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MEETINGS POSTPONED, SCHOOLS CLOSED AFTER EPIC SNOWFALL



Clearing snow in Montrose Wednesday morning. Photo by Harry Switzer.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Public meetings and classroom instruction were cancelled or postponed in Montrose last week as snow became the top story in the Uncompahgre Valley and across the state. Flakes began to fall in Montrose on Tuesday, Feb. 14 and continued relentlessly through Wednesday. With the [Gunnison River Basin Snotel Snowpack update](#) reaching 142 percent of the median on Feb. 16, precipitation in the valley was plentiful. By 10 am Thursday, the [National Weather Service](#) reported that Montrose had received 9.2 inches of snow during the storm.

The Montrose County School District [RE-1J Board of Education meeting](#) of Tuesday, Feb. 14 was among those cancelled due to weather conditions, with two agenda items that were sure to draw public interest-recommended changes to the district dress code, to be approved on first reading during the meeting, and an updated Homework Policy for consideration. The Board of Education was also to consider opting into a lawsuit by Frantz Law Group on behalf of Montrose County

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MONTROSE BUSINESS OWNER & CEO CREATES ANNUAL TRADITION TO HONOR ACCOMPLISHED WOMEN

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-From the moment she arrived in Montrose six years ago, Tonya Maddox has been breaking ground and making a difference. Maddox brought new energy and ideas to a century-old newspaper when she was hired as the first female publisher of the *Montrose Daily Press* in 2017. Though she now leads her own successful company, an event that Maddox created during her tenure at the *Daily Press* will celebrate its seventh year in 2023. Returning to the Montrose County Event Center on March 3, "The Women of Distinction awards highlight those women who have demonstrated a high capacity for encouraging, motivating, and inspiring in ways that change and improve our community for the better," Maddox said. "It has been my great privilege to host these awards and celebrate these phenomenal ladies."

For Maddox, the awards are a chance to recognize the accomplishments of the women of our community, which had often been overlooked. She said, "People were so

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Our Town Matters CEO Tonya Maddox has hosted the Montrose Women of Distinction Awards since 2017. Courtesy photo.

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City Hall, the Downtown Visitor Center, Municipal Court, Animal Shelter, Montrose Pavilion, and Public Works will all close in observance of the holiday.

Police Department offices will be closed but officers will be on duty and responding to calls. The Black Canyon Golf Course will remain open depending on snow, the Pro Shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., while The Rusty Putter restaurant will be closed.

City residential trash customers who would normally receive service on Monday, Feb. 20, will instead be served on Tuesday, Feb. 21, and Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Monday customers located south of San Juan Avenue will be served Tuesday, Feb. 21. Monday customers residing north of San Juan Avenue will be served Wednesday, Feb. 22. Recycling customers who would normally receive collection service Monday, Feb. 20, will instead be served Friday, Feb. 24. Residents with questions about route adjustments are encouraged to call City Hall at 970.240.1400 or visit CityofMontrose.org/Trash.

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The proposed change concerns accounts for which the same member routinely disconnects and reconnects the service within a 12-month period and it applies to any SMPA service which has been inactivated or disconnected for a period of at least 90 days.

Such services shall be classified as abandoned and may be retired from SMPA's system at SMPA's discretion. Applicants or owners applying for new service or restoration will be liable for payment of expenses not limited to: 1) Reconnect Fees, 2) monthly Access Charge for the period that the service was disconnected, or 3) New line extension costs in cases where service equipment was removed.

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UPCOMING SOUTH RIVER ROAD CLOSURE

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MONTROSE— Montrose County Road and Bridge will close South River Road starting Feb. 21 for approximately one week for a culvert replacement. The new culvert will improve the safety and longevity of the road. Motorists are asked to use an alternate route during this time. For more information on road closures, please visit montrosecounty.net

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School District, against Facebook, TikTok, Snap and You Tube, alleging that the companies have caused a mental health crisis among children and teenagers that is marked by higher proportions of anxiety, depression, and thoughts of self-harm, all of which severely affect their ability to succeed in school.

The RE-1J Board of Education meeting will be rescheduled. There will be a District Safety Presentation at the Montrose County Event Center, Conference Room 4, on Feb. 28, and the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on March 14.

The regular Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting of Wednesday, Feb. 15, which had a lengthy agenda, was postponed and rescheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 930am.

Montrose Regional Airport Administration offices were closed on Feb. 15 due to weather conditions.

Montrose Regional Library closed briefly during the storm but was re-opened by Thursday.

Montrose Back to 4H Night, originally set for Feb. 16, was rescheduled to Feb. 27.

City of Montrose offices were closed during the storm, but essential services such as trash pickup and snow removal continued.



For crews placing a 30X15 structure for DMEA on the City's newly-acquired portion of the Bullock Power Station during the peak of the storm, it was business as usual (see photo).



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Tonya Maddox, Our Town Matters
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WHO CAN RUN FOR DMEA'S BOARD?

District 6, District 7, and the North Region positions are up for election this year. Members with a primary residence in one of these areas can submit a nomination petition to run for the board. To confirm if your primary residence is within one of these districts, call 877-687-3632.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS?

Members must meet the following criteria:

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- Cannot have filed bankruptcy within the past three years
- Cannot be a party to any contract for profit with DMEA
- Must comply with DMEA's Conflict of Interest Policy

HOW DO I RUN FOR THE BOARD?

Starting March 13, 2023, submit your information online at dmea.com/selfnomination. Once your membership is confirmed, we'll send you a nomination form and signature petition. Complete the form and collect at least 15 member signatures.

WHEN IS MY PETITION DUE?

Submit your nomination petition and signatures by April 16, 2023.

WHEN ARE THE ELECTIONS?

DMEA's Board of Directors Election will conclude with the Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023. DMEA will mail ballots to members in mid-May. Members can vote by mail or in person at the Annual Meeting.

GET STARTED!

Starting March 13, visit dmea.com/selfnomination to request your self-nomination packet.



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surprised about the award the first year that they would call the office to ask if it was real."

Over the years, the Women of Distinction awards have honored women of all ages and from a wide array of backgrounds and professions.

In 2023, Maddox and her Our Town Matters team, consisting of Deanne Sanders and Shaun Gibson, are working harder than ever to make sure the experience is one that the honorees and those who attend will never forget, with photo shoots, a gala event, and a chance to vote for Woman of the Year.

"This list of honorees and the ones who have come before them are our local thought leaders, innovators, and doers," Maddox said. "They make our community

stronger by sharing their gifts and giving back. I continue to be in awe of the talent we have in Montrose."

Maddox had joined the *Montrose Daily Press* after working for Gatehouse Media, where she was recruited to oversee advertising and marketing for a group of newspapers in Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. Prior to that she worked with a tech startup where she oversaw operations, advertising, marketing, and public relations for Legal Hub. Maddox served as publisher of Dolan Media – Carolinas Group, overseeing three legal publications; North Carolina Lawyers Weekly, South Carolina Lawyers Weekly, and The Mecklenburg Times.

She grew up in rural Texas and studied Mass Communications and Political Sci-

ence at Texas Wesleyan University. As the creator and host of the Women of Distinction Awards, Tonya has not been officially celebrated with an award. And yet it's worth noting that her own accomplishments also include building a successful business of her own (ourtownmatters.net) and turning a long-neglected eyesore of an uptown building into a thriving office space.

She has hosted countless community events, while caring for her own family and setting an example of entrepreneurial leadership for generations to come.

The Montrose 2023 Women of Distinction Gala will take place March 3 at the Montrose County Events Center from 5:30 to 8:30pm. For tickets and information visit www.ourtownmatters.net.

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CITY PREVIEW: COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR RETAIL LIQUOR STORE

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-On Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 10am, Montrose City Council will meet at the Police Department Community Room for a work session at 10am. and a meeting at 6pm.

Meetings are not being live streamed due to the interim location.

WORK SESSION

City Council will welcome new employees to the Work Session, including:

- Police Records Technician Christy Sheedy
- Police & School Resource Officer Larry Graves;
- Operations Assistant, City Manager's Office Hannah McRae
- Parks & Special Projects Division Worker Mason Blair

Discussion items will include:

- the Montrose City Hall Phase 3 Authorization- Council will consider authorizing \$4,547,212.83 to be used for the design and construction of the third phase of Montrose City Hall, including an amendment of a contract with FCI Constructors, Inc as the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC); and
- 2023 Crack Seal Material Purchase Recommendation-Council will consider approving a purchase for crack seal material from Dissco (Denver Industrial) in the amount of \$93,741 to be used by the City's Streets crew.

REGULAR MEETING

Action Items will include:

RETAIL LIQUOR STORE CHANGE OF LOCATION

Council will consider approving an application from Quick Shop LLC, d.b.a. West Main Liquor, to change the location of the Retail Liquor Store liquor license at 113 W. Main Street to 2201 S. Townsend Avenue, Unit #2B. This application also includes a change of trade name to Palace Liquor.

ORDINANCE 2612-SECOND READING

Council will consider adopting Ordinance 2612 on second reading, revising Chapter 10-1 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose, Colorado, for the regulating of traffic; adopting by reference the 2020 edition of the "Model Traffic Code for Colorado Municipalities;" repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; superseding the 2003 Model Traffic Code for Colorado Municipalities; providing other provisions consistent with the adoption of the 2020 code; and providing penalties for violation thereof.

