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# the Montrose Mirror

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## VETERANS MEMORIAL COALITION HOPES TO BREAK GROUND IN 2023

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE- The week before Christmas many organizations suspend meetings and reduce office hours—not so with the Montrose Veterans Memorial Coalition. On Dec. 20 the Coalition, comprised of three national organizations (VFW, DAV, American Legion and Welcome Home Montrose) met to continue work on the vision to build a Montrose Veterans Memorial Plaza in Cerise Park. The 3,200 square foot memorial will represent major conflicts — WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, and the Global War on Terror. Although there are still some moving parts, the coalition's 501 C3 is in place, there is a board of directors (eight voting members) and the first approval for the Enterprise Zone has come through. Coalition President, retired USMC Col. Les Williams (second from the right) said, "We have a couple more hoops to jump through. We want to start a Capital Fund Kick-Off so we can break ground summer of 2023."

Donations can be made through [Welcome Home Montrose](#).



Photo by Gail Marvel.

## DMEA APPROVES DONATIONS TO MASLOW, PEER KINDNESS

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Dec. 20 Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. All board members were present; Damon Lockhart attended virtually.

During meetings the board of directors hear verbal summary reports of their monthly meetings and activities. Co-op membership has access to some of the written staff reports submitted for board approval, i.e., minutes of the previous meeting, Interim CEO report, and action items (resolutions). Following the meeting members can access packet information through SmartHub, the online service which allows members to manage their DMEA accounts. The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening meeting prayer, determination of a quorum, and approval of the amended consent agenda (Membership Report and Minutes from the November Regular Board Meeting). DMEA co-op members are afforded an



At the regular Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) board meeting of Dec. 20, the board heard a request for a \$20,000 donation to Peer Kindness. (Standing L to R) Peer Kindness Executive Director Joey Montoya Boese, board members Karisa Pacheco, and Todd Haynes. In 2015 Haynes' daughter, Cait, died by suicide because of ongoing bullying. Montoya Boese said, "Todd relives it every day...if we save one life it could be your child, your grandchild, your neighbor." Photo by Gail Marvel.

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Due to yearly maintenance, online services will be unavailable from 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31 until noon on Sunday, Jan. 1 and services like filing and searching will be affected.

Mergers or other paper documents must be received in the office no later than 3 p.m. on Dec. 30. Do not wait until late afternoon on Dec. 30 to submit your paper filings as circumstances beyond the Office's control (weather, illness, etc.) may prohibit our ability to process your filing in the timeline you are attempting to achieve. Filings not received during scheduled business hours will be processed the next working business day. You should plan ahead and file earlier by using a delayed effective date and time if necessary for filings that must be effective on Dec. 31.

Filing deadlines will not be extended.

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## MONTROSE POLICE CONFIRM FATALITY IN SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT

*Mirror staff Report*

MONTROSE-Montrose Police Officer Chris Worton confirmed that at 2200 hours (10pm) on Dec. 20, 2022 there was a single vehicle accident in the 1200 block of 6450 Road. A female passenger was ejected from the vehicle and was taken to the hospital, where she died. No further information is available at this time.

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### START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT WITH A FIRST DAY HIKE AT A COLORADO STATE PARK ON JAN. 1

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DENVER — First Day Hikes are a chance to get a jump start on your New Year's resolutions by exercising in nature and experiencing the beautiful outdoor resources that Colorado has to offer. Participating state parks offer unique opportunities to get outdoors and learn about nature with guided hikes, scavenger hunts, prizes and more. About First Day Hikes

Hikes are free but park visitors must possess a valid state park pass. A daily vehicle parks pass will be \$10 at all state parks beginning January 1.

Guided hikes may require a reservation prior to the hike. Check the park's webpage for additional details.

Dress appropriately! Wear warm clothes and dress in layers. If trails are icy or snowy consider bringing trekking poles, snowshoes or shoe spikes.

Hikes will vary in skill level and length depending on location and weather conditions. Bring snacks, water, extra clothing, and hiking shoes with good traction.

Please pack out all your trash and leave no trace.

Find a 2023 First Day Hike event near you

For a list of participating parks, visit the CPW Event Calendar, see the featured hikes below or check out specific park

activities on each state park's social media



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account. Links are listed on the social media page. Featured hikes for 2023 include: Ridgway State Park

Join us for a guided hike on Forest Discovery Trail right near the Ridgway State Park Visitor Center. Snowshoes are available to borrow for free. Hot drinks and a few giveaway items will be available in the Visitor Center before and after the hike. The hike is free, but a state parks pass is

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"It is an incredible gesture and will create an impact for our neighbors experiencing hunger on the Western Slope," says Gabriella Garayar, Development Manager for Food Bank of the Rockies.

"To give the gift of employment is more than just a job, it's about providing an opportunity for people to be productive and to take care of their families," says Nina Anderson, CEO and owner of the Grand Junction and Montrose offices. "Regardless how small it may seem, it's an opportunity for people to have their dignity."

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### CHILDREN FIRST HOSTS SUCCESSFUL STORY HOUR AT MONTROSE REGIONAL LIBRARY



*Special to the Mirror*  
**MONTROSE**-Montrose non-profit Children First organized a Christmas story time event at the Montrose Regional Library on Dec. 21. Organizers say the story time was very successful, with around 60 children and parents at the first story hour at 10am, then 40 at the one at 11am.

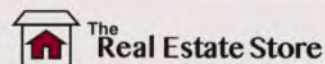
"We received very positive feedback from parents who said they appreciated us making this available," said Kay Alexander of ChildrenFirst. "In addition to the stories, the children and parents were able to participate in crafts to decorate trees, etc. and enjoy a birthday cake for Jesus and Christmas cookies."



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# STATE BAG FEE SET TO BEGIN JAN. 1, 2023

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**MONTROSE** — A new state law aimed at curbing the use of single-use plastic bags and reducing the amount of plastic in Colorado landfills will begin a phased implementation in 2023. Beginning Jan. 1, 2023, customers to Montrose area grocery stores will need to bring their own reusable bags or pay a 10-cent per bag fee for each paper or plastic bag used at check-out.

The fee is part of the recently passed Colorado House Bill 21-1162, known as the Plastic Pollution Reduction Act.

Between Jan. 1, 2023, and Jan. 1, 2024, a store may furnish a recycled paper carryout bag or a single-use plastic carryout bag to a customer at the point of sale if the customer pays a fee of 10 cents per bag. On and after January 1, 2024, all plastic bag usage will cease and stores may furnish only a recycled paper carryout bag to a customer at the point of sale for a 10-cent fee.

The law applies to restaurants, groceries, dry cleaners, or any other business that furnishes plastic carryout bags at check-out. Small stores are exempt. The small store exemption is defined as “a store that operates solely in Colorado, has three or fewer locations in the state, and is not part of a franchise, corporation, or partnership that has physical locations outside of Colorado.”

The carryout bag fee does not apply to participants in federal or state food assistance programs who provide evidence to the store that they are participants in such programs. The carryout bag fee also does not apply to materials used in the packag-

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### CHRIS SCHAEFER SELECTED AS NEXT CBI DIRECTOR

LAKEWOOD— Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS) Executive Director Stan Hilkey has selected Chris Schaefer as the next Director of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), effective Feb. 3, 2023.

The Department of Public Safety selected Schaefer as Director after a robust and competitive search followed by panel interviews with CDPS leadership, CBI staff, and statewide and federal partners including law enforcement and district attorneys.

Schaefer's entire career has been spent with the CDPS, first joining the Colorado

State Patrol in 1995, then to the CBI in 2004. Schaefer has served in a number of leadership roles for the CBI during his stellar 27-year law enforcement career. He is currently the Deputy Director overseeing the CBI's Investigation section. He also serves as the President of the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association. Schaefer also served as an Agent in Charge in the CBI's Support Services section, coordinating the Biometrics Identification and Records Unit.

Schaefer is the first internal candidate to succeed an outgoing Director in decades.

Building relationships is one of Schaefer's greatest strengths. His ability to work with members of the public safety community, especially in times of crisis,

will continue to play a pivotal role in the success of the CBI moving forward. In addition, Schaefer is a proven leader who is committed to innovation, best practices in law enforcement, and most important, providing Colorado law enforcement with the resources they need.

"An outstanding field of candidates interviewed for this important position, but Chris relayed an exceptional vision for the Bureau and commitment to collaboration with our partners and the members of the CBI," Executive Director Hilkey said. "Chris is an outstanding leader and is the right person to guide the CBI through its current expansion of more than 100 positions over the next three years. His strength in building relationships, his extensive investigative experience, and his problem solving background will serve the Bureau and state extremely well in the coming months and years."

"It is an absolute privilege to have been selected to serve as the Director of an organization that has been my home for my entire career. I look forward to continuing to represent the CBI in this new capacity, and to work with our law enforcement partners across the state to assist with their investigative needs," Deputy Director Schaefer said. Current CBI Director John Camper is concluding an extraordinary law enforcement career spanning more than 41 years, and is set to retire in February. Although Director Camper isn't retiring until Feb. 3, 2023, there will be an overlap transition period in the coming weeks to ensure a seamless transfer of command.

