like everybody enjoyed themselves.”

Councilors Glaspell and Frank expressed thanks as well.

Councilor Ulibarri said, “I’d like to thank the staff that’s out there shoveling the sidewalks and driving the trucks that are throwing the snow off the streets so we can get around safely.”

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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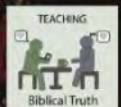
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a six-month moratorium on applications to build power generation facilities in unincorporated Montrose County, so they can develop standards and regulations...it says there may be opportunities for local groups to participate in the process.”

Chapman asked commissioners to put information on the county web site concerning the dates that the moratorium is in effect and asked that Citizens Climate Lobby be involved in the process if they so desire.

COUNTY MANAGER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously, with Resolution No. 75-2022 assigned to Item 5; Resolution No. 76-2022 assigned to Item 17; Resolution No. 77-2022 assigned to Item 18; Resolution No. 78-2022 assigned to Item 21; Resolution No. 79-2022 assigned to Item 23; and Resolution No. 80-2022 assigned to Item 24.

MONTROSE COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

The BOCC voted to continue until May 3, 2023 a public hearing on a Colorado Liquor Retail License Application submitted by Billy Goat Hop Farm LLC, dba Billy Goat Hop Farm.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Commissioners approved three items from the Finance Department, including: Resolution 81-2022, regarding a second Supplemental Appropriation to the Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022;

Resolution 82-2022, regarding the 2023 Budget Adoption and Appropriation; and Resolution 83-2022, regarding the establishment of Mill Levies for levying property taxes for the levy year 2022/budget year 2023.

Basin Clinic Executive Director Christina Pierce asked about funding; the clinic has an allocation in the budget, but the amount was not stated. Clinic and county officials will meet to discuss the allocation.

Business Loan Fund Director Dan Scinto of the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning presented for consideration a Community Development Grant (CDBG) Business Loan Funds application to the State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) through Region 10.

Montrose County serves as the fiscal agent for all six Region 10 counties including Montrose, Delta, Ouray, San Miguel, Hinsdale, and Gunnison. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the application.

Public Works Director Keith Laube presented the annual Road and Bridge Sales and Use Tax Report for 2022 and the five-year plan for 2023-2027.

Following the presentation, “I just want to make a comment, that I’m going to be dead before my road gets paved,” BOCC Vice Chair Sue Hansen said. “...I don’t really want it paved. But I really appreciate the work that the Road and Bridge Department does, and I think that it’s pretty obvious that you guys set the plan, get the vision, and take it away.”

Hansen reminded the public that road issues can be reported on the county web site. “You’ll get pretty quick service.”

Said Commissioner Roger Rash, “I’d just really like to thank Keith and his staff for a great job. They’ve really improved their processes over the years, and it shows up in the work and the volume of tax dollars that are spent wisely, repairing the roads that need repaired, and fixing safety concerns, like issues that pop up--culverts, we have floods—these guys respond to that. They drop everything they’re doing, and they rush to those emergencies and fix ‘em as fast as they can, and for that I’m grateful.

“Job well done.”

Caddy said, “I would like to give thanks to the public for passing that road and bridge tax back in 2008. Because without that, none of this would happen. We’d be running old equipment, we’d be trying to keep ahead of some bad roads, and they’d all be “D” and “F” roads, and we’d be in bad shape here right now. So thank you

again for the public support on those roads and bridges.”

Citizen Peter Hutchinson spoke as well. “When you did the overlay on the Uncompahgre Road there by the Mormon Church...there’s an immediate drop-off, it rattles a lot of big trucks with ladders on ‘em, but it’s also beating a hole in the asphalt...something you might want to get a look at.”

Caddy thanked Hutchinson for the information.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

The BOCC held a public hearing, and in a two to one vote with Hansen voting no, commissioners denied the first Planning & Development item, the HAAG Waiver Request [WV22-002] proposal requesting a Waiver from the Montrose County Subdivision Regulations Section 3.20(D) at Parcel 399316306001, based on the Findings of Fact.

The 21044 HIGHWAY 550 Rezone [RZ22-014] proposal to Rezone from General Agricultural (A) to General Commercial (C) at Parcel 399335100001 was denied unanimously. Several nearby property owners spoke during the public hearing, raising concerns over commercial development near the densely populated area, as well as the possibility of a gas station being allowed on the parcel.

Commissioners took a five-minute break before proceeding to deny in a two-to-one vote the third Planning and Development item, the Bridge to Heaven Retreat Special Use [SU22-007] proposal to establish a retreat facility at Parcel 399318201003. Caddy abstained from the vote. Noting that the special use proposal seemed “weird,” Hansen said that the proposed “use by right” seemed to be a stretch. “It sounds like a neighborhood of sizeable homes.” Rash said that the proposal is not conducive to current zoning rules and regulations and expressed concern about increased traffic volume as well.

After hearing from the attorney for the applicant and the attorney for neighbors opposed to the Fred Snyder Minor Subdivision [M122-051] proposal to divide 33.79 acres into two lots at Parcel

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.Fred Snyder Minor Subdivision [MI22-051] proposal to divide 33.79 acres into two lots at Parcel 377130200038, commissioners closed public comment, and entered Executive Session briefly with County Attorney Marti Whitmore for legal advice. Following Executive Session, the BOCC returned to regular session and voted to approve the Fred Snyder Minor Subdivision proposal to divide 33.79 acres into two lots at Parcel 377130200038.

Also approved were:

The Majestic Peaks Minor Subdivision [MI22-052] proposal to divide 19.26 acres into three lots at Parcel 399323200030;

The Deans Minor Subdivision [MI22-054] proposal to divide 24.448 acres into two lots at Parcel 376920300007; The Bates Minor Subdivision [MI22-055] proposal to divide five acres into three lots at Parcel 399501100070; The Mountain View South Subdivision, Preliminary Plan [MA22-004] proposal

to subdivide 37.3 acres into 10 lots at Parcel 403901204005; The Ute Valley Drive Road Dedication [RD22-002] proposal to dedicate a portion of Ute Valley Road at Parcel 399335406004. With no further business, the BOCC meeting was adjourned.

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A LOOK AT COLORADO'S DRAFT WOLF RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

By Lauren Hall Ruddell, Ph.D.

COLORADO-Humans tend to fear large predators, and rightly so. Fossilized Neanderthal remains indicate predation by both gray wolves and big cats. Imagine being a native of what is now the island of Great Britain, witnessing and recording a rather alarming development. Sometime in the mid-Pleistocene, *Canis lupus* out-competed the smaller and more timid *Canis mosbachensis*. When the land bridge to the continent was lost and a new glaciation period began, indigenous hominids watched this intelligent and social competitor increase in size and numbers across the island. In times of scarcity and war, wolf attacks on humans did occur. Human fear and loathing of these creatures who did occasionally steal a hominid child and in later times attacked valuable livestock, informed culture, religion, art, and mythology. The Big Bad Wolf archetype was formed eons ago.

In North America, where gray wolves became smaller and more reclusive than their Eurasian counterparts, the Big Bad Wolf archetype remained alive and well in some Western minds. But their more benign interaction with indigenous humans, and the absence of Christian parables and biases, made their inclusion in native people's mythology one of acceptance, inspiration, and brotherhood. In most Native American cultures, Wolf is considered a medicine being associated with courage, strength, loyalty, and success at hunting. In Shoshone mythology, Wolf plays the role of the noble Creator god, while in Anishinaabeg (Canadian First Nations peoples) mythology a wolf character is often the brother and true best friend of the culture hero.