CROSSROADS PARK II PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

Council will consider approving the Crossroads Park II Preliminary Planned Development.

THE FALLS AT VALLEY RANCH FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

Council will consider approving the Falls at Valley Ranch Planned Development.

THE FALLS AT VALLEY RANCH SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT

Council will consider approving The Falls at Valley Ranch Subdivision Final Plat to create seven residential lots, open space tracts, and associated rights of way and easements.

ORDINANCE 2613 - SECOND READING

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2613 on Second Reading, for the annexation of the Klein Addition.

ORDINANCE 2614 - SECOND READING

Council will consider zoning the Klein Addition as an MHR, Manufactured Housing Residential District.

ORDINANCE 2615 - SECOND READING

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2615 on second reading, designating the Montrose Electric Light & Power Company Building, with the historic address of 7 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado, as a City of Montrose Historic Property.



City Council is presently holding meetings in the Police Department Community Room. Mirror file photo.

2023 ANNUAL ANNEXATION REPORT AND THREE-MILE PLAN

Council will consider approving the 2023 Annual Annexation Report and three-Mile Plan.

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS WITH WESTSTAR DEVELOPMENT LLC

Council will consider authorizing the City manager's signature on an Agreement and Declaration of Covenants document between the City of Montrose and Weststar Development, LLC regarding infrastructure improvements required upon future rezone.

MOVING MONTROSE FORWARD 2023 SURFACE TREATMENT CONTRACT

Council will consider approving Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$1,434,194.50 to A-1 Chipseal's Moving Montrose Forward Surface Treatment Contract for completion of the 2023 surface treatment scope of work.

2023 FORD VEHICLE PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION

Council will consider approving the purchase of 10 Ford vehicles from Sill-Terhar Motors in Broomfield, for the total purchase price of \$667,250.

Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

NOT WORTH THE READ – SKIP OVER IT!

Editor:

In response to Jeanette Ritchey's editorial "Looks Like A Haven for the Uninformed and Uneducated" suggesting that the persons who weekly write editorials are being paid by the Montrose Mirror, I am sure they are not. First, these editorials are not quality pieces as the contributors often use name calling versus logic and exaggerations and untruths when stating their positions. Second, they also send these editorials to other publications who also print them. These contributors are tireless in dispersing their views across publications.

On several occasions, others have tried to counter the misinformation written by four individuals who provide editorials each week – no need to state their names as it is apparent who they are. Frustrated by the misinformation and name calling, those who respond to these editorials

have supported their positions with valid research, appropriate quotes, and links to information from reputable sources.

Often, the original contributors either ignore the facts presented to them or counter with the same misinformation and rhetoric contained in their original editorial. As a result, those opposing these views have given up trying to provide a different perspective for readers to consider with a goal to intelligently debate the positions previously printed.

One must also consider the sources for these editorials. Who has the time to weekly put on paper their view of the world except those who have too much time on their hand and too little time to properly research all sides of the issue before presenting their viewpoint. One of the four contributors is also a relative of the other contributor. I ponder if it is her words or that of the prolific contributor

acting as a ghost writer as the words sound quite similar.

All in all, for me the rhetoric is boring, uninteresting, and founded on personal beliefs and not supported by facts.

However, I support freedom of speech. They have the right to have these editorials published.

And, I have the right to pass over these editorials. I find them a waste of time to read with little or no valuable insights into the real state of the world and countering their position is futile as it never leads to meaningful dialogue focused on the positions presented.

I will not stop reading the Montrose Mirror, a quality publication, merely because it allows all to express their opinion, including myself.

But personally, I won't waste my time reading these editorials.

Sue Schmidt, Montrose

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

ABORTION IS NO SOLUTION TO CRIME, MURDER

Editor:

I could not believe my eyes when I read the idiotic letter to the editor in the Montrose Daily Press of February 11, 2023 by a person named Alan Read.

The fool wrote as follows :

Crime: Criminologists and sociologists know that the surest way to reduce crime is to provide inexpensive and easily available contraceptives and abortion services.

The fewer unwanted, unloved, neglected, and abused children there are, the lower the crime rate will be.

The anti-abortion crowd will howl, but these are the same religious Republicans who won't pay the additional taxes needed to support all these unwanted babies and their mothers. The only thing they are willing to pay for is more prisons.

Alan Read

Read did not bother to provide his "fake data" from criminologists and sociologists he depends on.

Only a complete idiot would even think that murder is the solution to MURDER.!

Bob Stollsteimer, Montrose

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

GUNNISON STOCKGROWERS RAISE MAJOR ISSUES WITH CPW DRAFT WOLF PLAN, CALL OUT ABSENCE OF REQUIRED FEDERAL AUTHORIZATIONS AND FEDERAL COORDINATION

Special to the Mirror

GUNNISON-Seriously concerned about the process laid out by CPW and the future of both their long standing ranching operations as well as the existing big game and other wildlife in the Gunnison valley, one of the state's oldest and most respected livestock associations, the Gunnison County Stockgrowers Association, Inc., today filed detailed written comments on the CPW's Draft Plan for the introduction of wolves into western Colorado with the Colorado Wildlife Commission.

Coming from the Gunnison Stockgrowers, an organization long regarded by many as a progressive west-wide leader in integrating high altitude ranching with the needs of the local environment, community, and wildlife, the comments note the potential for imminent harm to the Gunnison basin from the CPW proposals in their present form. A further analysis of the comments raises the specter of a CPW process going "off the rails" without adequate transparency or funding and with the required federal approvals lacking and out of sequence.

Over six weeks in development by a coordinated legal and technical team, the 20 page comment document, was endorsed by 51 ranches and individuals in the Gunnison valley representing almost all the

working ranching lands in the area. The comments detail major concerns about CPW's proposal to introduce gray wolves into the "fishbowl" of an already highly coordinated resource management scheme in the Upper Gunnison valley. "Since Gunnison valley is the centerpiece of the CPW introduction proposals for 2024, we took a really serious look at the whole process CPW is undertaking," said GCSA President Hannah Kersting.

Noting that their review of the CPW process is "on-going" and "in-depth", GCSA's comments called out several deficiencies in the CPW planning process at the present time. "If commenters at the hearings are going to be severely limited in both time and number to such strict formats, which has happened at all of the public's opportunities to testify so far, then we felt compelled to go all in with our concerns in writing", noted Kersting.

Those concerns include CPW's moving forward:

- (1) without any dedicated funding for the programmatic costs of the wolf introduction and its associated mitigation and depredation costs, and no actual plan for on the ground staffing and operations; and
- (2) without a mature Section 10(j) rule under the Endangered Species Act from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to au-

thorize the management of wolves in Colorado and the terms thereunder; and (3) without any federal NEPA authorization for the use and occupancy of the Federal lands in the area, when Gunnison County is 80% federally owned and the State lands in Gunnison County amount to only 1.1% of the total land area, CPW citing lack of funding and support for the required NEPA analysis; and (4) without any analysis of potential and likely impacts of wolf introduction upon the threatened Gunnison Sage Grouse and the thousands of acres of private lands, (many of which are held by members of the Stockgrowers in the Gunnison basin) covered by sage grouse Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances and Certificates of Inclusion.

(5) without any acknowledgement of the expensive winter feeding programs to protect and save the Gunnison elk and deer herds through very harsh Gunnison winters undertaken by CPW, Gunnison ranchers, and members of the Gunnison community over the years and the impact introduction of wolves on those steep slopes and in deep snow will have on that investment.

The final Public hearing by the Colorado Wildlife Commission on the Draft Wolf Plan is set for Feb. 22, 2023 in Denver.

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MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

MONTROSE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION GOT IT RIGHT

Dear Editor:

First of all, we would like to personally Thank each of the 5 board members of the Montrose County Planning Commission for Getting it Right!! Regarding SU22-013. You followed the Montrose County Master Plan of maintaining proposed affected area being designated as agricultural/residential.

Conflict of interest is defined as: a situation in which a person is in a position to derive benefit from actions or decisions made in their official capacity. Jim Plumhoff stated at the public meeting of January 26, 2023 that he was attorney for the applicant of SU22-013 and the attorney for Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association. When he was told that a letter had been received by the board from the Bureau of Reclamation stating that UVWUA water was designated for irrigation purposes only according to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, of which UVWUA is under. Plumhoff then stated

that he was working as the representative to UVWUA to obtain a "conversion from agriculture water to mining and industrial water" so that the irrigation water allocated to the property could be utilized in the proposed gravel pit/asphalt and cement plants.

As to the group of honest, well-educated, hard-working citizens in opposition of this proposed SU22-013 being bestowed the

label of "dissidents," we would like to put forth the following observation. England bestowed that same label on the early colonists of the New World. In the end, how well did that work out for England? They lost the war.

In closing, our heartfelt thank you to each and every one of the 5 board members. You unanimously Got this Right!!

Jim and Vicki Gardner, Montrose



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

TO ACHIEVE UNITY, YOU NEED DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS THAT WORK TOGETHER TO FIND COMMON GROUND

Editor:

To achieve unity, you need different viewpoints that work together to find common ground. People can then decide which argument is correct based on science, logic, and common sense. If your ideas are true, beneficial, and actually work, you welcome open and honest debate. If your position is indefensible, you try to shut down any and all debate. Liberals fall in this second category. They don't want to talk about Biden's southern border invasion or the resulting fentanyl crisis and narco-terrorism.