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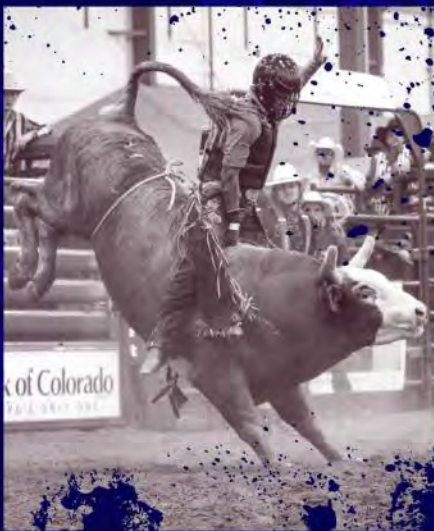
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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### PUC URGES CONSUMERS TO LEARN ABOUT AUTOMATED EMERGENCY FEATURES ON SMARTPHONES AND WEARABLE DEVICES

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER - The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is urging consumers to learn how automated emergency features work on their smartphones and wearable devices. Over the last several years, both Apple iOS and Android smartphones have gained the ability to automatically dial 9-1-1 in certain circumstances, and this ability extends to some wearable devices, such as the Apple Watch.

While potentially life-saving, the features could cause many unnecessary 9-1-1 calls to 9-1-1 centers throughout Colorado. The increase in unnecessary 9-1-1 calls can result in delays for actual emergencies.

One example is the Apple Watch, which has an optional feature that will call 9-1-1 if it detects that the wearer has fallen. While beneficial, it's also caused an increase in unnecessary calls to 9-1-1 centers, particularly in the winter months when people may fall while enjoying recreational sports. Colorado consumers are encouraged to learn what emergency features exist on their phones and wearable devices and how to adjust the settings so that they can enjoy the additional safety and security of having such features available to them, without causing unnecessary 9-1-1 calls to potentially overwhelm local 9-1-1 centers. If you have any questions, please contact 303-894-2871.







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# COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

## CBI: GUILTY VERDICT IN ROCKY FORD HOMICIDE

*Special to the Mirror*

CBI – PUEBLO – On Dec. 10, 2022, a jury in Otero County convicted a Rocky Ford man in the homicide of Amanda M. Velasquez Ybarra (DOB: 02/08/82).

Edward Lawrence Aragon (DOB: 11/29/1981) was found guilty of First Degree Murder earlier this month. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole on Dec. 16, 2022.

### Incident Overview

Rocky Ford police officers were called to a home in the 600 block of South 8th Street where they found Ybarra deceased inside a residence on July 24, 2015.

Aragon was arrested in connection with Ybarra's death and charged with First Degree Murder.

Investigators determined Aragon and Ybarra were in a relationship, but were not married. Ybarra was staying in the home with Aragon at the time of her death. The investigation was conducted by the



Rocky Ford Police Department in cooperation with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Otero County Sheriff's Office and the 16th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

"The Office of the District Attorney would first thank the family of the victim who have shown patience, grace, and strength in the face of an unimaginable loss," said 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Will Culver. "The Office would also thank the hard work and dedication of our law enforcement partners with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, the Otero County Sheriff's Office and the Rocky Ford Police Department."

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# COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

## TROUT UNLIMITED & PARTNERS HONORED FOR ATLAS MILL RECLAMATION PROJECT

### Special to the Mirror

DELTA — The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests recognizes Trout Unlimited, Inc. (TU) as the recent recipient of the 2022 National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs Remediating Environmental Contamination Award for their efforts in reducing contamination and improving the environment on the Atlas Mill Reclamation Project. Responsible partners of the Atlas Mill Reclamation Project include the GMUG, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Middleton Environmental Law LLC., Ouray Silver Mines Inc. (OSMI) and Reams Construction Company.

The environmental cleanup of the Atlas Mill was completed through construction activities in October 2020. Of the approximate 8.8 acre Atlas Mill footprint, approximately 5 acres are federal land managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. 3.71 acres belong to patented claims owned by OSMI making Atlas Mill Reclamation a mixed-ownership project. TU evaluated multiple amendment test plots over the course of one year with the best results being extrapolated for full-scale implementation during reclamation actions.

"This approach allowed TU to amend consolidated tailings in-place with the goal of native vegetation establishment that would reduce mobilization of contaminated material off-site. In total, 4.2 acres of tailings were consolidated and reclaimed, 1,689 feet of run-on/run-off channels were installed and 200 feet of Sneffels Creek was restored. This project also forged new ground by establishing one of the first Good Samaritan Administrative Orders on Consent between a non-governmental organization and the U.S. Forest Service," said Jason Willis, Colorado AML Program Manager with Trout Unlimited, Inc.

Mining operations in the Uncompahgre watershed began in 1874 with the estab-



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lishment of the Atlas Mine situated at the foot of Sidney basin near Ouray, CO in 1876. Atlas Mine operations included transportation of ore via arial tram to the Atlas Mill approximately 500 vertical feet below the mine opening. The Atlas Mill site features remnants of the historic mill structure, coarse-grained waste rock and fine-grained tailing deposits. The tailings were partly located within the riparian wetland associated with Sneffels Creek and presented concerns of mobilization of these contaminated materials off-site during rainfall or snowmelt events.

Founded in 1995, the National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Program is a group of AML professionals made up of federal government, states, tribes and partner organizations. The Remediating Contamination award is nationally given

out annually to a winning project and organization. TU is no stranger to the Hard-rock AML Reclamation Award, having previously received the award in 2017 for their efforts on the Akron Mine project.

"We are excited to be part of this collaboration with our partners and it's a great example of coming together to get critical work completed on the ground. Congratulations to Trout Unlimited, this award is well deserved," said Curtis Cross, Forest Engineer.

For more information about Trout Unlimited, Inc. visit [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org). For more information on current fire restrictions, conditions and recreation opportunities, visit the [forest website](http://forestwebsite.org) or [www.westslopefireinformation.com](http://www.westslopefireinformation.com). Connect with us or follow us on social media ([Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)).



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an opportunity to speak during Member Comments, which for this meeting was scheduled for 4 p.m.

**Introductions:** Community members present for the meeting were Kent Cloward (Delta).

and Joey Montoya Boese. During member comments additional community members attended to request Capital Campaign Donations.

### **Board Committee Reports:**

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

Watson said, “We did not meet Mr. Chairman.”

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

Cannon said, “We also did not meet. Nothing to report.”

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

Patterson said, “We did not meet.”

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

Martinez said, “We did meet a couple times, a few times. The Executive Committee [meeting] had the full board. All matters pertained to the CEO [Chief Executive Officer] search. That’s all we met about.”

**Note:** In a press release DMEA introduced the community to new CEO, Jack Johnston. Johnston, former CEO of La Junta-based Southeast Colorado Power Association (SECPA) will assume the role of CEO for both DMEA and Elevate on Jan. 9, 2023.

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

Blackwell said, “I met with the City of Montrose about the Veteran Coalition’s request [donation for a proposed Veteran Memorial Plaza]. We have good communication with the city. I’ll have more [info] in Executive Session. Delta wants to build out fiber throughout the city. Possibly a joint effort. We had CREA [Colorado Rural Electric Association] roundtable discussion on legislation coming this session. August 15-17 a retreat is tentatively scheduled with staff. It might look like strategy session. We will review where we are at, [are we] in the right place, and with the right focus.” Blackwell’s report included the

greenhouse gases plan, accidents and near-misses, hydro flow, and seasonal impacts on energy as people move into the service area.

Kevin Williams asked about the supply of Smart Meters [meters with chips]. Blackwell said, “Largely depleted. We are a long way from getting more Smart Meters.”

Board President Kyle Martinez said, “Are there any of our co-op friends that have extra?”

Blackwell said “It’s a national problem. Dumb Meters [without a specific chip] are not widely available. We can disconnect and reconnect much more quickly with Smart Meters.”

Enno Heuscher quipped, “Maybe we don’t want to say Dumb Meters...maybe we should say analog meters!”

Other items in the Interim CEO report included student field trips, outages, future large projects, customer service representatives call rates, capital credit checks that were sent out, and a vegetation department update. Blackwell said, “We have arranged to have a kiosk in the town hall of Cedaredge.”

**Financial Report with Variance Report** – Gayle Gouker, CFO.

Gouker said, “We did not have financials last month because of the early meeting [three weeks, rather than the normal month period] The report for October and November is in your packet. October to November are increasingly colder months. Total operating expenses, year to date, \$14.8 M. Short-term has been converted to long-term debt. There is \$26 M in cash balance for the end of November.”

In general discussion the board noted equity performance is directly related to Elevate doing better than expected, combined with the withdrawal from Tri State.

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

Hurd said, “Kent [Blackwell] covered a number of key issues. There is a lot happening at the State level. I’ll give you more data in Executive Session about the Garnet Mesa project. We’re dealing with grant funding. While DMEA left Tri State, other co-ops are experiencing rate pressure and substantial increases. There is a lot of news and Tri State will experience

pressure at the wholesale level. DMEA has positioned itself well for the coming months. Recently Tri State has a lot of legal entanglements, a lot of uncertainty. We keep watching. I’ll reserve the rest for Executive Session.”