I mention these facts to set the tone for civil and considered treatment of the proposed Colorado Wolf Restoration and Management Plan.

This project will undoubtedly alter the ecology of the places where wolves become established, and the intention is for that change to be for the better. There will be the occasional scary encounter and



The Big Bad Wolf archetype was formed eons ago. Image courtesy M. Hassan

livestock loss. There will be controversy. The questions being asked...are we seeding our rural areas with big bad wolves that will decimate our livestock and pets, threaten the safety of our children, stalk us on hiking trails in the back country, and deprive us of our livelihoods? Or are we restoring brothers to their rightful place in the land? That is the debate that was decided by the voters of Colorado in 2020, and in the coming year the people's will, or at least a very slight majority of them, will be enacted. Reintroduction is slated for winter 2023/24 and will be the subject of a series of articles in *The Mirror* throughout 2023.

On Friday, Dec. 9, the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife staff presented the details of the Draft Colorado Wolf Restoration and Management Plan to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commissioners. This 293-page document details the history of the reintroduction initiative to date, proposed reintroduction numbers and timing, and suggestions on western slope State lands reintroduction regions. The reintroduction will take place over three-five years, with 30-50 wolves considered a stable population goal. The initial locations will be in the vicinity of Glenwood Springs, with the Gunnison basin also under consideration. In addition to these goals and metrics, rancher loss and compensation

limits and claim procedures for mauled, killed, harassed, or missing stock, population monitoring schemes and goals, and education and outreach strategies were discussed in detail.

This document represents the scientific expertise of Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff and the volunteer Technical Working Group, as well as the input from the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG). The SAG and other avenues of public input have recommended an Impact-Based management strategy. Collectively, these committees met nearly 30 times in the past 18 months to derive a fair, comprehensive, and collaborative approach for this controversial endeavor. More meetings will take place before the finalized plan is released in May of 2023, and public input is invited until that time. The first wolves will be introduced to their new homes before Jan. 1, 2024.

This proposed plan differs from the Federal endangered species actions in that the usual goal of predetermined population numbers necessary for downlisting is primary.

A "healthy and secure" population is the purpose of most federal programs for endangered species. This unique state-driven effort will certainly focus on that aspect as a key goal, but will also place more emphasis on damage prevention,

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mitigation, and compensation than most federal programs allow. The dual assumptions of the Colorado plan include both positive and negative aspects of wolf pack establishment in Colorado. Ecosystem and ungulate herd health improvements are anticipated, but losses to some commercial enterprises are expected and planned for as well.

CPW staff and volunteer committees have identified key issues that are considered most significant for successful wolf conservation and management in Colorado:

- 1) social tolerance for wolves and their economic impacts,
- 2) sustainable wolf recovery,

3) wolf management and wolf-livestock interactions, wolf-ungulate interactions, and wolf interactions with other wildlife species,

4) wolves and human safety concerns, and

5) education, monitoring, and ongoing research.

The four-hour presentation, along with questions by and answers to CPW commissioners, unpacked the draft itself, as well as highlighting certain areas requiring further input and problem resolution, such as the details of pack monitoring over time, loss compensation fairness and caps, and sources of funding for a pro-

gram estimated by one commissioner to run into the millions over the next decade.

The draft can be viewed and downloaded at: <https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Wolves/DRAFT-CO-Wolf-Plan.pdf>

The meeting can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BsX1yzXPGII>

The next meeting of this body will commence in Colorado Springs, Jan. 17-19, 2023.

The agenda has not been set as yet for this topic, but interested individuals can stay abreast of the scheduling by signing up for the newsletter at: <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/Wolves-Stay-Informed.aspx>



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we appreciate your time," Mayor Frank said, "And the dedication. Having been on planning commission before, I know it takes a little bit of work."

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The first discussion item was a recommendation for an emergency dump truck repair, necessitated by an incident that took place in October. The item was presented by Public Works Manager Jim Scheid. Removal of one truck from the snow removal system would definitely have an impact on the level of service the city is able to provide, Scheid said.

Background-A memo from Scheid to Council states, "During routine maintenance operations, a street employee was visiting United Companies to pick up a load of Hot Mix Asphalt for street patching. United Companies had two overhead silos that load a truck from above. In a turn of unfortunate events, communication was not given to our driver from the plant operator as usual. While waiting for direction on which silo to pull under, four tons of 300-degree asphalt dumped on the cab, hood, and through the windshield of the truck. It didn't take long for the asphalt to fill the cab. Luckily, our driver narrowly escaped with only minor injuries. The truck has been declared as totaled by insurance and is in-operable. The hot asphalt melted many of the in-cab controls. This particular truck plays a vital role in the streets division's snow operations. Currently, we have a four-route snow removal plan. The four large plow trucks each have their own unique route with Tier 1's, 2's, 3's, and 4's. Without one of those trucks, operations are hamstrung and other route drivers have to take up the slack. The loss of a plow truck will significantly impact operations and our level of service this winter season. Lead time on a new truck is over a year and a half and used trucks with a snowplow and sander that we have found are single axle trucks which do not work well for our year-round street operations. We have received a quote from our local Mack dealer for estimates of repairs and lead times. They were able to locate a

used cab and hood and estimated repairs would take five weeks. This truck (Unit 256) is scheduled for replacement in 2023 (optimistic expected delivery in 2024) and at that time this truck would be sold in operable condition which is much higher than it would be if it were to be sold in its current condition...The repairs to Unit 256 will be funded from the Fleet Fund. When payment from insurance is received for the truck, the Fleet Fund will be reimbursed."

Council also considered a recommendation for an Emergency Culvert Replacement. The project is underway and completion is expected by year's end, Scheid said.

Background-A memo from Scheid to Council states, "Concerned neighbors from Meadowgate neighborhood...reached out to Public Works about a failing culvert at the intersection of 6900 Rd. & Openfield Drive in April of 2022. Meadowgate neighborhood has only two entrances and could be landlocked. Crews were dispatched to perform an inspection / investigation to determine if the road was safe for travel. Settling depressions and a sinkhole were observed in the roadway...Crews determined the road was unsafe for travel and have permanently closed the entry. A week later, a total failure of the roadway had occurred...public Works received multiple calls from concerned neighbors on the condition of the neighborhood's back-up entrance. Upon investigation, street personnel observed signs of a partial collapse occurring in a similar timeframe and manner as the event on Open Field Dive. Street Staff and engineers have determined to place road plates in tandem over the weakened area to help prolong the deterioration taking place...The City of Montrose Streets Division, with support from a City Engineer, will be self-performing the work. Work will include replacement of 120 feet of culvert, four new flared end sections, two formed concrete headwalls, and 180 tons of angular riprap for bank armoring. Purchase of the material needed for this project has al-

ready been approved by the City Manager's office due to the emergency nature of the work and material availability. As an unanticipated emergency project, funds for repair of these two culverts were not budgeted in the City's 2022 budget. Due to savings in the 2022 Streets Division budget, this project can be completed within the available budget in 2022 without need for supplement."

Also discussed was the Colorado Department of Transportation's US 50 North Townsend Access Control Plan. Traffic Safety Engineer Mark Bunnell of CDOT's Grand Junction office and Andrew Amend of Stolfus & Associates were present. Murphy gave an overview, and the consultants discussed the project and answered questions. The plan will be implemented in phases over an indefinite time period. A public open house will be held Jan. 12 at the Montrose County Public Works Facility on LaSalle Road. Exhibits will be posted online.