They don't talk about massacres on the streets of Chicago and other liberal cities, or crime and homelessness in California, because they will never admit that progressive policies destroy cities. They don't want to discuss any of Biden's abject failures --- like the destruction of our economy and the resulting damage to the American people.

Democrats have no interest in promoting unity, but instead have to curtail the free exchange of ideas and force conformity. To stay in power, Democrats have to focus on silencing people who disagree with their leftist agenda. Just one example: Last week news broke that the State Department helped fund a campaign to defund conservative media under the guise of curtailing "disinformation." The "disinformation," of course, was anything that countered the Democrat narrative on politics and social issues.

An example closer to home are the local liberals who periodically try to get the Montrose Mirror to stop publishing letters

from conservative writers. They cannot openly debate issues with these writers, so they have to try to cancel them. Jeanette Ritchey (Mirror 2/13) would like you to believe these writers are uninformed and uneducated (and verbose, divisive, and express extreme political rhetoric), and shouldn't have their letters published. To give her credit, she did try to challenge one recent writer on the subject of the Chinese spy balloon. The writer wrote: "Biden's decision to allow that spy craft to maneuver across the breadth of our country should raise concerns for every American." Ritchey is of the opinion that "It couldn't be shot down over populated areas. It was shot down in the most intelligent location." Two different opinions. Why should one be shut down because Ritchey is not in agreement? Why not encourage additional discussion on the subject? If Ritchey was interested in a civil debate, I would point out that the spy craft was allowed to hover over nine strategic military bases in Alaska, took a sharp right turn toward Canada and re-entered U.S. Air space over Idaho, and then had a birds-eye view of Malmstrom Air Force Base and its 150 intercontinental ballistic missile silos. I would also point out that there are thousands of square miles of Alaska, Canada, Idaho, and Montana where you would have a hard time hitting a tree, let alone a human being, if you fell out of the sky.

Ritchey claimed the conservative letter writers in the Mirror are paid by the Mirror? Most of my letters published in the Mirror are also published in the Montrose

Daily Press and Delta County Independent in a shorter version.

A good share of those are very critical of the MDP and its publisher. They publish them anyway because, like the Mirror, they believe people deserve the opportunity to make their opinions known and view honest debate as critical to a functioning democracy.

Here are my suggestions to Ritchey: 1) If you see an opinion you consider divisive or untrue, write a letter refuting those opinions rather than slandering the writer or insulting the Mirror publisher. 2) If you would like to counter those views with information that will help us understand what a great job Biden is doing that is not totally destructive, write a letter that actually supports that position. It won't happen, of course. Liberals don't want an honest, civil discussion about facts, or to try to defend their policies, performance, or results.

Regarding Ritchey's opinion that conservatives are uninformed and uneducated, I am of the opinion that some people are "well degreed," meaning that they have gone through the process of getting their BA's, MA's, PhD's, etc., but they are still ignorant and uneducated. When a person finds it necessary to infer that they are somehow better educated and therefore superior than another, I suspect they are in the pseudo-intellectual "well degreed" category. I also think that a degree from most of today's universities simply means you have been properly propagandized, but not necessarily educated.

Ed Henrie, Montrose





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UNDERCOVER OPERATION ARRESTS MAN FOR SOLICITING CHILD PROSTITUTION

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—On Feb. 9 and 10, a joint law enforcement operation conducted in Montrose identified and arrested an individual seeking to pay to have sex with children under the age of 18. The investigation resulted in the arrest of one adult male, Samuel Arellano, for Soliciting for Child Prostitution, a Class Three Felony as

well as other charges.

This undercover investigation and subsequent arrest was made possible through the efforts of the following agencies:

Colorado Bureau of Investigation
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Montrose Police Department
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MONTROSE ALTRUSA MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAYS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose Altrusa meets: 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.



About The Property

Come quickly to see this new home in Brown Ranch Subdivision. The 6" wide entry way welcomes you. The warm tones in the cabinetry as well as the quartz countertops throughout are a refreshing combination. Laminate and tile floors are another welcome bonus. The pantry & inviting work island extending from kitchen into the dining area are both so efficient. Notice the dual walk in closets in the main suite along with the 5 piece bath as well as the walk in closets in the guest rooms AND the wonderful tile detail in both. Outside you will find the 21 x 12 covered patio ready for that entertaining and or relaxing. This home is on a cul'de'sac and just minutes from the busy-ness of Montrose.

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CANYONS OF THE ANCIENTS VISITOR CENTER AND MUSEUM ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Special to the Mirror

DOLORES – The Bureau of Land Management Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum, located at 27501 Highway 184 in Dolores, Colo., will be closed from February 19 through early to mid-May for major floor stabilization work. The project is aimed at preventing further settling of the 35-year-old structure and increasing the floor's durability and ease of maintenance. Work was originally scheduled to begin in January but was delayed due to supply chain issues.

"We appreciate everyone's patience while we undertake these much-needed repairs," said Ray O'Neil, Monument Manager for Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. "Although our Visitor Center and Museum will be closed during the work, the rest of the Monument will remain open for the public to explore and experience the vast cultural history preserved here."

The BLM plans to staff an information table outside the Museum during periods of good weather. The parking area, the Dominguez Pueblo, and a half-mile accessible interpretive trail leading to the extensive Escalante Pueblo and the McPhee Reservoir Overlook will remain open: https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/blm_co_canm_escalantedominguezpueblo_trailguide.pdf

Visitor information and restrooms are also available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Dolores Public Lands Office, 29211 Hwy 184, Dolores, Colo. and daily at the Colorado Welcome Center, 928 E. Main St., Cortez, Colo.

Federal law prohibits anyone from removing artifacts or disturbing archaeological sites on federal public lands without written permission from the BLM. Please do your part to preserve the rich heritage of the Monument for future generations. Report vandalism or damage to the Canyons of the Ancients Law Enforcement Tip Line by calling 833-660-5771 toll-free or by emailing TRFOtipline@blm.gov.

For more information and updates, follow Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum on Facebook and their website: <https://www.blm.gov/learn/interpretive-centers/CANM-visitor-center-museum>. Additional information is available by calling 970-882-5600.

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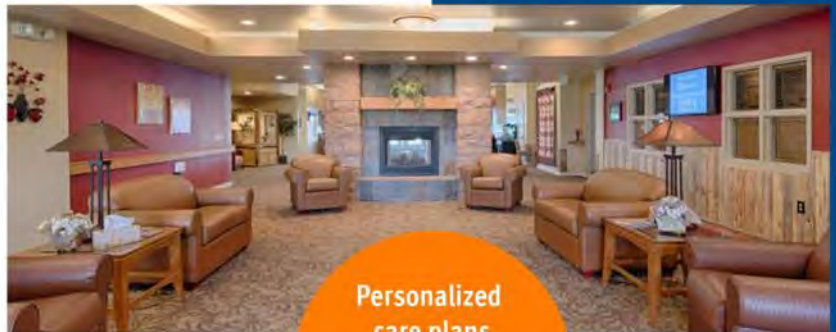
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TEMPORARY ADOPTION & NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING REGARDING STATUTORY CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

Special to the Mirror

DENVER— The Secretary of State's Office issued a [notice of temporary adoption](#) of rules taking immediate effect and a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) to consider permanent adoption of those temporary rules to implement Amendments to Rule 10.17

(Contribution Limits) that are necessary to comply with the requirements of Article XXVIII, Section 3(13) of the Colorado Constitution.

The Colorado Constitution requires contribution limits to be adjusted based upon the percentage change over a four-year period in the US Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Denver-Boulder-Greeley. The first adjustment was made in the first quarter of 2007 and then every four years

thereafter (2011, 2015, 2019, 2023, etc.).

The Secretary of State's Office calculates the adjustment for each limit and specifies the limits in promulgated rules.

The formula (Colorado Constitution Article XXVIII, section 3(13) and Campaign Finance Rule 10.17.1):

$(\text{Current contribution limit}) \times (\text{Four-year percentage change in CPI}) = \text{Amount of increase}$

Because the law requires that the Department round down to the "nearest lowest twenty-five dollars," contribution limits are only increased for legislative candidates if the amount of the increase is \$25 or more. A public rulemaking hearing is scheduled for March 21, 2023, at 1 p.m. to receive testimony concerning the preliminary draft of permanent rules. This hearing will be conducted

in-person and via webinar. The in-person hearing will take place at the Secretary of State's Office in the Red Rocks Conference Room. Online registration for the hearing can be found at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3533361309365366875>. Public comment opportunities will be provided to all participants, whether in person or online. This rulemaking webpage can be found [here](#), and the Notice of Rulemaking can be found [here](#).

The public is also invited to send feedback to the Secretary of State's Office regarding the rulemaking process. Those interested in participating can review the preliminary draft rules and submit written comments about the proposed permanent rules to

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"It comes down to motorists and pedestrians doing their part to stay alert.," stated Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "Distractions while driving, walking or biking are everywhere. Whether you have your head down looking at your phone or earbuds in that cancel out helpful traffic noises, keeping your focus on where you are going is the solution."