### **Representative Reports**

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

Fleming said, “We haven’t met. We meet again in January, but it will be after the January DMEA meeting.”

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

Lockhart said, “I sent emails and notes of CREA draft bills from Senator Hansen. There is a ton of energy stuff going on legislatively.”

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

Patterson participated in a Resource Adequacy webinar; Williams participated in an Inflation Reduction Act webinar.

### **Informational Item:**

**ReConnect 3 Grant Resolutions** – Because of edits, the Resolution is not yet in its final form. It will be voted on at the January meeting.

### **Peer Kindness Capital Campaign Donation Request**

Peer Kindness Executive Director Joey Montoya Boese was joined by Board members Karisa Pacheco and Todd Haynes.

Montoya Boese said, “Peer Kindness — This is about bullying, the bullying circle, and bullying bystanders. We do not call them a bully, because bullying is a behavior. Bystanders are the most powerful tool we have.”

**Background:** Caitlyn Haynes was bullied in school from sixth grade until her junior year of high school. In 2015, Cait Haynes died by suicide; her life was the cost of bullying. The concept for Peer Kindness was developed by the Haynes family following their tragic loss. The program is now in place in some Montrose and Delta schools, with the vision that it can be implemented in the state, nation, and globally.

Montoya Boese said, “Peer Kindness is not a suicide prevention program. It’s a spectrum of connections, creating hope



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for our youth. Our youth are our future, this is a call to change our culture. To come alongside the kids, whether the bully, or the person being bullied. We have to start at a young age — elementary through high school.”

In order to expand their reach, Peer Kindness requested \$20,000. Montoya Boese said, “Our new location is 207 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street [Montrose]. We’ve raised \$175,000 for the down payment. In 2022 we helped 80 children, and 110 students came to speak of bullying behaviors. Bullying and suicide are related. It’s not something new.”

With a lump in his throat Todd Haynes said, “You relive it every day. Kids need our help. Show kids kindness and love We need your help; we need a village.” Pausing for a moment Haynes apologized, “I’m sorry. Every time I tell myself that I’m not going to cry, but I do. People told me to get an attorney and file a lawsuit, I would have done that if it would have brought Cait back, but it wouldn’t.” The Haynes family, who are dedicated to the success of Peer Kindness, are the major investor and primary fundraiser. He said, “I want to outgrow our new location.”

Montoya Boese said, “We challenge adults to do what’s right. If we save one life it might be your child, your grandchild, or your neighbor.”

Bullying is identifiable:

- Intent aggressive behavior
- Perception of power
- Repetition

Peer Kindness can be reached at 970-901-7744.

The DMEA board took the \$20,000 request into executive session. See summary below.

### **Maslow Academy/Bright Beginning’s Capital Campaign Donation Request**

Executive Director of Maslow Academy/Bright Beginnings Chrissy Simmons and Lori Sharp presented their donation request. The non-profit childcare business will be opening a new facility at Colorado Outdoors and has a funding gap of \$275,000. Sharp said, “Our timeline to fill the gap is February 2023.”

Simmons said, “We have been in busi-

ness for 13 years. We’ve been trying to expand for years and recently had an opportunity to partner with Colorado Outdoors. We have 154 students, with ages from six-weeks to third grade. We are purposely created to provide an education. We are the largest infant/toddler facility in Montrose County. We have 65 on our infant list and 40 preschoolers on a wait list.”

Simmons described the new facility and the roll-out for accepting students at Bright Beginnings at Colorado Outdoors. She said, “We plan to open the first part of January. This is what the county needs. The challenge is workforce and teachers getting certification for childcare.”

Sharp said, “We’ve looked for outside funds [grants, state incentives], but now we’re looking for funds locally. This is an investment in the county and an investment in the workforce. There are 48 people on the payroll now and we will add 26 people.” Maslow Academy/Bright Beginnings pays rent for the space at Colorado Outdoors; however, they have an option to buy the space in seven years. The DMEA board took the request into executive session. See summary below.

### **Future Meetings**

January 24, 2023; 3 p.m.

### **Executive Session**

- Privileged Interim CEO Report
- Privileged Legal Reports: Corporate, Litigation, and Regulatory Matters

### **Member Comments:**

Member Kent Cloward wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

In an email Taylor summarized the executive session and action taken: “At 4:44 p.m., upon motion from Director Fleming, seconded by Director Williams, the Board unanimously entered into executive session to: discuss donation requests from the unclaimed capital credit fund for non-profits Peer Kindness, Inc. and Maslow Academy of Applied Learning; review a privileged Interim CEO update; review a privileged legal report regarding corporate, litigation, and regulatory matters; and review a draft CEO appointment reso-

lution. At 5:44 p.m., upon motion from Director Patterson, seconded by Director Williams, the Board unanimously exited executive session.

Upon motion from Director Cannon, seconded by Director Heuscher, the Board approved an allocation of \$20,000 to area non-profit, Peer Kindness, Inc., from the unclaimed capital credit fund for the purpose requested in that organization’s Nov. 29 donation application. Director Patterson disclosed he has a relative on the Peer Kindness Board of Directors and, as such, abstained from any discussion of the application as well as the vote. Director Fleming cast a dissenting vote; he expressed his support for the goals of the organization and its mission but indicated he had concerns about whether the organization requires a permanent facility to facilitate its mission.

Upon motion from Director Watson, seconded by Director Fleming, the Board unanimously approved the allocation of \$30,000 to area non-profit, Maslow Academy of Applied Learning, from the unclaimed capital credit fund for the purpose requested in that entity’s December 2, 2022, donation application. Upon motion from President Martinez, seconded by Director Patterson, the Board unanimously approved DMEA Board resolution 2022-23, relating to the hiring of DMEA’s new CEO. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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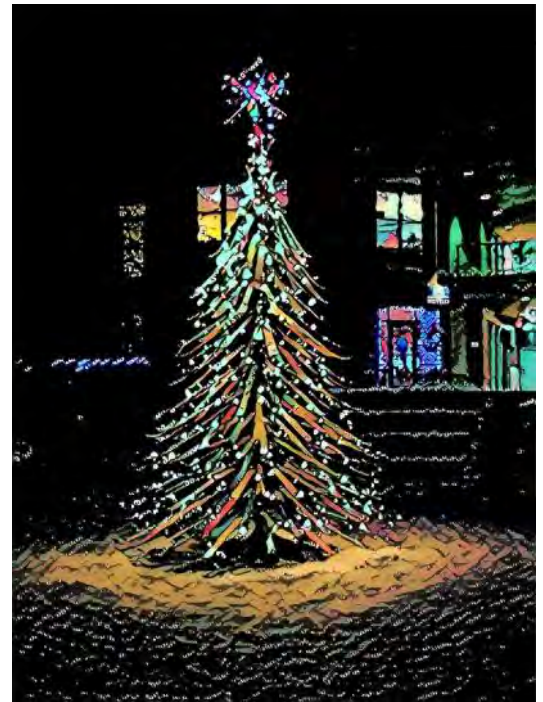
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## READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: LINDA LAKE

*Photographer Linda Lake shared these festive photos-below, snapped from the New Sheridan Hotel in Telluride... "Not a Creature Was Stirring."*



*Above, Telluride Ski Tree.*

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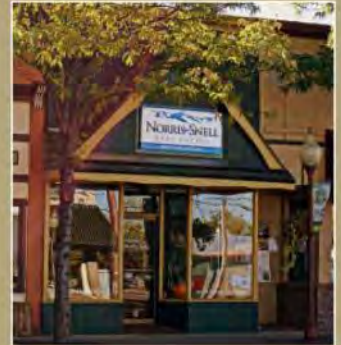
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# CITY APPROVES SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ON SECOND READING; 2023 RECYCLING MATERIAL FACILITY CONTRACT

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Mayor Dave Frank welcomed all to the City of Montrose special meeting of Monday, Dec. 19. All councilors were present.

## ORDINANCE 2606-SECOND READING

Council approved Ordinance 2606 on second reading, amending 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, as presented by Assistant Finance Director Eric Haynes.

Also approved unanimously was the 2023 Recycling Material Facility contract. One bid was received from Waste Management. Changes include that Plastic Types 3 and 7 will no longer be accepted and will now be counted as contamination in the recycling stream. Council discussed the contract, and Councilor Ed Ulibarri asked what is being done to educate citizens about proper recycling protocols. "...I just want to make sure that we all know what is and isn't recyclable."

Scheid said that the city issues social media posts and press releases. "Coming up

soon we'll focus on what to keep out and what to put in..."

Mayor Frank asked that information be included in the city newsletter as well.

Scheid said that a Recycle Guide is mailed to citizens once a year.