Mayor Frank asked about plans for a signalized intersection at the airport. CDOT has issued access permits for the permanent signal location, and as well as a permit for the temporary signal location, Bunnell said. The process will take time because of the need to deal with the railroads. "We are way down the list like everyone else when it comes to the railroad," Bunnell said.

Background-A memo from City Engineer Scott Murphy to Council states, "Over the years, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has partnered with the City of Montrose to create comprehensive access control plans for the highway corridors throughout the city. To date, this has included the creation of the San Juan Access Control Plan (2010) and two South Townsend Access Control Plans (south of Niagara Road, 2009 and updated in 2019) ...CDOT is now working on an access control plan for North Townsend Avenue/ Highway 50 extending from North 9th Street within the City of Montrose north to the Montrose County Line. This project is being performed by CDOT (\$85k) in

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partnership with the City of Montrose (\$20k), Montrose County (\$40k), and the Town of Olathe (\$5k). Access control plans are a long-term planning tool which document access types, locations, and frontage road connections that are ultimately desired along a corridor... Details on the public outreach will be advertised once available. After incorporating public feedback, the plan will be finalized and come before each jurisdiction for formal adoption through the execution of an intergovernmental agreement."

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Councilor J. David Reed thanked staff for their hard work on the 2022 Parade of Lights. Mayor Frank said that the number of entries in the parade this year was the highest ever.

Mayor Pro tem Barbara Bynum said that there will be a joint meeting between the Colorado Flights Alliance and city and county officials at Montrose Regional Airport at 11am on Dec. 14.

"Council is invited to that meeting."

Councilor Ed Ulibarri asked about a city employee "in serious condition." City Manager Bill Bell said that council cannot

discuss personnel. "We can't really talk about that." Scheid gave an update on renovations to council chambers, which will begin in January. During the project OBT and courts staff will be relocated to the old police building. Commission meetings will be held in the Centennial Room. January through March, Council and municipal court meetings will be held in the new community room in the new police building. Murphy said that 6700 Extension is out for bid, with contracts expected to come before council for approval in January.

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LEAP APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose County Human Services is now accepting Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) applications now through April 30th, 2023. LEAP is designed to help low-income households meet their winter home heating costs; it does not pay the entire cost of home heating. LEAP is a federally funded program through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and managed locally by Montrose County Human Services.

"Many people may not realize that LEAP funds can be used for variety of heating sources--whether it's propane, gas, electric, wood, or even coal--our goal is to help keep our community warm during the winter," said Mirian Mason, Montrose County Eligibility Supervisor Child Care, Leap & Work Programs Supervisor. "We want to make sure that none of our residents are without heat in the cold winter months."

The amount of the energy assistance benefits varies depending on a variety of fac-

tors, including the primary heating fuel costs and income. The program does not provide financial assistance for any type of temporary or portable heating. In most cases the energy assistance benefit is paid directly to the household energy supplier.

In addition to home heating bill assistance, LEAP recipients may be eligible to receive furnace repair and replacement in heat-related emergencies in addition to weatherization services pending the results of a home energy audit. Currently, LEAP recipients are also eligible for two temporary programs that are part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The Utility Assistance Program provides funds to assist with paying down past-due accounts for a home's primary heating source and supportive fuel while funding is available. The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) serves eligible Colorado households who pay a water vendor directly and whose account is either in arrears or shut off. LIHWAP provides funds to make a one-time payment to the water vendor directly on behalf of

eligible households if funding is available.

To be eligible for benefits, households must pay heating costs directly to a utility company or fuel supplier, or pay heating costs as part of their rent. The program counts your gross monthly income. Household gross income may not exceed 65 percent of the State Median Income--the maximum gross monthly income for a one person household for the 2022-2023 LEAP season is \$2,880.00 If you are interested in receiving LEAP benefits, you must fill out a LEAP application. Applications may be obtained through your local LEAP office at the Montrose County Human Service building at 1845 South Townsend Avenue. Applicants are required to submit a copy of their most recent heating bill or rent receipt (if heat is included in rent) and proof of income. For more information regarding LEAP, call human services at [970-252-5000](tel:970-252-5000), visit the [LEAP website](#), stop in to human services offices at 1845 South Townsend Avenue, or call the HEAT HELP Hotline at [1-866-432-8435](tel:1-866-432-8435).

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Special to the Mirror

MONTE VISTA, Colo. – Colorado Parks and Wildlife, in cooperation with the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, will conduct slash pile burning operations in the Rio Grande State Wildlife Area during the winter months of 2022-23, as weather conditions permit.

Slash piles have been created to remove debris and reduce hazardous fuel accumulation to help reduce the risk of larger wildfires. The piles are burned in areas where other means of disposal are not

feasible.

Smoke may be visible in the area and could persist for several days as fuels burn themselves out. Crews will be on scene to monitor the progress throughout the process. The public is reminded not to call 911 or other emergency services if smoke is visible from the burn areas.

CPW works closely with agencies such as the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division, Division of Fire Prevention and Control and local authorities in developing and implementing any burning project.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. Additional information is available at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

For more information, contact CPW District Wildlife Manager Tyler Cerny at 719-850-6363 or tyler.cerny@state.co.us. Rio Grande State Wildlife Area is a 935-acre property in Rio Grande County that offers good fishing and hunting opportunities. It is closed to public access Feb. 15 through July 15 to protect nesting and wintering bird populations



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

SECOND ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES FUNDRAISER SUCCESSFULLY BENEFITS PEER KINDNESS FOUNDATION



Above, entrance to Keller Williams Realty Southwest offices in Ouray. Top right, Little Red Truck Wreath sponsored by Colorado Title. Below right, Vintage Party wreath sponsored by Maya Haynes. Courtesy photos.

Special to the Mirror

OURAY – The Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates teams, The Mountain Group and The Monroe Group, successfully hosted its second annual Festival of Trees fundraiser benefitting the Peer Kindness foundation this past Saturday in Ouray.

\$3,700 dollars were raised to support Peer Kindness’s mission to work in partnership with schools, youth programs, community organizations, business and community leaders, families and youth to reduce bullying and foster a PEER (Positive, Encouraging, Empathetic, Respectful) stance. “We are elated by the outpouring of support this event generates in the community,” said Joey Montoya Boese, Executive Director of Peer Kindness, Inc. “Beckie,

Tammy, and the entire team model the behaviors we are teaching children - positivity, encouragement, empathy, respect, and kindness. We are so grateful they are helping us share our mission and welcoming the community to get involved as well.”

Businesses on the Western Slope sponsored trees and wreaths that were decorated and auctioned off. Community members had a chance to bid on the uniquely themed holiday items. There was a “Cookies and Cream” themed tree, a six-foot “Home for Christmas” tree, a “Vintage Party” wreath and more.

“We are thrilled to be able to host this fundraiser to raise awareness in our community about the important work happening at Peer Kindness,” said Beckie Pender-

grass, Supervising Broker for The Mountain Group. “It’s a real chance to bring people together over a joint cause during the holidays.”