Every age group is vulnerable and incidents happen in broad daylight as well as at night. Drivers hold an important responsibility to look for pedestrians and follow traffic rules designed to protect them. However, pedestrians need to stay alert as much as drivers do. If a pedestrian contributes to a crash in some way, such as not following traffic signals, walking into the street while intoxicated or crossing without checking for traffic, he or she may be assigned partial or full fault for the collision.

When the Colorado State Patrol looked at the top citations involving pedestrians from 2022, we found numerous citations with pedestrian at-fault had increased. Most doubled or tripled in amount.

Being a better pedestrian means demonstrating responsibility for your personal safety. The Colorado State Patrol and National Safety Council offer these important tips:

Whenever possible, walk on the sidewalk; if no sidewalk is available, walk facing traffic

Follow the rules of the road, obey all traffic signs and signals

When available, cross streets at crosswalks
Look left, right and left again before crossing the street, making eye contact with drivers of oncoming vehicles to make sure they see you

Stay alert – avoid cell phone use and wearing earbuds

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VISITATION PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON PARENTING SKILLS AND FAMILY REUNIFICATION

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Montrose County Human Services recently opened the doors to its new in-house visitation program: Family Togetherness—Guidance and Support Program.

The program is available for those who have court-ordered visitation and have a case with Montrose County's child welfare program. The focus of the program is to increase the frequency and length of family visitation, increase parenting skills, decrease the amount of time families are involved with Montrose County child welfare, and decrease the time children are removed from their home and without permanency.

"In just a month of operations, we have had a tremendous amount of interest in the program but are limiting referrals to Montrose County caseworkers at this time," said Alicia Nelson, Montrose County Parenting Time and Coaching Supervisor. "From our nurturing parents curriculum to cooking and household skills—the goal is to provide a strong foundation for families to succeed together. I look forward to the program's continued growth."

"For me, the best part of this program is that we work with the families where they are at—it's a customized approach to address the greatest needs for the family to eliminate future child welfare involvement," said Montrose County Human Services Director Jennifer Sherwood. "Child Welfare's goal is family reunification (as circumstances allow), and this is a great tool to support that initiative."

From infant rooms to a teen room, the Family Togetherness suite at Montrose



The program's visitation rooms and kitchen/laundry area. Courtesy photos.

County Human Services has it all. The county's facilities team and contractors remodeled vacant offices to create this space as well as an adjacent, small playground area.

While a part of Human Services, the suite entrance is separate for the privacy and safety of families. There is a kitchen area with a washer and dryer to provide educational opportunities while integrating family time. There are several spaces designed for children of different ages. For instance, the infant rooms has diapering supplies and baby swings, toys, and comfortable areas for infants. The toddler room features purposeful play items, couches, friendly wall decals, and art supplies. There is a teen room with approved video games and another space with an air hockey table and vintage Pac-Man arcade game. These spaces promote family engagement in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere.

Another big benefit to the system is the integrated video surveillance system, which provides a level of security and privacy for the visits. Supervised visitation is

provided by a neutral party and is intended to provide a safe environment for children to visit with parents and caregivers to promote reunification. At this time, one staffer is able to supervise visitation for five to seven families at separate times, and an additional staffer is completing training to be able to handle another five to seven families.

In addition to the Family Togetherness—Guidance and Support Program, Montrose County contracts with local vendors to provide visitation services. With changes in legislation, visitation mandates are increasing and vendors are frequently overwhelmed with visitation requests. This program will reduce the spending of outside vendor visitation services by an estimated 50 percent through in-house services. More importantly, the Family Togetherness Program's integrated parenting programming works to provide skills that aim to eliminate future involvement with child welfare.

To learn more about the Family Togetherness—Guidance and Support Program, please visit montrosecounty.net.



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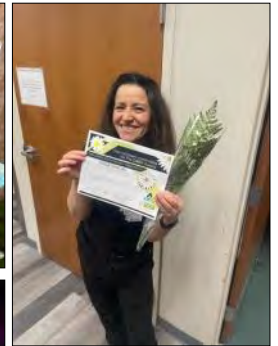
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DELTA HEALTH RECOGNIZES EXTRAORDINARY NURSES WITH DAISY AWARD



Clockwise from above left: Amber Gillenwater, RN; Vallerie Bucani, RN; Susan Anderson, RN; Anna Wiltse, RN; Danielle Gallegos, RN; Arienne Huff, RN; Andrew Wood, RN; Nazlie Funk, RN; the Daisy Award; overall DAISY Award winner for this quarter Jan Handke, RN and Case Manager; Randi Altman, RN.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA— Nineteen nurses at Delta Health were honored with nominations for The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses® to recognize the extraordinary, compassionate nursing care they provide patients and families every single day.

This quarter's DAISY nominees were: Amber Gillenwater, RN, Vallerie Bucani, RN, Susan Anderson, RN, Anna Wiltse, RN, Stephanie Ware, LPN, Eric Rhoten, RN, Robert Imhoff, RN, Danielle Gallegos, RN, Andrew Wood, RN, Arienne Huff, RN, Nazlie Funk, RN, Cassidy Austin, RN, Chris Bolyard, RN, Randi Altman, RN, Erin Houk, RN, Keith Baskin, RN, Andrew Flenker, RN, and Mindy Smith, RN.

The overall DAISY Award winner for this quarter was Jan Handke, RN, Case Manager. Handke was recognized for her commitment to caring for patients and facilitating staff nurses to make smooth transitions for patients.

"Jan is an unsung hero to our patients at Delta Health," said Dawn Arnett, RN, BSN, Director of In-Patient Services at Delta

Health. "She continues to give herself tirelessly with the entire multidisciplinary team to ensure safe discharge. Through countless phone calls and connects, Jan is looking out for our patients. Many cases can be extremely difficult with few options, but she facilitates a resolution with the help of the entire team."

The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's mission to recognize nurses who go above and beyond in the care of their patients. Nurses may be nominated by patients, families, and colleagues, and the quarterly DAISY award recipient is chosen through a select Daisy Committee and DCMH's T.E.A.M. M.A.S.H through a scoring rubric recognizing the nurses P.E.T.A.L.S., (Passion, Empathy, Trust, Admirable attributes, Love and Selflessness). Applications are blinded to these committees and scored.

Awards are then presented four times throughout the year to celebrate the nominees.

"The DAISY Awards are a great tradition that we are proud to continue here at Delta Health," said Arnett.

"Each nominee is a model for what it means to provide compassionate, quality healthcare that our community trusts. They go above and beyond and we are honored to have the DAISY program where we can honor all of our amazing staff."

The certificate that each honoree receives commends her or him as an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." Honorees also receive a DAISY Award pin and a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe.

To nominate a nurse for a DAISY Award, go online to deltahealthco.org/bee-daisy-awards/ and submit a digital nomination form. Nomination forms can also be found throughout the hospital.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

COLORADO RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION: RESTRICTIVE SCHEDULING BILL WOULD HARM EMPLOYEES AND CRUSH RESTAURANT VIABILITY AND GROWTH

Colorado Restaurant Association

DENVER-The Colorado Restaurant Association (CRA) remains opposed to and extremely concerned about HB23-1118 (Fair Workweek Employment Standards), which was laid over for action only after a seven-hour hearing in the House Business Affairs & Labor Committee last night. The bill shows a dire misunderstanding of the way the restaurant industry operates and disregards a fundamental pillar of restaurant employment: flexibility. It harms Colorado workers, consumers, and businesses of all sizes.

More than 70 local restaurant representatives – owners, managers, and rank-and-file employees alike -- testified at the February 16 House committee hearing to raise their concerns with the bill, which stands to strip restaurant employees of

the flexibility in scheduling they currently enjoy by penalizing employers with extreme accounting and financial burdens for accommodating the schedule changes their teams want and need.

"Our members and their employees are pleading for elected officials to understand the harmful impact this bill will have on their businesses and their lives," said CRA President and CEO Sonia Riggs.

"Employees come to restaurants for the very flexibility this bill eliminates, and operators are nowhere near recovered from three years of pandemic-related hardship, debt, and soaring inflation. Now is not the time to add to employees' stress levels by restricting their scheduling flexibility or detract from local operators' razor-thin bottom lines with predictability and retention pay."

Based on a CRA survey of almost 200 local restaurants conducted this week, Colorado restaurants currently post employee schedules an average of nine days in advance; HB 1118, with proposed amendments, would require employees to submit schedule-change requests 14 days in advance and impose harsh financial penalties on employers for any schedule changes once posted.

Restaurants estimate that bill compliance will cost an average of \$70,000 per year per location.

Should HB1118 become law, 99% of Colorado restaurants anticipate limiting plans for future growth, 97% will increase menu prices to offset compliance costs, and 92% are likely to cut employee hours. 95% of restaurants are likely to stop hiring individuals who need flexibility in scheduling.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

2025-2029 BIG GAME SEASON STRUCTURE COMMENT FORM IS LIVE UNTIL MARCH 15

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - As part of its Big Game Season Structure planning process, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is seeking input from resident and nonresident big game hunt-

ers about the BGSS topics under consideration.

CPW is encouraging the public to [complete this comment form](#) on the current BGSS and potential changes CPW is con-

sidering. The comment form will be open through March 15, 2023.