**Background-** A memo from Public Works Manager Jim Scheid to Council states, "The City of Montrose collects residents' single stream recycling curb side and delivers it to a Recyclable Materials Facility here locally and then the material is transported to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to be sorted and delivered to the recycled materials market. The City has had a contract with Waste Management over the last several years for the Recyclable Materials Facility (Montrose Recycle Center) and the transport to an MRF. The current contract was set to expire and the City issued an RFP to renew the service. There was one bid received for this RFP. The proposal received was from Waste Management and although the contract format has changed to a contract drafted by the City's Legal team the substance of how the City would pay for this service and what is offered is unchanged...Plastic types 3 and 7 are to be removed from the acceptable items list...The city and the recyclable market do accept plastic types 1, 2, 4 and 5... The proposed tonnage rate from Waste

Management is \$103.93/ton of material received. There is also a proposed fee/rebate associated with the commodity values of the recyclable materials. If the value of our recycle stream is high enough the city would receive a rebate, if the recycle value is low there would be an additional fee added to our tipping fee. The city has collected approximately 800 tons of recyclable material over the last several years with little to no growth noticed. On an annual basis this service is about \$83,144 (800 tons x \$103.93/ton) assuming that the rebate received is equal to the fee associated with the materials market. This contract is to be paid from the Trash and Recycling Fund Disposal Fees."

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

Frank said that the meeting was the last to be held in council chambers for months, as Council will be meeting in the new Police Public Safety Room while renovations are made to council chambers.

Ulibarri wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukah and thanked citizens for their participation in government.

Frank wished all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and Kwanzaa, "Or whatever event you may celebrate, I just hope you have a joyful season."

With no further business the special meeting was adjourned.

# SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING



# 970-249-8500

ANONYMOUS CALL

## MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS



# CITY CONSIDERS UPDATES TO BUILDING & ENERGY CODES

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Mayor Dave Frank welcomed all to the regular City Council [work session](#) of Monday, Dec. 19. All councilors were present, with Councilors J. David Reed and Doug Glaspell attending virtually.

The session began with the introduction of new employees. Joining the city team are:

Police Officers James Legler, Christian Castravet, and Jack Hough;  
Utilities Worker Shawn Rossman;  
Customer Service Technician Leanne Whittaker;

Parks & Special Projects Division Worker Steven Stollsteimer;  
Fleet Mechanic Ashton Jones.

Following the introductions Mayor Frank said, "I want to welcome everybody to the city crew. You're going to enjoy your time here; we have a wonderful team and welcome aboard."

"Keep up the good work," Councilor Ed Ulibarri said.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

The first discussion item was an update on Building Code and Energy Code Adoption, as Council considered staff's recommendation to adopt the 2018 Building and Energy Codes, replacing the 2003 Codes currently in use. Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler led the discussion, with input from Chief Building Official Archie Byers and City Attorney Ben Morris.

Morgenthaler said that staff has been considering updates to the building and energy codes to provide consistency for the regional building community, "It's helpful for people who are builders in a variety of communities when they're working with one set of codes across communities."

The City of Montrose currently uses 2003 building and energy codes, although contractors are allowed to use more recent versions. Codes and other information are presented in [the memo](#) prepared by Morgenthaler for Council. "There's a table listed on page two of the memo that shows some of our neighboring communities and which codes they're using," she said. Codes will be updated incrementally. "It is 2022, we're on the 2003 codes,"

Morgenthaler said. "We'd like to get to 2018 first before we endeavor to move forward into 2021 and those codes that will be adopted in the coming years." Newer energy codes are likely more expensive for builders, she said.

Byers said that the State of Colorado has created [HB 1362](#), which requires that if a local government adopts new Building Codes prior to July 1, 2023, that either the 2015, 2018, or 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is also adopted. If a municipality adopts a new Building Code after July 1, 2023, the local government must adopt an Energy Code that is equivalent to the 2021 version of the IECC. Said Byers, "Updating the codes now is our best option to create the most flexibility for the City of Montrose to maintain control...to expand the greatest ability of our building community to have a positive outcome in terms of the Energy Code."

Council spent time in discussion, asking questions and talking about increasingly airtight building standards.

Glaspell said, "The State and federal government keeps wondering why the cost of housing is so high, and they keep adding these requirements...some of us lived in homes for half a century or better and didn't have a lot of these things and we're still here."

Mayor Frank said that transitioning to the 2018 codes will give contractors time to get up to speed. Byers said that there will be a plan in place to allow builders to come into compliance. "We're going to build in timelines for compliance...our hope is that we can create an environment that will allow them to succeed to the highest possible ability without it being some draconian type of thing. We're going to be with them every step of the way...it's not an easy task...and we recognize that."

Morgenthaler said that staff will work with the legal department to craft a clear ordinance. Fire Codes will be clarified, she said, and the city will work with the Fire Protection District. City Attorney Ben Morris said that the ordinance will be kept as simple as possible, "...to make this as understandable for the public as possible



**Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler led the discussion on building and energy code updates, with input from Chief Building Official Archie Byers (right) and City Attorney Ben Morris.**

with as few changes as possible, just enough to make it fit our community."

Ulibarri said that city building department staff are knowledgeable and practical. "...They're not just going to...recommend something that's just going to devastate our community cost-wise on our building. We all know the cost of materials and everything have gone up, and the \$168,000 homes in Montrose are no longer there...it's nice to have some affordable housing in our community and that's going to be important for me in the future."

"Thank you, Archie for the job you're doing."

Council also discussed the proposed 2023 [Montrose Recreation District/City Shared Services IGA](#). Jeremy Master of the Rec District was present.

**Background-** A memo from Morgenthaler to Council states, "Neither entity is proposing significant changes for 2023. The minor changes include: Specifying the process for the Recreation District to engage the City Attorney for legal assistance; The city will contract to crack seal the Recreation District Field House Facility parking lot in 2023 (the entire Recreation Center Facility parking lot was crack sealed in 2022); The Recreation District will notify the city of the next year's membership rates in November; Trash, recycle, and other fees were updated with current rates."

Planner II William Reis presented information on the Klein Addition Annexation. **Background-** A memo from Reis to Council states, "The Klein Addition is a proposed annexation approximately 1.00 acres in



## CITY CONSIDERS UPDATES TO BUILDING & ENERGY CODES *From previous pg*

size. The parcel is located west of 6600 Road, addressed as 675 6600 Road. It is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, City of Montrose Sewer Service Area, and the Tri-County Water Service Area. Annexation of this property will allow for connection to City sewer service. An Annexation Agreement is required."

City Clerk Lisa Del Piccolo shared information on the designated posting places, to be finalized at the first meeting every year. The City's website is the official posting location, the secondary location will be a bulletin board at City Hall. The designation is usually approved as a Consent Agenda item at the first meeting of

the year, Del Piccolo said. "If Council agrees I will proceed in that direction."

Said Mayor Frank, "I don't see any reason why we wouldn't."

Bynum said, "City Hall location is changing, our meeting location is changing for three months possibly longer, there's a lot of changes going on." She suggested not placing the posting location on the Consent Agenda this year but including it as a regular action item on the agenda to allow more detailed information to be included. Frank and Ulibarri agreed.

### GENERAL CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Glaspell wished all a merry Christmas, Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum wished all travelers a safe journey. Mayor Frank thanked Councilors Red and Glaspell for joining the meeting while traveling.

Bynum asked City Engineer Scott Murphy for an update on the traffic signals at Chipeta Road and at the airport. Murphy gave a brief update. The Chipeta signal is done except for poles and cabinets, he said. The signal at the airport is a Montrose County project, and the eventual access point will be across from Industrial Drive and must be coordinated through the railroad and the airport's parking lot reconfiguration. "I can't speak to their timelines, it's their project...they are working to get that done in 2023." The City has helped with some railroad permitting, Murphy said. The 6700 Road project is out for bid.

Morgenthaler said that City offices will be closed Monday for the Christmas Holiday. No location has been found for a pop-up shop on Main Street while the Visitor Center is closed for renovations. In the interim maps and guides remain available online and at City Hall.

Office of Business & Tourism and Municipal courts staff will work from the former police building inside the new police building.

With no further business, "We're done for this year," Mayor Frank said. "Thank you everybody, it's been a great year, we really appreciate all your hard work, you've made this a very smooth year despite all the obstacles in our way. Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukah."

### PLANNING FOR THE HOLIDAYS?



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### US 50 LITTLE BLUE CREEK CANYON MP 123 - 127 HOLIDAY TRAFFIC SCHEDULE

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REGIONAL-Beginning Thursday, Dec. 22, at 4:30 p.m. US 50 will be OPEN to two-way traffic with no delays through January 3, 2023.

Schedule for Winter 2023

During the week of January 3 - January 6, traffic will resume to one-lane alternating

traffic with pilot operations for striping the roadway. Sometime in January of 2023, US 50 will be open to two lanes of traffic with no delays until the Spring of 2023.

Work will continue in Spring of 2023 through summer of 2023.

There is no Springs start date announced

at this time. Please use caution when traveling through the project.

For additional information about this project, including assistance for agricultural producers and residents of the Arrowhead community, contact the project team.