The fundraiser took place at the Keller Williams Realty Southwest Associates office located inside the historical Beaumont Hotel in Ouray during Ouray’s Yule holiday festivities. “Thank you to those who came out on Saturday, to those who donated their time and talent by decorating trees and wreaths, as well as those who made bids on the trees to support the work of PEER Kindness,” said Boese. To learn more about Peer Kindness, or to make a donation visit peerkindness.net or call 970.901.7744.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FOREST SERVICE, BLM TO HOST PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED THOMPSON DIVIDE WITHDRAWAL IN GARFIELD, GUNNISON AND PITKIN COUNTIES

Special to the Mirror

CARBONDALE– The USDA Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are hosting an informational public meeting Dec. 14 in Carbondale regarding the proposal to withdraw approximately 224,704 acres of National Forest System and Bureau of Land Management lands in Garfield, Gunnison and Pitkin counties from disposition under the public land laws and mineral and geothermal leasing laws.

The meeting will include two sessions of up to one-hour, beginning at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., at the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District, 300 Meadowood Drive in Carbondale or virtually. Register in advance for the virtual meeting at:

https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_kOqvlqQ7R_Kjo4dgFypoJg

The sessions will consist of a short presentation explaining the proposal and process, followed by a question and answer session. Information about how to provide written comments will be provided. The 6 p.m. session will include Spanish interpretation.

“This is really a preliminary meeting to discuss the process moving forward,” said Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Deputy Supervisor Anthony Edwards. “We will be conducting a thorough environmental review of the proposal under the National Environmental Policy Act, which will include additional opportunities for public comment.”

On Oct. 12 the Department of the Interior announced steps to protect the Thompson Divide area and the BLM published a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing the withdrawal proposal, available online on the [Federal Register website](#).

The notice initiated a two-year segregation period, which prohibits any new Federal mineral leases within the proposed withdrawal area. The segregation does not apply to pre-existing leases or private minerals. If approved, the withdrawal would be over a 20-year period, subject to valid existing rights.

The current, initial comment period will close Jan. 16, 2023. Comments should be sent to State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215 or email them to:

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CITY ADDS TWO STRUCTURES TO LOCAL HISTORIC REGISTER

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — City Councilors have voted unanimously to place a pair of historic structures located on the City of Montrose’s own Register of Historic Places. The historic Montrose Electric Light & Power Co., the original electric power generation station in Montrose located at 44 S Grand Ave, along with the Montrose Radium Ore Sampler, located at 112

W Main Street, were each added to the city’s register last week during the City Council’s regular meeting. . The Montrose Electric Light & Power Company structure was built in 1904 and its construction is representative of industrial construction of the early twentieth century in its brick composition, flat roof, cornice with molded brick, and segmental-arched openings with stone lintels with keystones. It is

associated with the history of utilities in Montrose.

Located on the same block, the Montrose Radium Ore Sampler, erected in 1918, was at one time reportedly the only commercial radium sampler in the world and reflects Montrose’s history in the radium ore market. The building’s size, height, and gabled roof design reflect its use as an industrial facility.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CDOT RESOURCES FOR OLDER DRIVERS

Special to the Mirror

DENVER — Transportation options for adults as they age are important to ensuring they can remain active in their communities for a long time.

In 2020 there were 114 drivers over 65 years old involved in fatal crashes in Colorado. In that same year 91 older drivers died in car crashes. Older drivers are more likely to be killed or seriously injured in a crash due to the greater fragility of their aging bodies. Research suggests that older adults can expect to outlive their ability to drive safely by seven to ten years.

CDOT's Highway Safety Office addresses older driver crash prevention through education, public awareness, and partnerships with state and local agencies. CDOT supports law enforcement training and provides information to seniors on alternative ride programs.

A seat belt that holds the driver in the proper position and remains comfortable while driving.

The tilt of the steering wheel and position of the airbag.

Plenty of room (at least 10 inches) between the chest and the airbag

A properly adjusted head restraint.

A clear line of sight above the steering wheel and dash.

Easy access to gas and brake pedals.

Properly adjusted mirrors.

Ability to see around the vehicle by reducing the driver's blind spots.

The ability to turn the vehicle's ignition key with ease or operate an ignition system.

Easy operation of vehicle controls including turn signals, headlights, emergency flashers, windshield wipers, and the parking brake, among others.

Colorado's Guide for Aging Drivers and Their Families is available for free and can serve as an excellent resource to answer most questions including license reexamination and laws, resources for Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialists, Area Agency on Aging centers, and more. The guide is available through Health Promotion Partners and can be downloaded at healthpromotionpartners.com/aging-drivers-guide.

The organization also offers driver safety evaluations, which can be requested by a family or an individual driver to determine the effect of age-related changes on driving fitness. More information about the program can be found at healthpromotionpartners.com/programs.

In Western Colorado, a good resource is olderwiser.org for information on public transit discounts. All Points Transit is a non-profit organization providing public transit services for seniors, people with disabilities and the general public in communities throughout Montrose, Delta, San Miguel and Ouray counties.



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UNITED STATES NEWS BRIEFS

SENIORS IMPACTED BY DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

Special to the Mirror

WASHINGTON, DC-Drug and alcohol abuse have impacted seniors in the United States as they have younger Americans. More than 5,000 people ages 65 and over in the U.S. died of a drug overdose in 2020, and more than twice that many (11,616) died of alcohol-induced causes. The data are featured in two new reports released by CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). "Drug Overdose Deaths Among Adults Aged 65 and Over: United States, 2000-2020" and "Alcohol-Induced Deaths Among Adults Aged 65 and Over: United States 2019-2020" show similar increases in deaths from drugs and alcohol as in younger age-groups:

-Death rates from drug overdoses among

people 65 and over have more than tripled over the past two decades (2.4 deaths per 100,000 people ages 65 and over in 2000 vs. 8.8 in 2020), with faster rates of increase for men than women in the recent period.

-Alcohol-induced death rates in the 65-and-older population have been increasing since 2011 and rose more than 18% from 2019 to 2020.

-Among both men and women, drug overdose death rates among 65 year-olds are higher among non-Hispanic Black people. The exception is among women ages 75 and over: non-Hispanic white women in this age group have the highest death rates.

-Death rates from alcohol-induced causes

among people ages 65 and over were highest among American Indian or Alaskan Native people. Alcohol-induced death rates for this group were over twice as high as for the next highest group (Hispanics). Rates increased 46.5% for AIAN people in only one year, from 2019 to 2020.

-Fentanyl and other synthetic opioids have had a big impact on the older population as well. Death rates from these drugs increased 53% from 2019 to 2020 among people age 65 and over.

-In 2020, alcohol-induced death rates were over three times higher among men ages 65-74 than among women, and four times higher among men ages 75 and over than among women of that age.



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

PAUL DOUGLAS VON SEGGERN ***May 25, 1952-November 6, 2022***

PAUL DOUGLAS VON SEGGERN, age 70, of Montrose, Colorado, died Sunday morning, November 6, 2022, at Montrose Regional Health. He was born on May 25, 1952, in Wayne, Nebraska, to Fredrick "Fred" G. von Seggern and Irene H. (Baker) von Seggern.

Paul spent the first few years of his life in Wayne, Nebraska. The family then moved to Chillicothe, Missouri and ultimately onto Lexington, Missouri. In 1970, he graduated from Lexington High School before going on to technical school in Kansas City, Missouri.