BGSS topics being considered:

- Alternatives regarding over-the-counter archery and rifle elk licenses
- Alternatives for rifle season date structures for deer and elk
- rifle deer opportunities to the first regular rifle season
- Adding a second regular rifle buck and doe pronghorn season
- Early season (archery and muzzleloader) date structures

Current weighted-point draw system for bighorn sheep, mountain goat and moose. The options provided in this comment form are starting points for discussion and not final options to vote on.

These options will be further considered and modified as needed during public meeting opportunities in the spring and summer of 2023. [Sign up for CPW's monthly email newsletters](#) to be notified of details, dates and locations of those meetings. Input gathered through the comment form and public meetings will be used to develop BGSS recommendations to the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

What is the Big Game Season Structure planning process and why is it important? The BGSS planning process is a critical component of big game management and big game hunting regulation development.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

BIDEN HAS BASED ECONOMY ON EQUITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, DIVERSITY, LGBTQ, AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Editor;

It was a mixture of humor, comedy, and disgust to read the letter last week by Ms. Ritchey complaining about how she disapproves of people writing political letters to the editor. Golly what's wrong with writing letters that are describing the sometimes ugly anti-American Leftist politics that is running rampant and destroying America? Is patriotism now a thing of the past replaced by the vitriol of the America-hating Democrats and the lame stream media of which approximately 94% are America-hating progressive Leftists? That same 94% media is constantly running hateful and untruthful articles about Republicans, Conservatives, and President Trump. Is it alright if they do that? Or is it that if I don't agree with her I should shut up? That sounds like Twitter all over again when the FBI and other agencies paid Twitter to silence conservative voices.

By the way, I am NOT an employee of or getting paid by the Montrose Mirror as Ritchey inferred. She complained some letters were too long and had "extreme political rhetoric," but the extreme Left wing political letters in newspapers and magazines are themselves lengthy and complicated sometimes requiring detailed facts to expose them. On that basis I suppose Ritchey loves the MDP. She said, "in our democracy I find these letters deeply divisive" Huh??

The freedom to write such a letter that someone thinks is "divisive" IS DEMOCRACY!!.....It would be interesting to hear her description of democracy. She mentioned someone is "spreading untruths". Then you have the freedom to write your letter stating what the truth really is. It's strange how seldom the word "democracy" was used by Democrats until during the last election campaign cycle where they constantly used it supposedly to sound patriotic, but they're not fooling anyone. They unconsciously reveal how much they don't know or like about our system of government. Our government was set up as a Constitutional Republic, not a Democracy.

The latest news from the Arizona border is a picture of tragedy from the hordes of invaders. The Yuma regional medical center CEO said invaders are creating a massive strain on the Yuma hospital and food bank. He said pregnant American women are wanting to give birth there, but the hospital is full of migrants so they end up driving 2 1/2 miles to Phoenix. The largest hospital influx is pregnant women whose babies wind up in intensive care for a month or more with diseases. So then we have more baby citizens growing up demanding unlimited taxpayer-paid free stuff from cradle to grave in exchange for their votes. The same

goes for their mothers. He said more than \$26 million from their budget for one year has been spent on migrants alone in their medical center and there is no "payer source" to recoup any of that. The CEO said they have made formal requests to Biden's Washington DC for monetary help, but Biden's comrades won't even respond! So there goes medical care meant for Americans going to illegals! That was predicted. The president and CEO of the Yuma Community Food Bank said the community food bank and hospital are being taxed (put under intense pressure) beyond imagination. She said the Latter Day Saints are helping when the USDA can't keep up with food orders. Food shortages for Americans are coming folks! The Ohio chemical train disaster is an example of what can happen to our Nation's food supply. Experts have said hundreds of thousands of acres of midwest farm land has been put out of food production from that disaster. And Biden said he wasn't going to send any emergency help. This section of the country voted overwhelmingly for President Trump. Think that had anything to do with him not sending help? Nah.....perish the thought! That along with annual natural weather crop destruction that can't be foreseen can lead to food shortages overnight. And this at a time when we have an America-hating worthless president inviting the whole world into our country. Where will the food and water for them come from? They say there are 195 countries in the world and we are receiving hordes of invaders from 171 of them!! We already have a tremendous water shortage affecting Americans in areas like California and Arizona. So how are millions of invaders affecting this? After all, they need to drink water and bathe. Oh, I get it.....Biden's love for his future voters will shut off water for agriculture and designate that water for illegals. So there goes our food supply for Americans again, but invaders won't have to worry, they can just go to the government warehouses for their free, plentiful food similar to how they get baby formula.

But the blame for all this falls back to the stolen election. The proof is all around us. The supply chain is crippled. Blue (Democrat) states are banning trucks from roads. Grocery prices are skyrocketing. Egg farms are burning to the ground and eggs cost up to \$10 dozen. Over 100 food plants have mysteriously burned to the ground in the past year. What's happening to farm land is happening to independent energy, Biden is selling our oil reserves to his beloved Communist China, which explains some of the \$millions Biden and his crime syndicate receive from China. China is buying thousands of acres of farm land close to our military instal-

lations. (that should be worth another \$100 million to the "big guy") Our border is wide open to the world bringing in criminals, terrorists and drugs that are killing over 100,000 Americans a year. Biden's Covid stabs are causing "sudden death" and cardiac arrests by the thousands per day. Read the headlines (not from a Leftist paper, though). Death rates are the highest in history. More children and young athletes suddenly dropping dead every day. Yet, some Democrat states are still demanding Covid stabs for school children. Chinese spy balloons are now sent over us hovering for hours over sensitive military bases. Biden knew exactly when that balloon lifted off of Chinese land, but he did nothing and acted dumb (which is easy for him) until Chinese spying was complete. That should be worth another sack of \$millions for the Biden Crime syndicate. Russian warplanes are buzzing our borders. Russia is threatening nuclear war. Communist China is ready to invade Taiwan. \$85 BILLION in military equipment was left in Afghanistan where Communist China had access. (that should be worth another \$100 million to the Biden crime syndicate) Our military is in disarray with woke and CRT idiocy, short on equipment (enabled under Obama), saturated with poor morale, and unable to attract recruits.

Biden has based the economy on equity, social justice, diversity, LGBTQ and climate change. Homeless population is exploding, violent crime and retail crime is out of control. All this under Democrat control! (or lack thereof). The black national anthem opened our Super Bowl. The FBI and DOJ are persecuting PTA parents, conservatives and Christians, while woke DAs release violent criminals. Conservative tv stations are removed from the airwaves. Our president is corrupt and owned by Communist China. Biden's former Director of nuclear waste for the Energy Dept is a man who dresses as a woman. Our nation is a mess in free fall in just two short years since an illegitimate, corrupt, brain-dead president was illegally placed in power. A stolen election has unleashed the gates of hell on America. This is purposeful destruction of America. This is so sad, we didn't have these problems with President Trump. He had all these problems under control, but he wasn't done yet before he was illegally and disgracefully removed from office by Biden's admittedly perfected voter fraud system. It was so perfected Biden didn't even have to give campaign rallies.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

PAMELA SANBURG JUTTEN

June 29, 1954- February 15, 2023

PAMELA SANBURG JUTTEN, 68, passed away February 15, 2023, into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus. She was surrounded by her family. She was born in Montrose Colorado on June 29, 1954, to Russell E. Sanburg and Betty J. Harris Sanburg. She had one brother Ed and four sisters, Linda, Paula Ann, Penny and Tess. At an early age Pam loved the outdoors and would follow her Dad around the family ranch whenever given the opportunity. This was the way it was up until her passing, to be out tending her flowers and listening to the birds sing and she loved to look at the various cloud formations in the sky.

Pam attended Riverside and Uncompahgre Elementary school and went on to graduate from Montrose High School. She attended Mesa Jr. College in Grand Junction.

She was active in 4-H winning many honors. She was the first girl in Montrose to join the Future Farmers of America and was on the livestock judging team. She was the Montrose Rodeo Queen in 1972. She was also active in church activities.

In July of 1974 she married the love of her life Jay Jutten. They were happily married for 48 years. They were blessed with three children Daris, Erin and Kelsey.

Jay and Pam lived their lives on the Jutten Ranch near Colona.

Pam loved life as a rancher's wife. She

managed the office up until time made it impossible for her to continue. She drove corn truck in the fall, fixed meals for the hungry crew, fed bottle calves, helped with branding, and helped feed the cattle. Whatever it took to help she was there. She also helped at school when her kids were growing up and she was a 4-H leader teaching many kids how to sew. She taught Sunday school at the Montrose Christian Church and was active in the Women of the Word Bible study. She attended Grace Community Church up until the time of her death.

She loved family dinners with her growing family. She had six grandchildren whom she adored with all her heart. They were Cole, Conner, Tucker, Jaylee, Caleb and Brynn. Her most favorite time was spent going to the cabin and spending time with her husband, kids, daughter in-law, son in-laws and grandkids!

Pam is preceded in death by her parents Russell and Betty Sanburg and sister Paula Ann Sanburg. She is survived by her husband Jay Jutten, kids Daris Jutten, his wife Nicki. Daughter Erin Luttrell, her husband Zane and their children Cole, Conner and Caleb. Daughter Kelsey Castle, her husband Jeremy and their children Tucker, Jaylee and Brynn. Her brother Ed Sanburg and sisters Linda Sanburg, Penny Zimbelman and Tessa Scharf.

