

# the Montrose Mirror

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## \$4,547,212.83 NEEDED FOR THIRD PHASE OF NEW CITY HALL

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose Mayor Pro tem Barbara Bynum welcomed all to the regular city council work session at the Montrose Police Department Community Room on Tuesday, Feb. 21. Present were Councilor J. David Reed and Councilor Doug Glaspell; Mayor Dave Frank and Councilor Ed Ulibarri were absent. Documents pertaining to agenda items are included in the work session packet.

### INTRODUCTION TO NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

Council welcomed four new employees, including:

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

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*Following renovation of the former Wells Fargo Building on Main Street as a new city hall, Montrose's beautiful and historic City Hall Building, above, is expected to become a dorm for Colorado Mesa University (CMU.)*

## DISCUSSION OF GRAVEL PIT SUP APPLICATION CONTINUED TO MARCH 6

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Following a special meeting for gravel pit consideration that was attended by hundreds despite inclement weather on Feb. 22, the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has continued the discussion of Special Use Permit Application SU22-013 to a special meeting on Monday, March 6 at the Montrose County Event Center. The Event Center is located at 1036 N 7th Street in Montrose. For more information on the application, as well as links to public comment concerning the proposed special use, click here.



*Above, the site of the proposed gravel pit. Photo by B. Switzer.*

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*Special to the Mirror*

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### THANKS TO SUE SCHMIDT FOR HER LETTER IN LAST WEEK'S MIRROR

*Editor:*

I would like to thank Sue Schmidt for her letter to last week's Mirror. I think she phrased it well and concisely. The articles of which she writes are written with such strong bias that I find them hard to read, and I am a conservative. I believe they are written to just encourage the far right base. I do not think that an unbiased reader would be swayed by their rhetoric. If we are all very lucky, they will consider her points and adjust their style to a more thoughtful prose which makes their points without bias and with checkable references. We would all be better off.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### PROVIDING PORNOGRAPHY TO UNDERAGE KIDS IS AGAINST THE LAW

*Editor:*

There is a lot we will disagree on about the Montrose Library sponsoring a club for our LGBTQ youth. What we can agree on is that many LGBTQ people have suffered real hate and awful discrimination in their lives. We can agree that many are bullied and would benefit from appropriate guidance on how to deal with that. We can agree that our LGBTQ youth would benefit from a club of like-minded kids in a positive, supportive atmosphere.

What we do not agree on is the Montrose Library sponsoring the club at taxpayers' expense. How do you justify spending taxpayer dollars for a club that is clearly outside the realm of library services? How is this different than sponsoring a club for any other group? It would be totally appropriate if a private entity (League of Women Voters for example?) sponsored the club.

How do you justify the library distributing and discussing material, with minors, that is explicit, pornographic, and clearly inappropriate for this age group? The book, *Flamer*, which was distributed and discussed depicts, among other explicit things, group masturbation among boys. Has anyone on the board actually previewed the material? Watching person after person at the board meeting congratulate the board on this programming leads me to believe that the speakers as well as the board members have not previewed the material. Simply labeling objections as "book burning" is total negligence and an abdication of the board's legal responsibilities. I am sure the parents of these gay kids, as well as most gay people, would also be appalled if they saw the material in question. Surely there are more appropriate ways to help our LGBTQ youth deal with bullying and the challenges of being gay?

Providing pornography to underage kids is against the law. In the first meeting on this matter, no board member seemed concerned about that. Hopefully, the County Commissioners, who are also legally responsible, will take more of an interest once they realize the content of the material. It is not in the purview of the public library to undermine a parent's right to protect their children by including and promoting pornographic material in the children's section of the library.

*Chanda Ouimet, Montrose*



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# CITIZEN ASKS THAT SEXUALLY EXPLICIT BOOKS BE MOVED FROM CHILDREN'S TO ADULT AREA AT MONTROSE LIBRARY



On Feb. 21, Citizen Mike Martin asked the BOCC to have books such as *Flamer*, above, moved to the adult (18+) section of the Montrose Library. The popular book, which is recommended for grades 10-12 on Amazon, is presently available in the children's section of the Montrose Library, Martin said.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Chair Sue Hansen opened the regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Tuesday, Feb. 21, "Good morning, everybody." Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Planning & Development Director Tallmadge Richmond led in saying the Invocation. "...We're grateful to be here at a board of county commissioners meeting and for our great leaders of this community...we're grateful for the moisture that we've received over the last week...we're grateful for the hard workers who cleared the roads and helped us go about our things this past week...please bless us all to show and share love one to another..."