After completing technical school, he enlisted in the US Navy in 1973. During his 20-year career, Paul was stationed in Great Lakes, IL; Key West, FL; Brooklyn, NY; Norfolk, VA; San Diego, CA; and Mare Island, CA. He served on three destroyers including the USS Dyess (DD-880,DDR-880), the USS Stump (DD-978), the USS O'Brian (DD-

975) and the USS Berkeley (DDG-15). He was a decorated veteran, who received numerous awards and recognitions in his years of service. He retired as a Chief Petty Officer Sonar Technician Gunnery Control (STGC, E-7) Surface Combat Systems in 1993. He then moved to Montrose to be closer to his parents.

Following his naval retirement, he worked for Montrose Mayflower Transfer & Storage for several years. Paul always liked to tinker and fix things, so he started his own handyman and lawn care business called "May I Serve You". In later years, he worked part-time at the East Niagara Carwash, "for something to do."

Paul is survived by his three children, Heather L. Lawson and husband David, of Dunn, NC; James W. von Seggern and wife Tomoko, of Montrose, CO; and Jason R. von Seggern, of Tempe, AZ; sister Jane C. von Seggern, of Atlanta, GA; his beloved

grandsons Aidan von Seggern and Henry Lawson; and numerous cousins and close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Irene von Seggern.

Paul's family will scatter his remains at the Serenity Cremation Garden at Grand View Cemetery near his parents in the spring. Please send memorial donations to Habitat for Humanity of the San Juans, P.O. Box 162, Montrose, CO, 81401.



PEGGY JEAN WALKER

August 9, 1940 -December 7, 2022



Peggy Walker passed away December 7, 2022, following respiratory health issues. She was born to Lola and George Robinson on August 9, 1940 in Carbondale, Illinois.

Peggy received her BA degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in 1962; MSW degree at Washington University in St. Louis, MO, in 1967; and earned her Doctoral (PhD) degree in Educational Psychological Counseling in 1986 from Southern Illinois University.

Her career encompassed many areas of social work including caseworker for the Illinois Department of Public Aid; Child Welfare Administrator for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Faculty Member at SIU. From 1979 to her retirement, Peggy was the Director of the Children's Home Society of Florida, Western Division. She was a member and served on numerous board and professional organizations including the National Association of Social Workers, Academic Certified Social Workers, Florida Association for Health & Social Services, and the Children's Services Interagency Association. Among the many awards she received during her professional career were the YWCA Woman of the year

(Florida, 1986), Social Worker of the Year by the NW Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (1985), and the Southern Illinois Social Worker of the Year (1981).

Peggy is survived by her two children, Edith Nell Slater (Gulf Breeze, FL) and Keith Alan Robinson (Salida, CO); her brothers Philip Robinson (Montrose, CO) and Donald Robinson (Thornton, CO); three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She was an active member of the United Church of Christ in Pensacola FL before retiring to Colorado. She enjoyed traveling throughout the world, collecting art, and was an avid reader. Private family graveside services will be held with Crippin Funeral Home, providing assistance.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

LUCILLE GAYLE EVANS

February 12, 1947 – December 2, 2022



LUCILLE GAYLE EVANS, age 75, passed away at her home in Montrose, CO from heart failure on December 2, 2022.

At her request her remains will

be cremated. A memorial service and celebration of her life will be held December 29, 2022, at Grace Community Church from 4-6pm.

Gayle was born on February 12, 1947 in Denver Colorado to Charles E. and Doris J. (Lay) Evans. She attended primary school in the Littleton, CO school district and attended Cherry Creek High School through her Junior year. She graduated from Antelope Valley Joint Union High School in Lancaster, CA in 1965.

She returned to Colorado in 1966 to marry Larry G. White where they both served their community in the Douglas County 4-H Program.

After they moved to Montrose in 1972, Ms. Evans continued to serve her community in many capacities including Mont-

rose County 4-H Program, Women’s Resource Center, Uncompahgre Legal Aide as an advocate for women and children in the court system, Partners of Montrose County, Montrose High School Marching Band, Montrose Horse Racing Association, Magic Circle Theatre, as well as reading with first graders at Pomona Elementary school.

During her 50 years in Montrose her professions included racehorse trainer and jockey, Komondor dog breeder, house painter, accountant, as well as a full-time mother and wife. Her hobbies included sewing, reading, cooking, medicinal herbs, the art of dowsing, cross country skiing and hiking. She loved nature, had a thirst for knowledge and sought to learn something new each day.

She is survived by one son, Mathew Guy White of Olathe Colorado, one daughter Toby Lynn (White) Bunkelman of Loma Colorado; five Grandchildren, Grace and Jessica White, Madilynn, Lucas, and Josephine Bunkelman; a brother Mark Evans (wife Debbie) of Crestone, CO and a sister Wendy (husband Steve) Vaughan of Molo-ka’i, HI.

While Gayle would tell you to spend the

money on your own family; if you have the desire to make a contribution the family respectfully requests that any donations in her name, be made to MHS Band, local 4-H clubs, battered women shelters, Library or Search and Rescue.

In June 2022 she celebrated 35 years of sobriety; that decision in 1988 was the beginning of a new life - for herself and everyone that loved her. Gayle was a wonderful woman who adored her children and grandchildren. She was an incredible mother and warrior for all of us. During her time with us she inspired us, cheered us on and encouraged us to be the best possible version of us we could be.

Through good, bad, crazy, and hilarious times we never stopped loving her, nor she us. We’ve never met anyone who more fiercely protected her family, or more devotedly clung to her relationships. We admired her for her strength, courage, wisdom, unconditional love and devotion to her family. We are going to miss her terribly and her staunch adherence to driving a stick-shift jeep. You did it your way Gayle, always...and in all ways.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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MARY ADELE BRAITHWAITE BLACK

April 18, 1945- December 3, 2022



MARY ADELE BRAITHWAITE BLACK, 77, of Montrose, Colorado, passed away on Saturday, December 03, 2022.

Mary was born April 18, 1945, to Eugene Glen Braithwaite and Genevieve Kopp Braithwaite in Los Angeles, California. She graduated from Montrose High School in 1963. She married James Nathan Black on

April 16, 1966.

After her father, a forester and land manager, graduated from college, Mary enjoyed a childhood moving throughout Colorado; at times living in ranger cabins in the mountains she loved. During high school her family moved to Montrose where Mary would live for the rest of her life. After graduating from Montrose High School in 1963, Mary attended Brigham Young University.

During a summer break from school, she met Nate Black whom she has been married to for 57 years.

To pay off a few bills, she took a job at Russel Stover Candies in 1974, working her way up to production supervisor. She retired 27 years later in 2001.

Mary was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, serving in many callings such as Primary President, Relief Society Counselor, and teaching in the Primary and Seminary; though Mary's favorite calling was as a Gospel Doctrine Teacher and Family History Consultant. A proud descendant of Mormon Pioneers, Mary loved genealogy

and was an active member of the daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

A loving wife, mother, and grandmother, Mary was preceded in death by her grandson, Robert Black. Mary is survived by her husband, Nate Black; her sons Thane Black and Chad Black, wife Georgette; and her daughter Dawn Black, husband Clark; four of her five grandchildren: Chad Black, Tasha Black, Emma Black, and Eugene Black and two step grandchildren: Dustin Stroud and Cordell Stroud; seven great grandchildren; three brothers: Gene Braithwaite, John Braithwaite, and Tim Braithwaite; and a beloved sister, Anne Erickson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Mary's name to HopeWest at <https://www.hopewestco.org/memorial-gifts/> who provided such loving care.

In Mary's own words, "The road of our life has been nothing outstanding and downright bumpy in places, but I wouldn't have missed the ride. I have been truly blessed."