Pam's favorite verse through her health



battles was "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

A Celebration of life will be held at Grace Community Church, 16731 Woodgate Road in Montrose on February 25 at 10am. We invite all friends and families to join us to remember and honor Pamela Jutten.

Please consider donating to HopeWest in Pamela memory in lieu of flowers at (www.hopewestco.org/memorial-gifts/) Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Pamela's fa



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FRANCES LORENE (FOURNIER) TALBERT



FRANCES LORENE (FOURNIER) TALBERT was born on the family ranch in Pleasant Valley in 1924 to Eugene and Gladys (Rudd) Fournier. Frances passed away Feb. 7, 2023, at the age of 98.

She graduated from Ridgway High School at the age of 16. She attended Jr. College in Phoenix, AZ for two years. Then she went to work at a business office in Montrose. In 1944 she married Daren Galloway and had two children, Terry Galloway and Karen (Galloway) Fay. That marriage later ended in divorce. In 1959 she married Howard Talbert, a lifelong rancher.

She lived her entire life in Ouray County. She lived her retirement years less than 1/2 mile from where she was born. After retirement she took a trip around the world, visited Machu Picchu in Peru and went parasailing and zip-lining in Mexico.

Every single day she would look out her front window at the Sneffels Range and say, "I am lucky!" That was her outlook on life.

She is survived by her two children, six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers you can donate to your favorite charity or to the Ouray County Ranch History Museum at PO Box 190, Ridgway CO 81432.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Mrs. Talberts family.

A black and white photograph of a young boy sitting on a bicycle. He is holding a newspaper in his right hand and has a basket of newspapers on the back of the bicycle. The background is a field of wildflowers.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

SUE BERTORELLO

SUE BERTORELLO passed away unexpectedly at home February 8, 2023. She leaves behind her husband Gary, in-laws Harold and Ada Bertorello, sons Don and Ryan and their wives Amber and Candee, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was shy, quiet and reserved, never pushing herself to the front or imposing but she somehow always managed to be there whenever any of us needed help or support. Her faith was unshakeable and she lived it every day. One of the grandkids said it best: "What are we gonna do without Grandma Sue?" All we could say was "We don't know, buddy. We really, really don't know." In lieu of flowers, etc., please make a contribution to your favorite charity or reach out and help a neighbor. That's what Sue would have done. Private family services are pending.

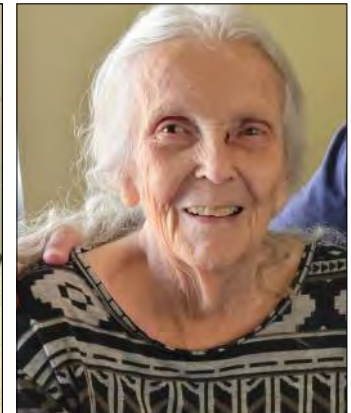


JEANNIE RICE

February 9, 1935-February 6, 2023

JEANNIE RICE of Cimarron, Colorado passed away three days before her 88th birthday on Monday, February 6, 2023 at Valley Manor Care Center in Montrose, Colorado. She had been a resident of the Memory Care Unit since December 2021. Jeannie was born February 9, 1935 in Fort Worth, Texas to Harry and Elaine Scarbrough. On February 8, 1952 she married William S. Rice, Jr. in Hereford, Texas. Jeannie adored babies. She and William had a total of nine children, though two of them were lost to stillbirth. Jeannie was a very social person and enjoyed visiting with friends and family. While living in Missouri, she had the neighbor ladies get together for coffee on Thursday mornings and bowling at night. She drove the Cimarron school bus to Montrose schools and then a bus to Delta to deliver kids to the Vo-Tech school. She enjoyed visiting with the other bus drivers and made lifelong friends in the process. She also worked at Russell Stovers Candy and Valley Manor Care Center in housekeeping.

She enjoyed all the residents she got to know as well as all the staff. Jeannie also loved to travel. After William's retirement they fulfilled a lifelong dream and took a three-week adventure through Alaska, bringing home many pictures and memories to share with the family. Another trip to Cozumel, Mexico gave them an adventure of a lifetime. While William was working for Coleman Trucking out of Gunnison, Colorado, Jeannie got to travel with him to deliver bulls all over the United States, and very much enjoyed every trip. Jeannie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband William, her sister Bettye, her daughter Risa, and sons Cody and Kyle. She is leaving behind her six remaining children: Holt (Rhonda) Rice of Missouri, Rheata (Mark) Steen of Cimarron, Roxie (Roy) Huston of Olathe, Rorri Adams of Trinidad, Shane Rice of Montrose and



Robyn (David) Huston of Montrose, as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and even great-great grandchildren. She also leaves behind brother-in-law Don (Pat) Rice of Texas, and many nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her and those she impacted throughout her life. She received excellent care while residing in the Memory Care Unit at Valley Manor Care Center, and for that her family will be forever grateful. A service will be planned for a later date.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

KENT REID HILL

January 4, 1960- February 5, 2023



KENT REID HILL of Montrose, CO, died from complications of early onset Alzheimer's disease, on Sunday, February 5, 2023. He was 63.

Kent was born on January 4, 1960, to Walter and Alice Hill in Wray, CO.

Kent served in the Air Force as a Security Specialist from 1978 to 1982.

He attended Nazarene Bible College and earned a master's degree at Trinity Theological Seminary in Indiana.

Kent was proud to have served in our nation's military. He pastored in Kansas, Colorado and Pennsylvania. He loved God's Word and studying and teaching. His final pastorate was in Pennsylvania for 17 years. He leaves a legacy of love for the Lord and his family.

He married Laurie Hill on July 9, 1983.

He is survived by his wife of Montrose; two daughters, Kristin (Vic) Palacios of Montrose, Kara Hill of Montrose; two granddaughters, Zoe and Beatrix Palacios; a brother, Lannie (Nancy) Hill of Florida and a sister, Evelina Martin of Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to HopeWest Hospice at www.hopewestco.org/memorial-gifts or to Celebration Church at 2900 Sunnyside Rd, Montrose, CO 81401.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Mr. Hill's family.

CARL WILLIAM MADISON

December 23, 1931 - February 04, 2023

Dad was a long-time resident of Montrose CO. He grew up in Clifton Arizona where he met Pauline Greenwade and eloped on Valentine's Day in 1952.

He is survived by his children Polly Ann Smith, Beverly Garduno, Chuck Madison, seven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife Pauline, his two brothers, one sister, parents, daughter in law, and grandson.

He raced cars, got drafted into the Marines, rode bulls and broncs then had children and dedicated his life to us.

He retired after a long career with the Bureau of Land Management in Montrose and moved to New Mexico to ranch. My parents returned to Montrose in 2014 and resided here until his death.

Dad was a man of integrity and made every day count. He was always ready to help friends and neighbors.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family.



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

GARY ORLYN WEHMEYER ***August 29, 1943- February 4, 2023***



On February 4, 2023, Gary Orlyn Wehmeyer spent his last sunrise with his loving wife Cathy, then rode off into the sunset to meet up with John Wayne and Jesus. Gary was born August 29, 1943, in Iowa City, Iowa to Merritt Orlyn and Gladys Marie Wehmeyer. His father passed away when Gary was 10 years old. Bob Cress came into his life and became "Dad."

Gary grew up on the family farm in Riverside, Iowa along with his three sisters Janny, Donna & Shirley. He received his master's degree in education from Kearny State College. He taught and was a guidance counselor for many years throughout Nebraska where he impacted a lot of young lives. Having never seen a game, he became the coach for the girls' volleyball team. At one point a parent suggested

that Gary should go sit in the bleachers because it was apparent, he didn't know what he was doing. However, he went on to become an excellent coach and led his team to many wins.

In December of 1963 he married Janice Hein, and they were blessed with two beautiful children, Troy (Jeni) Wehmeyer and Leslie (Erik) Cooper. After the marriage ended, Gary moved to Montrose in 1986 where he ran a successful insurance agency and made many life-long friends. In 1999 Gary met the love of his life, Cathy Ryser. With his marriage to Cathy, Gary gained two bonus sons, Heath (Sara) McCombs and Jesse (Jenna) McCombs.

Along with their blended family, and multitude of friends, Gary and Cathy enjoyed many fun filled adventures camping, boating, waterskiing, fishing, hunting, horseback riding and travelling. Gary was always younger than his years and loved to laugh and spend time with their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, and extended family.

They made many trips to Lake McConaughy, Ridgway Reservoir and Lake Powell. Gary taught many of the kids and some of his students how to water ski. If you talk to any of Gary's grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, they will tell you about all of the fond memories they will carry with them.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Cathy, his son Troy (Jeni) Wehmeyer and daughter Leslie (Erik) Cooper, stepsons Heath (Sara) McCombs and Jesse (Jenna)

McCombs. Grandchildren Bryce Wehmeyer, Breezy (Drake) Sauer, Emma (Em) and Olivia (Livvy Lou) Cooper, Bronson and Madison Satterly, Tyler, Caidyn and Trinity (Trinny) McCombs. Great granddaughters Lily and Everley Sauer. Sisters Janice (Ralph) Schnoebelen, Donna (Gary) Dexter. Father-in-law Norman Ryser who loved him like a son, mother-in-law Doris Ryser, along with many nieces and nephews and extended family.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, infant brother Larry, sister Shirley Canavan and stepmother in-law Callie Ryser.