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### COLORADO WORK-RELATED FATALITIES INCREASED IN 2021

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DENVER— The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) program conducted by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE)'s Office of Labor Market Information (LMI), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), revealed that Colorado had 96 work-related fatalities in 2021. Nationally, a total of 5,190 workers died from a work-related injury in the U.S. in 2021, an 8.9 percent increase from the 4,764 workers in 2020. The figures, available on the [Bureau of Labor Statistics website](#), indicate work injuries

involving transportation remained the most common cause of work-related deaths in Colorado in 2021. For the first time since 2016, violence and other injuries by person or animals were the second-most prevalent cause of work-related deaths.

Some numbers below are not included in totals, because some data do not meet the BLS publication criteria.

**Background**—In an effort to compile data that is as complete as possible, the CFOI program uses diverse sources to identify, verify, and describe fatal work injuries. Source documents, such as death certifi-

cates, coroners' reports, workers' compensation claims, U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration reports, and other records are cross-referenced to gather key information about each workplace fatality, such as the particular occupation and industry in which the fatality occurred, worker demographics, equipment or machinery involved, and circumstances of the event.

The CFOI program compiles the most complete, verifiable count of fatal occupational injuries in the U.S. 2022 data and will be publicly available in December 2023

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# BOCC HEARS ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX REPORT



*Above, Digital Communications Manager Erika Story and Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold at the BOCC meeting of Dec. 21.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) gathered for a meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 21. BOC Chair Keith Caddy called the meeting to order, and Sheriff's Deputy Ty Cox led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Ben **Gárate** of Calvary Chapel delivered the invocation. "Father we are grateful that you give us this last meeting of the year, Lord, together...we think of the past...the many meetings that have taken place and how you have given us wisdom...to act upon the needs of a city, the plans of a city...to be looking forward...Lord we ask that for today you would again give them of your wisdom that comes from above...let the speakers present and present clearly...may it please you Lord as we have a community that seeks you out..."

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

## COUNTY MANAGER

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were accepted as presented, with Resolution No's assigned to the following:

- Item 14-Resolution No. 85-2022;
- Item 15-Resolution No. 86-2022;
- Item 16-Resolution No. 87-2022;
- Item 17-Resolution No. 88-2022.

## GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Montrose Regional Airport Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold presented the recommended parking lot price changes based on industry standards and the fact that the airport has historically not raised prices in many years, representing an annual revenue of \$1,284,800. "In order for us to continue adding the appropriate infrastructure to the airport we need to have a return on investment that allows us to continue to build," Arnold said. Commissioners thanked

Arnold for the information. No action was needed by the board; changes to the prices will be administrative.

Emergency Manager Scott Hawkins presented Resolution No. 89-2022, regarding regulations and application processes concerning Licensing of Secure Transportation Services in Montrose County pursuant to the Code of Colorado Regulations, 6 CCR 1011-4, Standards for Secure Transport Services.

"This has been brought to us by the state," Hawkins said.

The BOCC voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 89-2022.

Caddy opened a public hearing, and Sheriff Gene Lillard presented the Annual Public Safety Sales Tax Report. The report includes statistics, operational efficiency upgrades, and goals for 2023. Lillard gave a brief history of the 0.75 percent PSST, passed by voters in 2007 and implemented in 2008. Lillard said that revenues are very good and have climbed steadily. "...Our deepest gratitude goes out to the taxpayers of Montrose County and to our neighbors who shop and spend money in Montrose County. We are forever grateful for the Public Safety Sales Tax."

In 2023, the Sheriff's Department hopes to place a deputy at Montrose Regional Airport, Lillard said. "Due to the expansion of the airport and how busy they are out there."

BOCC Vice Chair Sue Hansen asked about the impacts of state legislative actions that have restricted law enforcement. "Could you speak about how that has impacted your team?"

Lillard said that Colorado's Senate Bill 217 has had serious impacts on law enforcement.

"It really has...We ended up getting a lot of unfunded mandates that were placed upon us with that bill...It's been unbelievable too. It really stops us from really going out and doing a field identification on somebody," Lillard said.

State body camera rules apply to law enforcement working police and sheriff's offices but do not apply to Colorado State Patrol, Lillard said. "What should be fair for the goose is fair for the gander."

The Sheriff's Office went to Telluride for the first time in 15 years to provide assistance at the request of the chief there, Lillard said. Commissioner Rash asked about the decriminalization of quantities of Fentanyl and Methamphetamine by the state legislature. "Which is totally ridiculous to me, that our

legislators would even consider doing that and making those misdemeanors...I am sure you guys have got the revolving door going with these drug dealers and these people that running around creating all this other crime."

Said Hansen, "Well, I imagine it's really frustrating to try to be in law enforcement." Lillard said, "You know, it is. We put things on a silver platter...and we do give 'em to the District Attorney's Office, and there's just some plea bargaining that goes on. I don't know if they're so full and busy, but it's a revolving door. We seem like we just beat ourselves to death by going around and doing what we're supposed to do, and then they're released on PR bond 30 minutes before the report is even done, and it's the same people time after time. It's frustrating, it really is."

"...the amount of Fentanyl that's coming into our community is astronomical," Lillard said, "We're 11 hours away from the Mexican border and it is pouring in. We've had overdose deaths here in Montrose County directly related to Fentanyl. It is here."

For those hoping to begin a career in law enforcement, the Montrose County Jail is a good option, Lillard said.

Commissioners thanked Lillard and Sheriff's officers for their work. "...Outstanding job, keep it up," Rash said. Lillard said that the compensation plan developed in 2022 will be implemented in 2023.

"Hats off to Jon Waschbusch and to Leslie Quon and her staff for making that happen," he said. "That is making a huge difference and it will make a huge difference. We appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts, and to the county commissioners, thank you all."

Following the presentation, BOCC Chair Keith Caddy closed the public hearing.

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planner Tallmadge Richmond presented two items for consideration and approval.

**First to be approved was the Amended Plat of Lot 10 Folsom Subdivision and part of Lot 2 Orchard Subdivision [AM22-009] proposal** to combine lots at Parcel 376733301009.

Also approved unanimously was the **Luca Estates 2 Minor Subdivision one-year Extension Request [EXT22-003]** proposal to extend an approval of a Minor Subdivision to file an approved Plat at Parcel 5790 Road. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

"Merry Christmas everybody, have a great holiday season, and enjoy the day," Caddy said.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### RIDGWAY STATE PARK RECEIVES COLORADO DARK SKY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM AWARD

*Special to the Mirror*

RIDGWAY— Ridgway State Park is a proud recipient of one of four Colorado Dark Sky Certification Mentor Program awards issued by the Colorado Tourism Office (CTO) and International Dark-sky Association Colorado Chapter (IDA-Colorado).

This is the first year of the program done in effort to help tourism partners achieve International Dark Sky Place (IDSP) certification that will further enhance the visitor experience in locations across Colorado.

"We are elated to be part of the mentorship program because the application to become Dark Sky certified takes between one to three years," said Ridgway State Park Senior Ranger Erin Vogel, who will serve as the program lead for the park. "The application is an in-depth report that addresses lighting upgrades to conserve the dark sky qualities in an area. This can be extremely expensive, so securing funding will be the next hurdle we tackle."

Participants in the Colorado Dark Sky Certification Mentor program will receive 50 hours of free consulting from the IDA-Colorado to implement activities that reduce light pollution and protect access to Colorado's incredible night skies. Successful implementation will increase Ridgway State Park's competitive edge as a destination and provide a wealth of benefits for surrounding communities.

"We are grateful to have a guide throughout this long process and help us create a meaningful plan for the park," Vogel said. "The mentor has expertise in taking sky

quality measurements and can help us navigate and initiate long-standing partnerships in addition to guiding what education materials to develop."

The other three award recipients for the program were Friends of Brown Canyon, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors and Visit Durango.

"Thanks to our bipartisan efforts and a shared love of the outdoors, Coloradans across the state will be able to enjoy starlit skies free from light pollution," said Speaker-designate Julie McCluskie, D-Dillon. "The legislation we passed to create the CTO Dark Sky Certification Mentor Program will help communities to preserve ecosystems, boost sustainable tourism and protect our beautiful night skies. Working together, Colorado destinations will protect our Milky Way views, while enhancing the visitor experience for years to come."

Program objectives include increased collaboration between state and local tourism leaders, reduced energy consumption, economic impact from cost savings and increased property value, and increased awareness of the value of visible night skies and their benefit to local wildlife. As designated by the International Dark-Sky Association, Colorado is already home to 15 International Dark-Sky Association designations, including 10 dark-sky parks. This



*A time lapse photo shows the dark sky over Ridgway State Park. Ken Papaleo/CPW.*

also includes three of the state's four national parks and five dark-sky communities.

Through this program, Ridgway State Park aims to join Jackson Lake State Park as Colorado State Parks to achieve certification. The park would also add to the surrounding dark sky certified communities of Naturita, Norwood, Nucla and Ridgway to continue bolstering the region's dark sky status.

"The park already has good data on its sky quality thanks to Black Canyon Astronomical Society, but our staff will need to be trained on how to take the measurements to strengthen the data for the application and also to remain in compliance with the certification standards after certification," Vogel said.