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Citizen Mike Martin spoke. "...On Feb. 8 Montrose citizens met with the Library board about pro-LGBTQ library meetings targeting our children," he said. "One meeting has already occurred, and more are planned. And the library board has approved these meetings. A meeting on

the Fourth promoted a homosexual book called *Flamer*," Martin said. "It's written in cartoon format for appeal to young children. Free copies of the book were offered, and it is a blatantly pornographic book. Since you all appoint library board members to five-year terms, the ultimate responsibility for what goes on in the library belongs to you."

"In other libraries across the nation there are follow-on drag queen story hours targeting children," Martin said. "Adult male homosexuals in scanty female clothing do lewd dancing to draw children into their lifestyle. Transgender activists also use library meetings to promote so-called transgender care involving irreversible chemical and surgical mutilation of children as young as six years old."

Martin recalled one meeting at the Montrose Library on Feb. 8, where some of those in attendance urged the Library Board to continue the meetings, "For the sake of freedom of speech and to be kind to homosexuals," while those with concerns were accused of "hate."

Martin said that he favors kindness and that his own son is a homosexual.

"We do not hate homosexuals nor do we want to ban library books," he said. "What we do recommend is preventing library access to such books for vulnerable young people. And giving them away free to children is not just neutral access to information, it's the first step of recruiting children into homosexuality. The same goes for drag queen shows. Also, promoting transgender care is not care."

"It is gross child abuse involving powerful chemicals and irreversible surgeries. We should not promote this."

Commissioners are elected to protect the health and welfare of citizens, "especially our defenseless children," Martin said, and quoted *Matthew 18:6*. He shared hand-outs and information with commissioners.

## COUNTY MANAGER

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved, with Resolution No. 7-2023 assigned to

Consent Agenda Item 20 and Resolution No. 8-2023 assigned to Consent Agenda Item 21.

## GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Montrose Regional Airport Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold presented a series of change orders, which were approved: -Change Order No. 6 in reference to the Federal Grant AIP-56 for the Terminal Expansion Project. This includes Non-Federal Items COR-051 Access Control to CCTV Integration, COR-105 Phenolic Wall Panel Material Price Increase, COR-106 Storefront and Curtain Wall Material Price Increase, COR-107 The Flooring Price Increase, COR-182 Electrical Material Price Increase, COR-218 WCPR-016 Concourse Concessions Ice Maker, this is in the amount of \$178,756.68. This changes the cost of the work described from \$33,131,241.45 to \$35,469,348.98; -Change Order No. 5 in reference to the Federal Grant AIP-56, AIP-59 and AIP-60 for the Terminal Expansion Project. This includes Federal and Non-Federal Items and represents an increase of \$1,129,862.80. This changes the cost of the work described from \$33,131,241.45 to \$35,290,592.30; -Change Order COR-226 from FCI Constructors, Inc for all costs associated with the added monitors, monitor mounts, cabling and other AV equipment as approved by the owner ProDIGIQ for the FIDS system and news distribution system in the amount of \$57,478.

Also approved was the 12th (Twelfth) Amendment, Revision 1 (One), to the On-Call Engineering Services Agreement entered into 11/21/2018 with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., for general scope of services for miscellaneous engineering service tasks that are requested by MTJ and acceptable to the Consultant. This is an additional amount of \$50,000 for work detailed in Exhibit A.

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash commended Arnold for doing a "phenomenal" job of managing change orders amidst ongoing supply chain issues.

Arnold said that the reconstruction of the Terminal Road is an asset and a needed



## CITIZEN ASKS THAT SEXUALLY EXPLICIT LIBRARY BOOKS BE MOVED

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improvement, although not included with in the original project.

Commissioners approved a contract to purchase a 12-foot by 12-foot reinforced concrete box culvert from Rinker Materials of Grand Junction in the amount of \$108,480. The box culvert will replace an eight-foot diameter corrugated metal pipe culvert (C-1741) that has failed. Due to the size of the box culvert, the County will bid the installation. The project is not budgeted, but it needs to be done, Public Works Director Keith Laube said.