Gary had many family members and friends that truly loved him, and he will be greatly missed by all.

Gary's life, and the impact he had on us, was way too great to be put into so few words.

Cathy and family would like to thank Hope West Hospice, Valley Manor Memory Care and all the wonderful care givers that assisted him in his journey.

Donations may be made to Hope West Hospice ~ 725 S 4th Street, Montrose, CO 81401 in Gary's memory.

Jesus proclaimed:

"Let your light so shine before men that they should see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

The people that interacted with Gary would agree that he exemplified that shining light.

Thank you for reading

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ART & SOL

A LOOK BACK: JACK, TOM, AND BERNICE MUSSER RECALL LIFE ON THE LAND

By Caitlin Switzer

Editor's Note-I wrote this story, which originally ran in the DCI, in 2004 while working on a series about local cowboys and ranchers. I was fortunate to visit with the late Jack, Tom, and Bernice Musser and learn about their remarkable lives.

DELTA-They were born to the land, as much a part of the scenery as the grass, trees, and the canyon birds. The family sold off its acreage back in 1988, but the landscape -- the remote reaches of Escalante Canyon and the Uncompahgre Plateau -- still lights the faces of Delta residents Jack, Tom, and Bernice Musser.

Jack was the rancher, Tom the cowboy. And Bernice was the rancher's wife.

Like stones worn smooth by river water, Jack Musser's eyes reflected cool humor as he recalled the fate of the ranch's first new owner since the 1880's.

"They had \$30 million, and they only lasted one year," he said. "They spent it all on cowboys.

"We did things differently."

The Musser family did things their own way, and they were successful enough to carve a life out of the canyon for 100 years. A 1984 article by Chuck Muller in the *Colorado Farm Bureau News* stated, "...there can be little doubt that the Musser Ranch on Colorado's Western Slope is one of the top cow outfits to be found anywhere in the country."

Unlike pioneer ancestor John Musser, Jack, Tom and Bernice did not come west seeking a new life. They were born to the



This photo was taken before 1902. Shown are (back row) Lois Kelso, Anna Musser, R.S. Kelso, Edith Musser, Hazel Musser, (front row) June Musser, John Walker, and Kelso "Kel" Musser. According to Bernice Musser, Anna Musser stayed in Delta during the school year so the children could attend school. Following Anna's death in 1903, her husband John Musser hired Molly Schowalter to keep house and mind the children. "She became a lifelong friend to the Musser family," Bernice Musser said. "Her children were close friends to the next generation of Musser kids." (from the collection of Bernice Musser).

life, Jack in 1919 and Tom in 1922. Also born in 1922, Bernice Hendrickson moved to the canyon with her own family in 1930.

The brothers were the third generation to run the ever-expanding family ranch holdings. The ranch began when their grand-

father John Musser, a Civil War veteran, loaned money to his brother-in-law, Robert Shaw Kelso.

"When he wanted his money back, his brother-in-law told him he would have to take cattle," Jack Musser said.

And so Musser left his native Virginia for

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for Colorado, where he set out to clean up the mess Kelso had made of the initial cattle ranching venture.

According to Delta County historian Helen Morgan, "In 1885 John made a trip to Delta County to see about his investment. He found his cattle scattered all over the canyon, and he decided if he was to save his money, he better come look after those cattle himself."

Musser and his family arrived in Delta in 1886 – wife Anna, daughter Edith, son Albert, and John Wilson Musser, Jr., nicknamed Don.

"Don was a tiny baby and he rode to Delta on a pillow," wrote Morgan, adding that Shaw Kelso (Kel) Musser – father of Jack and Tom – was born in a sod-roofed cabin in Escalante Canyon in 1894.

"Our grandfather started it," Tom Musser said. "Then my father and his brother bought out the neighbors, the Ben Lowe place, and nearly doubled it. And then we did the same."

The brothers purchased the Bridgeport Ranch in 1964 and the Shreeves place in 1965. At its peak, the Musser outfit was impressive, spanning portions of Delta, Mesa and Montrose counties.

"In all the Mussers operate on approximately 100,000 acres," Muller wrote.

"This total includes grazing permits on BLM and U.S. Forest Service areas as well as deeded land."

"We kept buying out the neighbors because they wanted to sell," Jack Musser said.

"It always seemed like it would be better if we had more land," Bernice Musser said. "At least we thought so, but it was a lot more work."

The Mussers used three different brands to mark 1,398 head of cattle, and drew their water from Escalante Creek and the Dominguez River. Whether irrigating pastures and building fences or riding through rough country in winter's frigid cold, the demanding chores were all just part of the life they had inherited. The family moved from place to place on the massive ranch,

depending on where the work was, Bernice Musser said.

"In a way it was a hard place to raise kids," she said. "For a girl growing up it was pretty lonesome; I climbed hills and rocks, and I played house. When I was older, I helped my mother, and did the cooking."

Cooking was an important skill, after all. When Bernice married Jack in 1944 – "I had known him all my life," she explained – she continued to spend many hours at the stove.

"Different people worked for us," Bernice said. "We fed everyone. Ordinarily we had four, five or six people, but sometimes we could have 20 or more – 30 during branding time."

The Musser women had a tradition of moving to town when it came time for the children to attend school.

"It took nine hours to get to the ranch in the old days," Jack Musser said.

"Of course, transportation was easier for us," Bernice noted. "Transportation was one of the greatest improvements; in the old days they used to ride four or five days to ship cattle. They had to get them loaded on trains and shipped, and it took several days to get to market."

"Nowadays, you can load them and bring them to the sale yard on the same day."

The longer travel times of the early days required extra planning, especially when it came time to head for the high country.

"I can remember Don packing the horse for camp," Bernice recalls. "He would put oats in with the eggs so when they got to camp they had eggs – and the horses would eat the oats."

Jack and Bernice's son Johnny Musser continued the family tradition for a time, ranching with his father and uncle while still in high school, and returning home on weekends as a college student to pitch in with chores. "He was pretty adept," Bernice said. "He could do just about anything."

When Johnny decided the ranch was too much for him to operate alone, the family sold out. But a lifetime of sheer hard work



Pictured are Jack Musser, Tom Musser, Don Musser, neighbor Frank Calhoun, and E.E. "Pink" Blumberg. According to Bernice Musser, Blumberg worked for the family for more than 30 years. "He was a general ranch hand, but specialized in pole gates that were a work of art," she said. "For a time, most fences and corrals were made of poles." From the collection of Bernice Musser.

left its mark on Jack, Bernice, and Tom. Despite their advanced years, all three remain active and alert. The brothers were profiled in the *Denver Post* in January (2004) for their success at woodworking, a hobby intended to occupy hands unaccustomed to idleness. That hobby brought the Musser boys a new brand of fame, and an appreciative customer base eager to snap up their rough-hewn creations as fast as they can make them.

Bernice is the family archivist, organizing the many historical photos and the volumes of articles that chronicle a family history synonymous with the American West. And of course, she continues to cook, and to bake homemade bread.

Despite the thousands of pages that have been written about the Mussers, the brothers themselves remain true cowboys, sparing with words, choosing each sentence with care. One sentence sums up a lifetime of wrestling a living from the soil. "It was all right," Jack said. "It was a lot of hard work."

"They liked it," Bernice said. "But looking back, I can't see why."

Perhaps it was the land.

"Treat it right, and it will treat you right," Jack Musser said.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

STORM KING DISTILLING COMPANY'S SIDE GIG WHISKEY NAMED BEST AMERICAN WHISKEY

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE- On Thursday, February 9th, Storm King Distilling Company's Side Gig Whiskey was named Best American Whiskey by Whisky Magazine at the 2023 World Whiskies Awards - America in Louisville, KY at the historic Brown Hotel.

The event brought together industry greats and newcomers to celebrate the dedication and creativity of its people, as well as the craft and skill of its producers in the World Whiskies Awards.

David Fishering, Co-founder and Head Distiller, said: "We are extremely excited about this award and honored to be among such an amazing class of whiskey makers. As a family-owned business and one that takes pride in the provenance of our products, we have made it a priority to work with Colorado farmers in making a true, 100% Colorado whiskey. Not only is our whiskey a testament to our skills at

the distillery, but it also showcases the quality and unique terroir being cultivated by Colorado growers. Our Side Gig expression has been a fun project, as it ends up being the home for many of the single grain, and single barrel, experiments that we have distilled and aged onsite since 2018. The whiskey has been a huge hit in our market as it balances itself between more traditional flavor profiles like a bourbon, rye, or wheat whiskey, and something your palate hasn't experienced before." Side Gig Whiskey is an evolving blend of straight whiskies, all distilled and aged on-site, that currently represents numerous Colorado-grown grains, including corn, wheat, rye, triticale, barley, and oats, as well as various barrel profiles.