For more information on the program, go to the official program page.



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# COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

## INDUSTRIAL INCIDENT AT CDOT PATROL CAMP

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GRAND COUNTY-On Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at approximately 1:22pm, the Colorado State Patrol was notified of an industrial incident at a Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) patrol camp located at 2500 Rocky Mountain Avenue in Grand County.

A snow cat working in the CDOT yard was backing near the sand shed when two CDOT employees walked around the corner of the building and were struck by the snow cat. Both employees were transported to the hospital; one with minor injuries, the other with serious injuries. Troopers arrived on scene as a courtesy to CDOT to assist in the incident. After interviewing those involved it was determined there was nothing chargeable which ended any CSP involvement. CDOT safety officers will further investigate the industrial incident. Any additional inquiries need to go through CDOT.

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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### **MIKE MCMILLAN**

***March 24, 1949 -December 22, 2022***

MIKE MCMILLAN passed away with his family by his side on December 22, 2022. He was 73 years old. Mike was born on March 24th, 1949 to Ruth Thompson and Billy McMillan in Paonia, Colorado. He was a graduate from Paonia High School and continued his education at CSU in Fort Collins, Colorado before transferring to UNC in Greeley, Colorado where he earned his BA degree in education. Mike would get his Masters degree from Western State College and followed that up by becoming the Delta County School District Superintendent. He would retire in 2012 to spend more time with his family and his other passion, ranching.

Mike married his sweetheart Patty Stimac on November 27th, 1971 and never looked back. They would raise four children and spend 51 years together.

Mike had a passion for education but also had a love for the outdoors and was always working on the ranch, riding horses, spending time at the cabin in Stevens Gulch(always had something to fix or change), enjoyed woodworking and most of all spending time with his family.

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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### **CHARLES RAY (CHUCK) GWIN** *December 16, 1937-December 18, 2022*



CHARLES RAY (CHUCK) GWIN of Montrose, CO passed away on December 18, 2022, just two days after his 85th birthday. He was in the comfort of his home and surrounded by family. Chuck was born in Montrose December 16, 1937, to Eugene and Betty Gwin. Chuck and his brother and sister were the 4th generation to live on the Gwin Ranch on Specie Mesa, near Telluride. Chuck's great grandfather Nathan Gwin, known for his prize-winning Angora goats, homesteaded on Specie Mesa with his wife Eliza Gwin in the early part of the last century. Chuck's grandparents Albert and Florence Gwin also homesteaded on Specie Mesa.

Growing up, Chuck spent the school year in Montrose but looked forward to every spring when the family would move their sheep to the ranch on Specie Mesa. Chuck enjoyed his duties herding sheep and loved being in the mountains.

Chuck met his wife of 62 years, Sandra Adams, when they were both still in high school. They married in Montrose on June 19, 1960. After graduating from Montrose High School, Chuck completed a BS degree in electrical engineering at Colorado State University. In the summer before his senior year, he interned with Western Colorado Power Company, where he began surveying new power lines through the mountains near Trout Lake, Silverton and Durango. This project continued after his graduation when he was hired by Western as a junior engineer.

Chuck enjoyed a prosperous career with Western Colorado Power and its parent company, Utah Power and Light. Chuck's career took him from Durango, CO to Montrose and then to Castle Dale, UT and eventually Salt Lake City, UT. He retired from UP&L as the Director of Operations and Engineering. Many of the customer service programs and engineering practices he put in place are still in use by the company today. His final project was to integrate the power distribution systems of UP&L with PacificCorp when the two companies merged. After retirement, Chuck and Sandra returned to their hometown of Montrose.

Chuck was a great father to his four children and a wonderful grandfather to his grandchildren. He was always excited to show them new things and work with them on projects, both as children and as adults. He always took an interest in what they were interested in and was always well-read on anything they enjoyed.

Chuck's grandmother told him at a very young age "learn something about everything."

This is something he took to heart. Chuck could talk with anyone about any subject and was a great conversationalist.

Self taught, Chuck was an amazing carpenter and builder. In his lifetime he flipped several houses and remodeled every home the family lived in. He built beautiful bookcases, cabinetry and furniture. Chuck also loved the outdoors and was a great fisherman, out-fishing his kids at every opportunity.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Gene and Betty Gwin of Montrose; his brother Jim Gwin of Casper, WY and his son Eric Gwin of Montrose. Chuck is survived by his wife Sandra, son Mark Gwin (Liz) of Gering, NE, son Gary Gwin (Alisa) of Cheyenne, WY, daughter Kathy Erickson (Eric) of Montrose; and his sister Kay Collin (Ted) of Montrose; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at Grand View Cemetery in Montrose, CO on December 30, 2PM. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Mr. Gwin's family.

### **BARBARA (JANE) GROFF** *January 15, 1933-December 16-2022*

Montrose resident Barbara (Jane) Groff passed away December 16, 2022. She was born Jan. 15, 1933 and was 89 years old. She followed in the path of her beloved husband, Lorenzo Groff.

She is survived by her brother Lloyd Heitmeyer and his wife Luiz, and many nieces and nephews. Her funeral services will be held December 29, 2022, at 10am at St. Mary Catholic Church in Montrose, CO. Burial will follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting her family.



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## ART &amp; SOL

## HOW TO MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS THAT LAST

*By Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald*

MONTROSE-This time between Christmas and New Year's is a sacred time. Despite winding down from Christmas festivities, anticipating the football games to come, the parties to attend, we feel something else nudging at the edge of our minds. This something is Spirit reminding us that the new year is beginning and with it a new opportunity to find ways to improve our life by adding to our spiritual life.

It doesn't matter if you believe in a specific sacred spirit or not. It doesn't matter if your name for God is different than your neighbor's. What does matter is that you listen to the spiritual voice within you and heed the call to live a more spiritual life in the new year.

The practice of making New Year's resolutions began 4000 years ago in ancient Babylon. The first recorded New Year's celebrations were held in mid-March with promises made to the king and the gods. Later in Rome, the Emperor Julius Caesar tinkered with the calendar and changed New Year's to January 1 in honor of the god Janus. Janus was a two-headed god who could look both into the past and the future at the same time. His followers made promises for good conduct.

In Christianity, New Year's eve evolved to Watch Night with John Wesley encouraging people to reflect on their past and make resolutions to do better in the coming year. Many churches hold Watch Night

services as an alternative to New Year's Eve parties.

Recent research has shown that 45 percent of Americans make New Year's resolutions, but only 8 percent are successful in keeping them. Research has also shown that basing resolutions on spiritual principles or ideals instead of material gains brings more success in keeping them.

The world is in such turmoil again and each of us has a part to play to bring peace, not only into our own lives but into the world. We begin by setting our New Year's resolutions based on the spiritual ideals of compassion, kindness, respect, and peace. These are the higher ideals of being a human. We are born with these higher ideals already within us and they are activated at this sacred time of year.

Here are six ways you can add spiritual principles to your resolutions.

-Resolve to remember and affirm that you are a special child of the Holy Spirit, beloved and forgiven no matter what you have done.

-Resolve to practice random acts of kindness every day. Return kindness to each person who comes into your life. Be kind to yourself and to your family.

-Resolve to have compassion for those in need. We are so blessed with so many of the essentials of life that we can reach out and help others to be blessed. Make charitable gifts a part of your budget or give on the spur of the moment when you see a



need.

-Resolve to respect every opinion you hear and every person you meet. There is no need to argue over who is right and who is wrong. Everyone sees life through different eyes. Resolve to be respectful in thoughts, words, and deeds.

-Resolve to bring peace into your life and into the lives of others. People who practice peace live longer and are happier, which in turn brings them better health. Bring peace into every situation.

-Resolve to increase your prayer and meditation time. Prayers are personal and all prayers are heard. Prayer is powerful. Meditate or just be in the stillness every day. Quiet time is essential to spiritual practices and to your good health. Even a few minutes of meditation makes a difference. Your New Year's resolutions based on spiritual ideals will last as long as you are dedicated to changing your life. Happy New Year and best wishes for a spiritually rewarding year to come.



# CIVIL WAR STORIES: CONFEDERATES IN OHIO?



*Photo by Paul Arbogast.*

*By Paul Arbogast,*

*National correspondent*

OHIO-Over thanksgiving I had the opportunity to visit with my sister and her family in a small rural community in eastern Ohio. Somewhere in all the discussion I learned that just a half-mile down the road was a historic marker. I was intrigued, because this marker was related to the Civil War and the Confederacy. Wait, the Confederates in Ohio? How did I ever miss this historical story?

On July 8, 1863, a group of about 2,400 hand-selected men led by Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan crossed over the Ohio River into Indiana and rode more than 1,000 miles along the river in Ohio, terrorizing the locals and Union forces.

Morgan began by seizing two steamboats and ferrying his troops across the Ohio River. As word of his raid spread, citizens of Indiana came together and put up fortifications outside of the town of Corydon. They held their ground, but due to their

lack of training and superior numbers eventually were defeated. Morgan extorted money from government and local businesses and plundered the town, a pattern he would follow along his route. Over the next several days, Morgan's men also raided Salem, Dupont, Versailles, and other small towns leaving behind a trail of destruction.