Crippin Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the Family. 970-249-2121.



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

MICHAEL (MIKE) CHAPPLE



MICHAEL (MIKE) CHAPPLE, 70, of Montrose, Colorado, passed away on November 15, 2022. Mike was born in Kansas but spent most of his life in Colorado. His early years were spent in Lakewood, CO followed by his attendance at Western Colo-

rado University in Gunnison, CO, and finally choosing Montrose as his home in 1979. He loved the San Juan Mountains and enjoyed being outdoors and experiencing nature.

In 1983 Mike formed Sun Basin Builders with his best friend Roger Williams (11/8/1953 - 12/12/2017). For 30 years Mike and Rog built over 50 gorgeous homes and businesses in the Montrose area. The two of them could be seen driving around in their brown work truck (the chocolate chuck truck, as they called it) always sharing a laugh. Their work reflected the type of gentleman they were--pristine, accurate, structurally sound, on time, with minimal flaws. Mike's work ethic paralleled how he lived his life. He took great pride in his work, his home, and his immaculate yard.

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Mike was an incredibly kind person. He was always willing to step in and help; he never wanted recognition for the things he did, he did them out of love for his

friends and family. And it wasn't just big things, there were lots of little things he did to let those around him know they were loved. He sent his daughter, Julie, care packages and weekly letters for most of her life. The letters usually had a news article or magazine clipping Mike thought she would like, and always included a note of support.

Julie was her father's world, maybe only a close second to his Broncos and Nuggets. Mike is survived by his daughter, Julie Chapple, and son-in-law, Jon Gervais; his sister Carol Dunn and brother-in-law Dacre Dunn; his sister Susan Clemes and brother-in-law Mike Clemes and his long-time partner, Juanita Veith.

A party for Mike will be held in the Spring. In place of flowers or donations, the family would love to hear any memories or stories you have about Mike. You can mail letters to 1783 Story Lane, Montrose CO 81403, or email them to MikeCStories@gmail.com.

Crippin Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family. 970-249-2121

ZANE THOMAS HOLLINGSHEAD *October 19, 1960- December 3, 2022*

ZANE THOMAS HOLLINGSHEAD was born October 19, 1960 in Gunnison, CO to Joseph T. Hollingshead and Marlene Kay Hobbs. He passed into the hands of the Lord on December 3, 2022. The family made their home in Montrose where Zane attended the Montrose schools. In 1981 he married Gerrie Pittman, they then moved to Oklahoma where Zane worked in the oil field and in auto body shops painting cars. The couple was blessed with two children, a daughter Kristina and a son Cody.

Zane was an adventurer. He loved to hunt and fish in the great outdoors. Over the years he worked in Nevada, Wyoming, California, New Mexico, Idaho and Colorado. He was a hunting guide in the remote wilderness of Idaho and a logger in Colorado. His favorite job was running heavy

equipment and he excelled at it. He ran his heavy equipment in the open pit mines of Nevada and on many other mines. While he was in Nevada, he was blessed with another son Derrek. He settled back in Montrose to be close to his parents and siblings.

Zane was preceded in death by his grandson Reid Walker, grandparents Gertrude and Farrel Hawk and Joe and Mary Hollingshead, Uncles Mark Hawk, Lee Hawk, Paul Hollingshead, and stepfather Robert Hobbs.

Zane is survived by his daughter Kristina (Randy) Gass of Butler, OK, sons Cody (Baillie) Hollingshead of Piedmont, OK and Derrek Duncan of Portland, OR.

Father Joseph (Jan) Hollingshead of Montrose, CO. Mother Marlene Kay Hobbs (Johnny Bowker) Montrose, CO. Brothers

Jerry (Judy) Hollingshead of Montrose, CO, Kent (Dede) Hollingshead of Aledo, TX, sister Kelly (Aaron) Ray of Montrose, CO. Zane is also survived by seven grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, a large extended family, and many friends.



ART & SOL

WHAT'S UP WITH THE CHURCHES IN MONTROSE?



Former Seabees Paul Kilgore, John Boughton and Dave Vergamini -- all American Legion and American Legion Rider members, examine the headstone marking the grave of Rollin Ambrosini, a World War II veteran who served in the US Navy Reserve as a chief carpenter. Seabee is a nickname for those serving in construction battalions (CBs).

by CB Williams

MONTROSE-If you are looking for something to do this Christmas season, there are plenty of activities around Montrose. From wreath-making for the veterans' graves in the local cemeteries (hosted last Saturday at Camelot Gardens) to participating in the VOA-sponsored Gingerbread House Contest (drop off at 1819 Pavilion Drive Dec. 19-21), there is something for everyone.



Dozens of volunteers joined the American Legion, American Legion Riders, DAV and VFW in preparing Christmas wreaths Saturday morning at Camelot Gardens.

And...one of the 70-plus churches in Montrose might just have something you are looking for!

Already area churches have hosted special events, e.g., concerts, movies, caroling in the neighborhoods (like Summit Church Montrose did just last night); and have participated in events including the Montrose Christmas parade Dec. 3, where Grace Community Church placed as one of the top three floats in the award-winners' circle.

But there's so much more to come

Wednesday, Dec. 14 and 21 at 7 p.m., Calvary Chapel will host more family Christmas movie nights. Check out <https://www.calvarymontrose.com/> Also on Dec. 14, Crossroads Victory Church will host the Christmas Party Extravaganza – a fun night for the whole family from 6-7:30 p.m. Check it out [here](#). Christ Lutheran Church is continuing a Wednesday Advent series Dec. 14 and 21

from 6-8 p.m. in the Hampton Inn meeting room at 1980 N. Townsend. They will serve a soup supper with a service following.

Saturday, Dec. 17 Grace Community Church, in partnership with Christ's Church in the Valley, will host a "Walk with Me" evening as they ask the community to take a stroll through time and what it might have been like so many years ago. The walk is a follow-up to one Grace hosted on Dec. 10 and will be set at 10 Hillcrest Plaza Way, running from 5:30-7:30 p.m. As it says on Grace's [website](#), "There will be craft stations, family photos, food, a Christmas play and much more."

And there is Hanukkah 2022 which begins at sundown in the evening of Sunday, Dec. 18 and ends the evening of Monday, Dec. 26. According to Jewish traditions, Hanukkah – also called the Festival of Lights – is an eight-day celebration.

More information on Hanukkah can be obtained through the [Congregation Ohr Shalom](#) Reformed Jewish community, reported to be the closest synagogue to Montrose.

A very special service

First Presbyterian Church is hosting The Longest Night Service Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 1840 E. Niagara Rd. at 5:30 p.m. The church reports it recognizes that for many the Christmas season ushers in a time of cheer and celebration, but for many others this season is bittersweet due to a loss of a loved one, financial difficulties, being alone, overwhelmed by the demands of life, or being separated from family

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connections.

Because the Christian faith offers light, healing and hope, they are hosting this service on the longest night of the calendar year – the winter solstice.

Pastor Jesse G. Mabanglo, along with lay leaders, will be conducting this service, which is open to all in the community, especially those who find the holiday season difficult.

More information on this special service can be obtained from Laura Perfors, administrative coordinator, at office@fpcmontrose.com.

Association of Montrose Churches

Pastor Buddy Cook from the Montrose First Church of the Nazarene, who also serves as Association of Montrose Churches secretary, said there are many, many events going on in area churches.