Batch #6 was recently released and is available for purchase at the distillery and at many local liquor stores. Storm King Distilling Company was founded by father



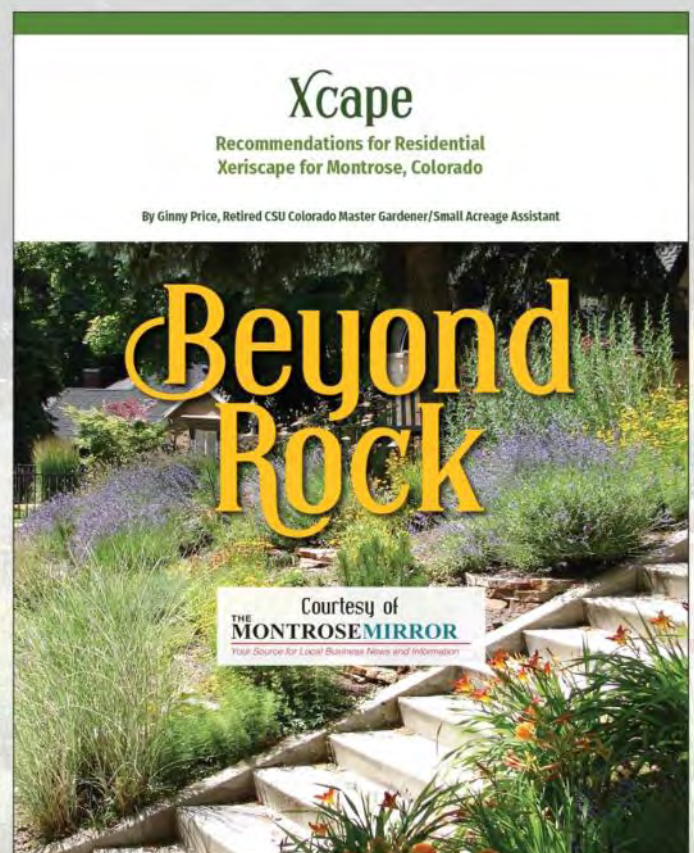
and son team, Greg, and David Fishering in 2018 and continues to increase production of its other award-winning bourbon, rye and wheat whiskies.

More information about the World Whiskies Awards can be found at www.worldwhiskiesawards.com.

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ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

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

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

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

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Olathe, Co 81425
Tuesday-Friday Phone: 970-808-1021
www.biblebaptistchurcholathe.com
Pastor Gabe Skillo

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

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

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

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

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

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

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

HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

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MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Denomination Affiliation: United Methodist

Address: 19 S. Park Avenue Montrose CO. 81401

Office Hours: M-Thu, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Contact Information: 970-249-3716, office@montroseumc.org, [mont-](http://montroseumc.org)

montroseumc.org

Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Kevin Young

Worship service times:

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual

9:45 a.m. Christian Education & Fellowship

11 a.m. Sanctuary

Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully

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

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

Affiliation: Southern Baptist

Address: 1598 E. Niagara Road, Montrose, CO 81401

Office Hours: Tues-Thu, 9am-4pm

Contact information:

Phone: 970.249.4887

website: www.RosemontBaptist.org

email: office@rosemontbaptist.org

Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson

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

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

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

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

matter what stage of life they are in.

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

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

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

Denomination affiliation: Independent Interfaith

Address: Meeting at Lions Park Community Building, 602 N. Nevada, Montrose

Office hours: Tues-Fri, 9 am to 4 pm,

Home Office – 970-252-0908

Contact information: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, 970-252-0908,

arlyn@spiritaware.org,

www.spiritaware.org

Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn

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

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

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

SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation:

Southern Baptist

Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

Office hours: Varies

Contact information:

phone number: 970-275-7026

email: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com

website: www.summitchurchmontrose.org

Name of current Senior Pastor: John De-

Sario

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

Summit Church Montrose is a new church plant that preaches the Word of God,

reaches the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equips Christians to serve the Lord. Summit Church has people of all ages!

We have families with children (babies, school aged, recent high school and college graduates) There are retired couples and widows. During the Sunday sermon we offer teaching for children ages birth to Kindergarten, in a kid friendly room called Base Camp.

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VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

Denomination Affiliation: Independent Baptist

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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-12pm

Contact Information: Phone (970) 249-6874;

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

Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

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

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

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

Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

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

information to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

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Reserved Seating Show – \$75 ticket . Tickets available now.



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CHRISTONE “KINGFISH” INGRAM TO PLAY MESA THEATER MARCH 2

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION-Grammy winning blues sensation Christone “Kingfish” Ingram will perform on Thursday, March 2 at the Mesa Theater in Grand Junction. Ingram’s Colorado tour, entitled “Christone “Kingfish” Ingram Presents The **662**: Rocky Mountain Blues Tour,” will take Ingram through Boulder, Grand Junction, Basalt, and Greeley March 1 through March 4. In his short career, 24-year-old Christone has already become the most celebrated blues musician of his generation, and for good reason. Buddy Guy called him, “the next explosion of blues.” *Rolling Stone* declared him to be “one of the most exciting young guitarists in years, with a sound that encompasses B.B. King, Jimi Hendrix and Prince.” *NPR Music* described his music as “blues at its raw and powerful best.” He received an avalanche of national and regional press, in major dailies (*New York Times*, *Washington*

Post), national publications (*DownBeat*, *Relix*, *MOJO* and just about all the guitar magazines) and a host of online media (*RollingStone.com*, *NPR Music*, *AllMusic.com*, *NoDepression.com*). Ingram features aired on PBS-TV’s “American Creators” series, NPR’s *All Songs Considered* and *World Café*, and XM/SIRIUS’ Bluesville channel. NPR’s *Morning Edition* featured Kingfish in a seven-minute story broadcast to its 14 million listeners on **662**’s release date.

And in April 2022, Kingfish made his national television debut on *CBS Saturday Morning*, performing three songs as well as being featured in an in-depth interview segment.

He’s opened shows for Vampire Weekend, Jason Isbell, Buddy Guy, and most recently, The Rolling Stones in London. <http://www.mesatheater.com> 970.773.1775). 538 Main St., 8pm, \$30-\$35



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thepediatricassociates.com

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(970) 248-6900 **VFC PROVIDER**
health.mesacounty.us/services/family/immunizations

VFC (VACCINES FOR CHILDREN)

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

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.

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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 & J)

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

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(970) 249-7742
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Shingles	IPV
Tdap	Varicella
Td	Pneumococcal
MMR	Meningococcal
	COVID-19 (Moderna & J)

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112 Village Square West Ridgway
(970) 626-7100

Flu	Pneumonia
Shingles	Tdap



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ONGOING-

MONTROSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets 1st Wednesday of the month @ Montrose Events Center, 1036 No 7th Street 7 pm (970) 249-2085 www.montrosehistory.org

MONTROSE AREA WOODTURNERS second Saturdays 9 am. 17800 - 6400 Rd in Montrose. Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Information: Al Head 970-209-0981 or aheadaviation@outlook.com

GREATER MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS – Feb. 23, Mar. 23, Apr. 27, May 25.

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

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

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

BINGO EVERY FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY at 7pm at the American Legion Post 24 Olathe doors open at 5:30. Sunday Bingo will start at 1:30pm after Nov. 6. More info call Tom 970 260 8298.

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

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

THE MONTROSE GENEALOGY CENTER at 700 E. Main St. is now open Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 1-4 p.m. or call for an appointment: 970-240-1755. Free help and resources for your family history research." (The center is sponsored by the non-profit organization, Fore-Kin Trails Genealogical Society.)

MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET SCHEDULE -The market will be open every other Saturday from 10-1 inside the Centennial Meeting Room and on Centennial Plaza from January through April.

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

MONTHLY

Feb. 27-Monday, Feb. 27--1 p.m.--Local archaeologist Charlie Seevers will speak on "Foraging to Farming, 2500 BCE to 600 AD, in the American Southwest" at the Warrior Resource Center, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way. All are welcome to this event sponsored by the Montrose Genealogy Center.

March 3—Annual Women of Distinction Awards Gala. Montrose County Event Center from 5:30 – 8:30pm

Sept. 16-17-The much-anticipated Tribute to Aviation, the signature event hosted by Montrose Regional Airport, is officially set for Sept. 16-17, 2023. This crowd-favorite event is back this year after a break for a major airport construction and remodel project at Montrose Regional Airport. Tribute to Aviation is one of the largest static displays in the western United States featuring both military and civilian aircraft. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Vendla Stockdale at vstockdale@montrosecounty.net or 970-964-2479.



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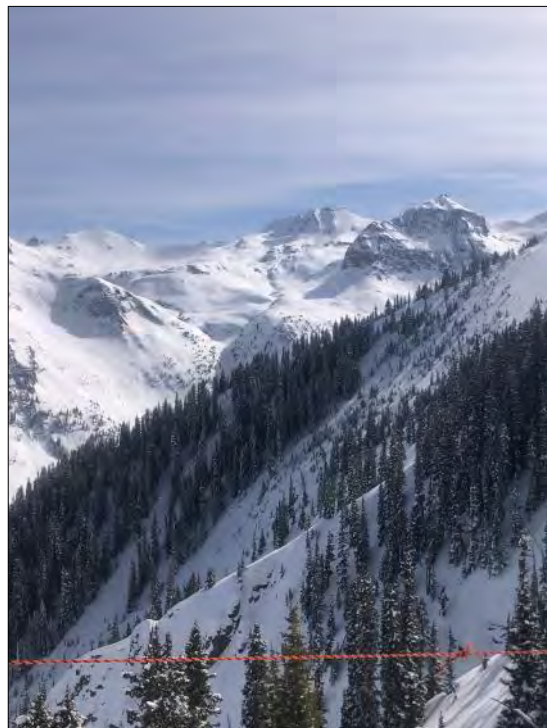
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