On July 13 they entered into Ohio, continuing to raid and terrorize small towns and people in the countryside, robbing and taking anything they needed, often leaving behind broken horses and riding off on stolen horses. At this point the force was down to 1,900 men.

Brigadier General Hobson (of Indiana) was hot on their trail through this journey, and with the addition of federal patrols and troops on the Ohio River, Morgan and his troops almost met their end at the Battle of Buffington Island. They faced a force of 3,000 men and after a four-hour battle were able to retreat with only a few hundred men. Days later, at the site just down the road from my sister's house, Morgan and his 300 remaining raiders were captured. Major George Rue of the 9<sup>th</sup> Kentucky U.S. Cavalry placed his men ahead of Morgan's path. With his men exhausted, Morgan surrendered. Read the whole story in "[The Longest Raid of the Civil War](#)" by Lester Horwitz.

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# FRIENDS OF YOUTH AND NATURE: KIDS NEED THE OUTDOORS

By Carrie Krickbaum,  
Friends of Youth and Nature

REGIONAL—We are so lucky to live in Colorado, where there is such a wide variety of outdoor opportunities for youth close to home in local state parks and in our vast open landscapes across the state. This past week, the Colorado Equity Grant Board awarded various Colorado non-profits a total of \$1.3 million to help more kids and families experience the outdoors. Here on the Western Slope, Friends of Youth and Nature was awarded a generous grant of \$67,180 towards our efforts in getting local youth into outdoor activities. This gift to our citizens is an effort to increase access to the outdoors for our youth and instill stewardship practices of our state's outstanding natural resources in the next generation. In the long run, this investment will increase the health of Coloradans and our communities. The personal benefits gained from outdoor experiences is not a novel concept; there is a plethora of research proving that outdoor activities overall increase individual well-being.

According to Dr. Constance Scharff in Psychology Today, "Children are increasingly spending time indoors engaged with various forms of electronic devices: phones, computers, tablets, televisions, and gaming consoles. There is significant data indicating that time spent outdoors, whether in play, outdoor education or recreation, or even gardening, can have a real and positive impact on mental and physical well-being."

Author Dr. John J. Ratey in his book, The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain, discusses how exercise influences the brain on a cellular level. He also talks about how lack of real play does hurt children because they need to use their imaginations to develop creative thinking and problem solving skills. Many outdoor activities require kids to work together and communicate in order for everyone to have fun or to accomplish a common goal. He also describes a bacterium in the soil that increases serotonin in the brain and improves mood. Who knew that getting dirty is a good thing!

There are many activities to do outdoors,



*Above left, Students practice using binoculars to find birds and learn bird identification techniques during a field trip to Ridgway State Park. Above right, Metaphorse Riding Instruction. Working with horses can help children, teens, and adults make significant improvements in their emotional well-being specifically building confidence and self-esteem, and managing anger, anxiety and PTSD symptoms. (Photos Courtesy Carrie Krickbaum).*



including hiking, camping, rafting, paddle boarding, rock climbing, skiing, sledding, orienteering, horseback riding, and raising animals, just to name a few. Some examples of activities and research-proven benefits include:

**Gardening** – Teaches patience, perseverance and empathy (and don't forget that special bacterium that increases serotonin levels). According to Dr. Scharff, gardening teaches children about the food cycle and nutrition, provides important life skills, and creates opportunities for children to learn competence, resilience, and community building. There are Junior Master Gardener programs that can be integrated into school curricula or used at home or with youth groups. Children's gardening programs ignite a passion for good food, provide opportunities for people of all ages to work together, and develop important life skills that can lead to a lifetime of healthy choices. Food produced may be used in home or school settings, or

canned for use in the off-season, and the excess can be donated to local food banks.

**Walking and talking** – Builds conversation skills and helps with the flow of creative thinking. Just taking a long walk outdoors with a friend has many benefits. State and national parks offer a wide variety of outdoor activities for youth and families. These are not necessarily just hikes or camping, but interactive wildlife activities, archaeological explorations, storytelling times, and much more. The park service often coordinates activities and provides special programming for youth groups. *Every Kid in a Park* is a National Park Service Program to encourage youth visitation to national parks. Every Fourth grader gets a yearlong free family pass to any national park. Visit their website to find out more, and encourage your kids to become junior rangers ([www.nps.gov/kids/every-kid-outdoors.htm](http://www.nps.gov/kids/every-kid-outdoors.htm)). Public lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land



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Management have mostly free access with a variety of trails for mountain biking, hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

**Bird Watching** – Watching any wildlife has its benefits! Observation can help build attention skills while also practicing mindfulness and coping strategies. It also stirs a sense of curiosity in young people. Many birding organizations provide activities and/or mentors to teach children about bird watching.

Check into your local Audubon chapter, Colorado Field Ornithologist groups, or the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies. National and state parks also offer nature programs that are scheduled or can be requested by contacting them. *Audubon Adventure for Kids* highlights curriculum and related DIY activities that can be done at home or in a yard or park ([www.audubon.org/get-outside/activities/audubon-for-kids](http://www.audubon.org/get-outside/activities/audubon-for-kids)). Scavenger hunts are a great way to get kids excited about exploring

nature and improve their observation and attention skills. Looking for a bird nest, a cactus flower, a cool rock, or an animal track can be very exciting. Search the internet for nature/outdoor scavenger hunts; you will be surprised with how many come up.

**Horses** – Studies have shown that working with horses helps children, teens, and adults make significant improvements in the areas of confidence, anger management, empathy, impulse control, self-esteem, PTSD, anxiety, and overall emotional well-being. Did you know that horses can be an emotional mirror to ourselves? Research has also shown that horses recognize and react to human emotions from our body language and facial expressions. Since they are herd and prey animals, they have a strong emotional sense, reflect and respond to the behavior of other horses in the herd. Even playing with your family pet or walking your beloved dog has huge benefits. Speaking

of the influence animals have on youth, *Meet Wilder!* This is a very engaging video you can watch with your kids featuring Wilder. It will inspire them to go outdoors and play ([www.generationwild.com/](http://www.generationwild.com/)).

Are you looking for something that will help your child build social interaction skills, confidence, problem solving skills, independence, creativity, and emotional well-being? Take them outside! No matter what activity they do outdoors, just getting them outside on a regular basis has so many benefits to them, their families, and our communities.

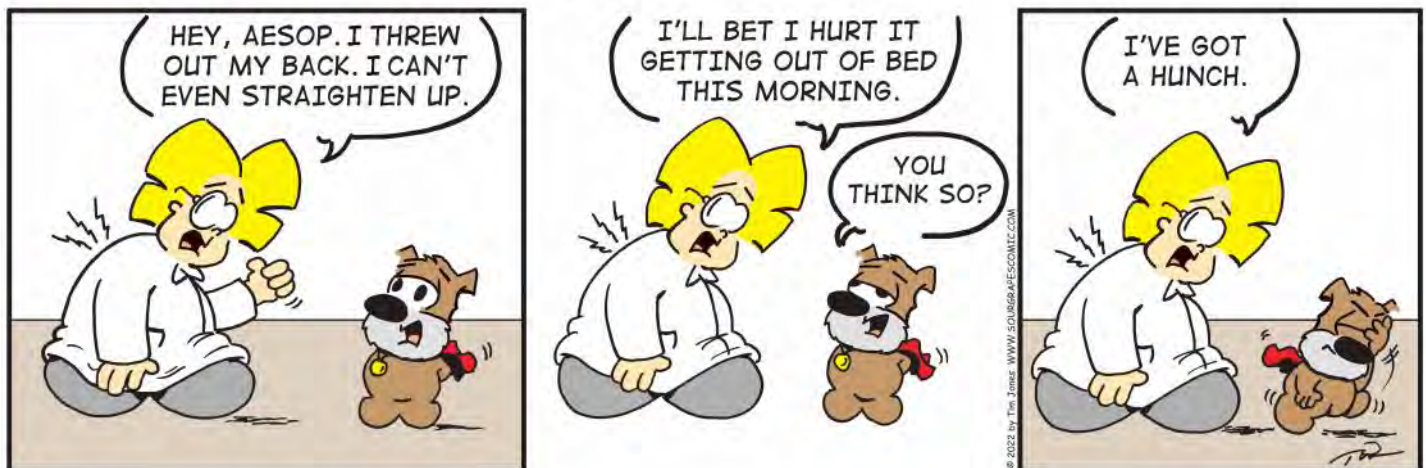
*Carrie Krickbaum is an education specialist and a board member of the Friends of Youth and Nature - a non-profit that promotes opportunities for youth and families to get outside, experience outdoor activities, and explore nature. Follow our outdoor news blog and receive monthly tips on connecting your children to nature. Learn more, visit:*

[www.friendsofyouthandnature.org](http://www.friendsofyouthandnature.org)

## WEEKLY CARTOONS

### SOUR GRAPES

by Tim Jones



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# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

## ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Independent Baptist  
112 Main St.  
P.O. Box 262

Olathe, Co 81425  
Tuesday-Friday Phone: 970-808-1021  
[www.biblebaptistchurcholathe.com](http://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](http://www.montroselutheran.org)  
**Email:** [montroselutheran@gmail.com](mailto:montroselutheran@gmail.com)  
**Pastor:** Tim Onnen  
**Worship:** Sundays at 9 AM  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:15 AM; Women's Bible Study Fridays at 9 AM. At Christ Lutheran Montrose you will

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](mailto:mncfirst@gmail.com),  
[www.montrosenazarenechurch.org](http://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-</a></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](mailto:office@montroseucc.org)  
Website: [montroseucc.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:office@montroseumc.org), [mont-](http://montroseumc.org)

[montroseumc.org](http://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-Thu, 9am-4pm

**Contact information:**

Phone: 970.249.4887

website: [www.RosemontBaptist.org](http://www.RosemontBaptist.org)

email: [office@rosemontbaptist.org](mailto:office@rosemontbaptist.org)

**Senior Pastor:** Rolland Kenneson

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

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

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

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

*matter what stage of life they are in.*

**Children's services:** We have a fun Sunday School for children from four years old through youth. We provide Children's Church during the Sunday Worship Services where children four years old through 9 years can learn to be worshippers of Jesus.