"A lot of different churches are doing

Christmas Eve services (in lieu of Christmas Day)," he said, "many have them listed on their web or Facebook pages."

And others, like Montrose Christian Church, are having services Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. As is the United Methodist Church, which will actually have two services on Christmas Eve and one Christmas Day.

Pastor Cook said the AMC has an email list of 90 recipients and it gathers information from local churches and disseminates it



Signs marking upcoming services -- soon including Christmas Eve and Christmas services -- can be found at many churches around Montrose, including this one at the Waves of Mercy Church, 30 Colorado Ave.

throughout the church community and various other non-profit organizations.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE POLICE DEPT. WELCOMES THREE NEW OFFICERS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — The Montrose Police Department welcomed three new police officers to its ranks Tuesday evening, filling a trio of vacant positions in the department. Officers Christian Castravet, Jack Hough, and James Legler were officially sworn in during a ceremony held prior to the City Council’s regular meeting.

Police Chief Blaine Hall, along with Commanders Tim Cox and Matt Smith, welcomed the officers before an audience of friends, family, City Councilors, city staff, and fellow Police Department officers.

“This is one of my favorite things in the world to do, to swear in three new police officers,” Hall said. “This is an event we should all celebrate.”

Before officially swearing the officers in, Hall told them to hold to the highest personal standards, both on and off duty.

Hall said the high level of support from city administrators, staff, and City Councilors is a sign of “how much our city supports our police officers,” adding that this type of backing does not exist everywhere.



Montrose Police Commander Matt Smith, left, pins a badge to the uniform of officer James Legler, right, during a special ceremony held Tuesday evening, December 6, in the Montrose City Council chambers. Courtesy photo.



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ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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Olathe, Co 81425
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www.biblebaptistchurcholathe.com
Pastor Gabe Skillo

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

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

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

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

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

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

Affiliation: Presbyterian
Address: 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO. 81401 **Office Hours:** M-Thu 9AM - 12PM **Contact:** 970-249-4732, [\[form@fpcmontrose.com\]\(mailto:form@fpcmontrose.com\), \[www.fpcmontrose.com\]\(http://www.fpcmontrose.com\)
Pastor: Jesse Mabanglo
Worship Service times: 9:30AM, Student Worship at 6PM. *We strive to encourage, challenge and support one another*](mailto:in-</p>
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er through spiritual growth, worship, and service in our community, country, and world. We also encourage children and youth to grow their relationship with Christ through our children and student ministries.

HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Denomination affiliation: United Church of Christ
Address: 611 South Hillcrest Drive, Montrose, CO 81401
Office hours: By appointment
Contact information:

Phone number: (970) 249-9047
Email address: office@montroseucc.org
Website: montroseucc.org
Current Pastor: Rev. Wendy Kidd
Worship service times: Sunday, 10 a.m.
Hillcrest Congregational UCC is a welcoming, open and affirming church, open to all no matter who you are or where you are

on life's journey.
Church demographics: HCUCC welcomes all ages to worship with us. (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles)
We offer inter-generational worship with a children's "prayer-ground" and activity packets. A cry room is also available.

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 for more information.

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MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

montroseumc.org
Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Kevin Young
Worship service times: 8:15 am - Blended Service - Sanctuary & Virtual. 9:30 am - Contemporary Service - Sanctuary, 11:15 am - Traditional Service - Sanctuary.
Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully

inclusive, loving and just servants of Christ. Our church family welcomes people from various cultural and faith backgrounds: single, married, remarried, with or without children, from diapers to dentures. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come discover hope, joy, peace, purpose.

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

Affiliation: Southern Baptist
Address: 1598 E. Niagara Road, Montrose, CO 81401
Office Hours: Tues-Thurs, 9am-4pm
Contact information:
 Phone: 970.249.4887
 website: www.RosemontBaptist.org
 email: office@rosemontbaptist.org
Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson
Worship Service Times: Our engaging and relevant Sunday Worship Service is at

10:45 AM. We also have Bible Study for All Ages Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. We provide a professionally-staffed nursery throughout both.
Rosemont Baptist's desire is to passionately bring people face-to-face with the life-changing power of Jesus Christ. We are a multigenerational church from different walks of life who love Jesus, love each other, and love our community. Everyone comes dressed in whatever is comfortable. We love meeting new people no

matter what stage of life they are in. Children's services: We have a fun Sunday School for children from four years old through youth. We provide Children's Church during the Sunday Worship Services where children four years old through 9 years can learn to be worshippers of Jesus. We provide a nursery for children under four years old with paid staff providing excellent care during Sunday Morning Bible Study and Worship Service.

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

Denomination affiliation: Independent Interfaith
Address: Meeting at Lions Park Community Building, 602 N. Nevada, Montrose
 Office hours: Tues-Fri, 9 am to 4 pm,
Home Office – 970-252-0908
Contact information: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, 970-252-0908, arlyn@spiritaware.org, www.spiritaware.org
Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn

Macdonald, Senior Minister; Rev. Catharine Gates, Associate Minister. Spiritual counseling available.
Worship service times: In-person Sunday Unity Service at 11 a.m., (Social Time begins at 10 a.m.); Quiet Meditation at 10:30 a.m. Virtual Afternoon Service on Zoom at 2:00 p.m.; Chai Chats, a Wednesday morning midweek informal gathering at 10:30 a.m. at Pun Hill Himalayan Restaurant, Montrose; Thursday Empowerment Circle at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. Everyone is wel-

come. The Spiritual Awareness Center is an interfaith spiritual community welcoming spiritual seekers and people of all faiths, providing a safe place to explore and nurture the individual's unique connection to the Divine through Unity services, classes, family and community projects, including the Great Community Give-away and Wellness Fair. People of all ages are welcome. There are currently no Sunday School or nursery services provided but craft supplies are available for youth.

SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation: Southern Baptist
Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403
Office hours: Varies
Contact information:
 phone number: 970-275-7026
 email: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com
 website: www.summitchurchmontrose.org
Name of current Senior Pastor: John De-

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Worship service times: Sunday Worship is at 9 am followed by a time of fellowship and snacks. Summit Church has frequent Bible studies and other events for adults, young adults, youth and children. Please visit <https://www.summitchurchmontrose.org/events> for more information.
Summit Church Montrose is a new church plant that preaches the Word of God,

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

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VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

Denomination Affiliation: Independent Baptist

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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-12pm

Contact Information: Phone (970) 249-6874;

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

Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

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

Victory Baptist Church exists to exalt God, edify saints, and evangelize the lost.

Demographics: Victory Baptist serves everyone with age-appropriate classes, groups, and activities. Families with children make up the majority of VBC with young adults, singles, middle-aged couples, and seniors comprising the rest.

Church Directory Mirror Editorial Staff

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

- information to the Montrose Mirror:
- Name of church
- Denomination affiliation
- Address Office hours
- Contact information (phone number, email address, website)
- Name of current Senior Pastor
- Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE PROVIDES TIPS FOR DONATING WISELY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Special to Art & Sol

DENVER – With the holiday charitable giving season now underway, Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold is reminding Coloradans who plan to give to make sure they are doing so wisely. Once again Coloradans will have ample opportunities to give, including on Colorado Gives Day, December 6.

“Coloradans have shown time and again that they support organizations doing important work to make our state an even better place to live,” said Secretary Griswold. “This generosity is so inspiring, and it’s important that Coloradans have the tools to make smart giving decisions.”