*We provide a nursery for children under four years old with paid staff providing excellent care during Sunday Morning Bible Study and Worship Service.*

## SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

**Denomination affiliation:** Independent Interfaith

**Address:** Meeting at Lions Park Community Building, 602 N. Nevada, Montrose  
Office hours: Tues-Fri, 9 am to 4 pm,

**Home Office** – 970-252-0908

**Contact information:** Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, 970-252-0908, [arlyn@spiritaware.org](mailto:arlyn@spiritaware.org), [www.spiritaware.org](http://www.spiritaware.org)

**Name of current pastor:** Rev. Dr. Arlyn

Macdonald, Senior Minister; Rev. Catharine Gates, Associate Minister. Spiritual counseling available.

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

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

## SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

**Denomination affiliation:**

Southern Baptist

**Address:** 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

**Office hours:** Varies

**Contact information:**

phone number: 970-275-7026

email: [summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com](mailto:summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com)

website: [www.summitchurchmontrose.org](http://www.summitchurchmontrose.org)

**Name of current Senior Pastor:** John De-

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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](mailto:info@vbcmontrose.org); website: [vbcmontrose.org](http://vbcmontrose.org)

**Current Pastor:** Roland Kassales

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

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

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

#### Church Directory

#### Mirror Editorial Staff

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

#### information to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

## Birth Certificates & Death Certificates

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### NEW YEAR'S ART CLASSES WITH KATE BURKE

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**Dec. 28.** New Years Kids' Classes. 1-2:15 pm. Mosaic, 21 N. Cascade Ave. \$15. Perfect way to celebrate the New Year without the noise and spark danger of fireworks. All materials provide plus extras to take home. Register <https://kathrynrburke.com/122822-2/>

**Jan. 12.** Alcohol ink winter scenes paintings. 5:30-7:30 pm. Mosaic, 21 N. Cascade Ave. \$45. Step-by-step instructions, all materials, and a drink included. Register <https://kathrynrburke.com/011223-2/>

**Jan. 14.** Paint Your Pet. 1:30-3:30 pm. LaNoue Winery. 67289 Trout Rd. Montrose. \$50. All materials, including canvas with pet sketch included plus a glass of wine. Details, instructions, register <https://kathrynrburke.com/011423pet/>

**Jan. 17.** Alcohol ink paintings: Winter Scenes. 6-8 pm. MRD Summit Room, 25 Colorado Ave. \$40. Step-by-step instructions and all materials. Register <https://kathrynrburke.com/011723-2/>

**Jan. 18.** Life Drawing with Live Model. 6-8 pm. MRD Summit Room. 25 Colorado Ave. \$20. Practice your skills with live (clothed) model in various poses. Cash at the door or register at <https://kathrynrburke.com/011823-2/>

**Jan. 24.** Kids' Groundhog Day Project. 4-5:30 pm. Montrose Rec. Center. \$15. Cut, color, paste your own groundhog to find out if he will see his shadow. <https://kathrynrburke.com/012423-2/>

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### MRH Ambulatory Care Center FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

**Will MRH be continuing to partner with local providers at the ACC? Will other clinics or organizations be at the ACC?**

The ACC will strengthen relationships with local healthcare providers and feature them at the new ACC location.

Montrose Regional Health is partnering with independent providers in our communities to offer care at our new ACC. Most recently, Cedar Point Health announced they are joining the Montrose Regional Health ACC. Discussions with additional community partners are currently ongoing. Information on site partners will be announced when it is available.

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

800 S. 3rd Street  
Montrose, CO 81401

970-249-2211

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







### **PEAK PROFESSIONALS**

1550 Niagara Road Montrose  
(970) 497-4921  
[peakpros.org](http://peakpros.org)

### **PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES**

947 South Fifth Street Montrose  
(970) 249-2421 **VFC PROVIDER**  
[thepediatricassociates.com](http://thepediatricassociates.com)

### **NORTHSIDE HEALTH CENTER**

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

### **CEDAR POINT HEALTH**

300 South Nevada Ave Montrose  
(970) 249-7751  
[cedarpointthehealth.com](http://cedarpointthehealth.com)

### **BASIN CLINIC**

421 Adams Street Naturita  
(970) 865-2665 **VFC PROVIDER (RHC)**  
[basinclinic.org](http://basinclinic.org)

### **UNCOMPAHGRE MEDICAL CENTER**

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

### **DELTA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT**

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

### **RIVER VALLEY FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS**

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

### **THE PIC PLACE**

87 Merchant Drive Montrose  
(970) 252-8896  
[pic.place](http://pic.place)

### **MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT**

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

### **VFC (VACCINES FOR CHILDREN)**

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

### **340b**

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



**CITY MARKET SOUTH**

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

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

**WALGREENS**

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

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

**CVS (IN TARGET)**

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

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

**CITY MARKET NORTH**

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

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

**SAFEWAY**

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

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

**WALMART**

16750 South Townsend Ave Montrose  
(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

Flu	Pneumonia
Shingles	Tdap



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



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

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

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

**BINGO EVERY FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY** at 7pm at the American Legion Post 24 Olathe doors open at 5:30. 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](mailto:ErinKEaston@gmail.com)

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

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

## MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET SCHEDULE

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. 28**-Home for the Holidays-Musicians AJ Fullerton and Erik Stucky perform at the Montrose Pavilion. \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. Doors open 6pm show at 7pm. Cash bar.

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**Jan 24**. Kids' Groundhog Day Project. 4-5:30 pm. Montrose Rec. Center. \$15. Cut, color, paste your own groundhog to find out if he will see his shadow. <https://kathrynrburke.com/012423-2/>

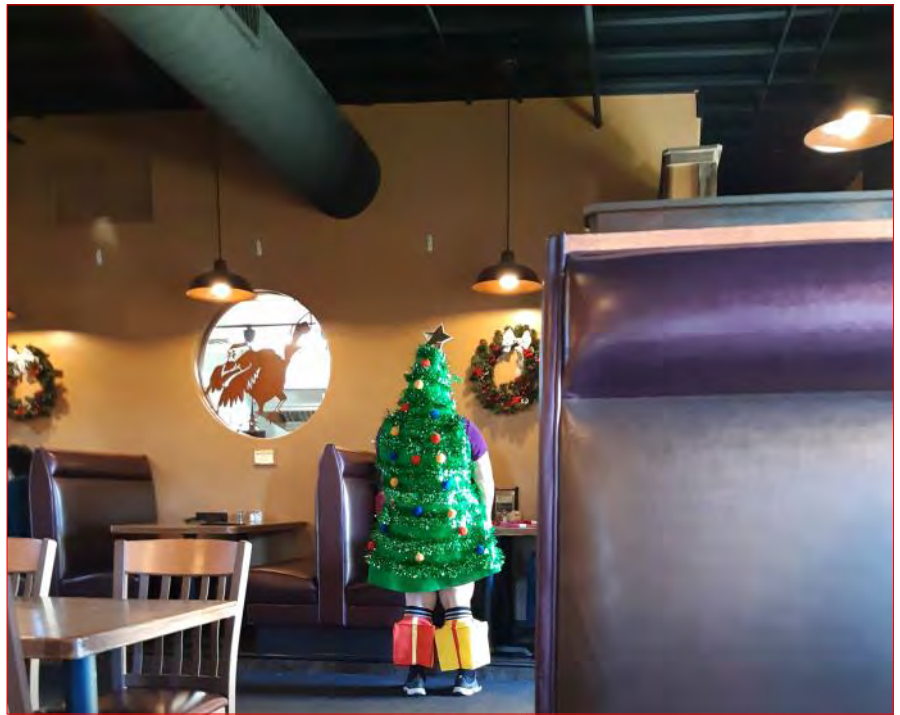
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