The Secretary of State’s Office has produced a number of tips to help people navigate charitable giving. More than 14,000 charities are registered with the Secretary of State, making www.ColoradoSOS.gov a valuable resource for those looking for information on charitable organizations

Some things to keep in mind during the holiday giving season include:

When giving to a charity, it’s important to confirm the organization is registered and current at checkthecharity.com.

When receiving solicitation calls, ask if the caller is a paid solicitor, and if so, ask for

their name and the name of their company, the paid solicitor’s registration number, and the percent of your donation that will go to charity. If they refuse to give you any of this information, do not give to that charity.

Make a note of the representations made regarding how your donation would be used, e.g. what charitable purposes or programs would benefit and whether or not anyone will benefit locally. Call the charity itself to confirm the details of the solicitation and any local benefits.

Watch out for charities with names that sound similar to well-known, reputable organizations. Sometimes these sound-alike names are simply intended to confuse donors.

Be careful to not click on links to charities on unfamiliar websites or in texts or emails. These may take you to a lookalike website where you will be asked to provide personal financial information or to click on something that downloads harmful malware into your computer.

Don’t assume that charity recommendations on Facebook, blogs or other social media have already been vetted.

Ask whether the charitable contribution is tax-deductible, and verify with your tax advisor or the IRS. The fact that a charity

has a tax identification number does not necessarily mean your contribution is tax-deductible. Ask for a receipt showing the amount of the contribution and stating that it is tax-deductible.

Be wary if a charity fails to provide detailed information about its identity, mission, and finances and how the donation will be used. Reputable charities will gladly provide the information requested.

There is no need to give on the spot, whether to a telemarketer or door-to-door solicitor. If you feel pressured or uncomfortable, just say, “No, thank you” and hang up.

Do not pay in cash. Donate by check made payable to the charity or use the charity’s website to donate by credit card. If you believe that you have been solicited by a fraudulent charity, you can file a complaint with the Secretary of State or the Attorney General.

Attorney General, 1-800-222-4444, co-ag.gov

Secretary of State, 303-894-2200, ColoradoSOS.gov Additional resources available from the Colorado Secretary of State’s Office include tips for Internet and Social Media Solicitations and questions that potential donors can ask if they are solicited by phone.

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Leonor Nieves-Chavez-Science, Paola Espinosa-Zavala-Excellent Writer, Andrew Luquin-World Languages, Emma Mengenhause-Math, Evelyn Eilts-Career and Technology, Katie Pariseau-Social Studies



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

JOIN NEW HORIZONS BAND OF MONTROSE: NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The next session of the New Horizons Band of Montrose will be Feb. 1 - April 26, 2023. The Montrose Recreation District 50+ Activities will again offer this 12-week band instrument class. This concert band is an entry point for adults with no prior music experience, along with adults once active in a school music program. No previous musical experience is required. Classes are taught by retired band director/music educator Kim Lundgren. Organized in February 2022, the New Horizons Band of Montrose has members playing a variety of instruments and looks forward to adding new band members. There will be an Informational

Meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 9:30 am at the Field House in Montrose, 25 Colorado Avenue, 81401. Information shared will include rehearsal information, how to obtain a quality and affordable band instrument, instrument repair, supplies needed, and more.

Classes for the next session be on Wednesday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 AM, from Feb. 1 - April 26, 2023 at the Field House in Montrose, 25 Colorado Avenue, 81401. There is no class on April 5. The fee for 12 classes is \$40, with registration and payment made through the Montrose Recreation District. Information about registration is in the Fall Recreation District booklet and at the MRD website. Or

you may call the Montrose Senior Center at 970-249-7705.

Participants will also pay \$10 to the instructor for music.

Participants will need to provide their own band instrument and supplies, and can learn to play clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, or baritone/euphonium. This concert band program is organized in partnership with the New Horizons International Music Association, founded in 1991 to encourage music making for those 50+.

According to NHIMA founder Roy Ernst, "Playing music in groups supports good mental and physical health, besides being an unending source of joy."

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| 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

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|--------------|------------------------|
| 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

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

WALMART

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

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

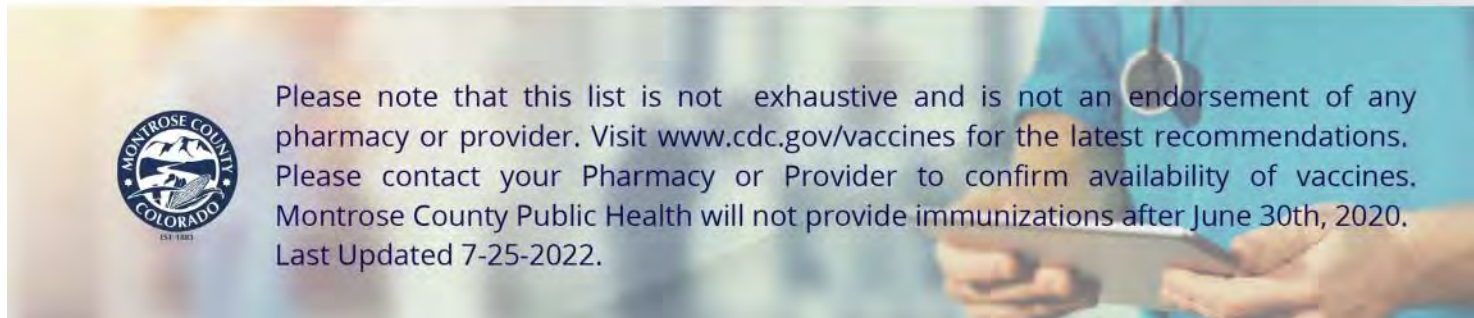
STACIE'S APOTHECARY SHOPPE

112 Village Square West Ridgway
(970) 626-7100

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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 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.



2nd Annual Family Fun Day

presented by The Rotary Club of Delta Colorado

Free Ski Rentals | Kids' Ski Lesson | Scavenger Hunt | Prizes

Saturday, December 17 | 10AM-2PM
County Line Trailhead

10AM-2PM: Free Ski Rental provided by The Nature Connection

**10:30AM: Free Kids' Ski Lesson offered by
Grand Valley Nordic Ski Club**

12PM: Races - Team Relay & Individual

1PM: Prizes & Awards

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SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

ONGOING-

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

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 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. Sunday Bingo will start at 1:30pm after Nov. 6. More info call Tom 970 260 8298.

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

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

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

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

MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET SCHEDULE

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

Dec. 16-Drive-Thru Live Nativity, Dec. 16, 5:30 to 7pm. In church parking lot. Live Nativity scene with real animals! Come and enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, and a live representation of the birth of our Savior. Weather permitting. Rosemont Baptist Church, 1598 East Niagara Rd., Montrose.

Dec. 17-Delta Rotary Family Fun Day-County Line Trailhead. 10am to 2pm. www.gmnc.org

Dec. 18- 3pm, 20th Annual Christmas Concert: Free Concert by the Montrose Community Band. Enjoy a fun afternoon of listening to Holiday favorites.

Dec. 19- At 5:30 Montrose library meeting rm. In person Citizens' Climate Lobby meets to focus on local environmental projects, Non-partisan, National, All Welcome, Info 970-765-9095.

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REINDEER RETURN TO MURDOCHS

Photographer Gunnison Clamp took these photos at Murdoch's on Sunday, where the reindeer paid a visit for the first time since 2019. "Store Manager Melanie Hannafious let me know there were over 1,700 people who came to the store in the morning to see them," Clamp said.



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