Laube presented the construction contract for the 2023 asphalt paving project, awarding the work to United Companies in the amount of \$3,986,257.15. The bid amount is \$21,932 more than what was budgeted. Also included in the packet is a history of asphalt paving bid prices.

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning & Development Director Tallmadge Richmond presented the Willow Creek Minor Subdivision proposal to

divide a 4.34-acre lot into three lots at Parcel 399335406003.

The proposal met subdivision regulations and the Planning Commissioner recommended approval. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve.

Also approved was the Willow Creek Minor Subdivision 2 proposal to divide a 28.32-acre lot into three lots at Parcel 399335406004.

Both of the Willow Creek proposals were applied for under old regulations, Richmond said, and if applied for today would need to go through the County's major subdivision regulations.

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash thanked the applicant for going through the process. Applicant Wayne Comstock was present. He thanked the commissioners for doing a difficult job, and for plowing his road.

Commissioners voted to approve the Typhoon Farma Minor Subdivision [MI22-021] proposal to divide a 1.31-acre lot from 184.200 acre parcel at Parcel

399502104002. The **Typhoon Farma Minor Subdivision proposal falls under previous regulations** as well.

**Also falling under previous subdivision regulations was the Yeager Minor Subdivision [MI22-056] proposal** to divide 35 acres into three lots at Parcel 372308200010. The Yeager Minor Subdivision was approved.

The BOCC voted to approve the Leisure Time Minor Subdivision [MI22-057] proposal to divide three lots from 41.870 acres at Parcel 399313100020; and the Buckhorn Heights 2 Preliminary Plan [MA22-005] proposal to divide 41.210 acres into nine lots at Parcel 404110100003.

Hansen asked Richmond how many subdivision applications remain that had applied under old regulations.

"I believe we have two," Richmond said. "It's a low number."

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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## CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR PRESENTS SALES &amp; USE TAX REPORT, 4TH QTR BUDGET REVIEW

*'Our expenses may be higher than our revenues at this point'*

**Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the Sales, Use & Excise report and 4th Qtr Budget Review at the City Council meeting of Feb. 21. Meeting screenshot.**

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-With two councilors excused due to illness, Mayor Pro tem Barbara Bynum gavelled the Montrose City Council meeting of Tuesday, Feb. 21 to order and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were councilors Doug Glaspell and J. David Reed. Youth Council Applicant Shiloh Warthen was present as well. Mayor Dave Frank and Councilor Ed Ulibarri were absent.

Documents pertaining to agenda items are included in the meeting packet.

#### CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items, including appointment of applicant Shiloh Warthen to the Montrose Youth City Council, were accepted as presented.

#### RETAIL LIQUOR STORE CHANGE OF LOCATION

Council approved 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. The application also includes a change of trade name to Palace Liquor. A representative of Owner Fangling Kousoum was present to answer questions about the change to a larger location.

House of Spirits Owner Dominick LaJoy asked what would happen with the for-

mer location on West Main; the applicant's representative was unsure.

#### ORDINANCE 2612-SECOND READING

As discussed previously in work session and on first reading, Council voted to adopt 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 voted to approve the Crossroads Park II Preliminary Planned Development as presented by Planner William Reis.

#### THE FALLS AT VALLEY RANCH FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

With Applicant David Coker present to answer questions, Council voted to approve the Falls at Valley Ranch Planned Development as well as the final plat.

#### THE FALLS AT VALLEY RANCH SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT

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

#### ORDINANCES 2613, 2614, AND 2615 ON SECOND READING

Three ordinances were approved by Council on second reading, including:

##### ORDINANCE 2613 - SECOND READING

Ordinance 2613 for the annexation of the Klein Addition.

##### ORDINANCE 2614 - SECOND READING

Ordinance 2614 zoning the Klein Addition as an MHR, Manufactured Housing Residential District.

##### ORDINANCE 2615 - SECOND READING

Ordinance 2615 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.

#### 2023 ANNUAL ANNEXATION REPORT AND THREE-MILE PLAN

Also approved was the 2023 Annual Annexation Report and three-Mile Plan.

#### DECLARATION OF COVENANTS WITH WESTSTAR DEVELOPMENT LLC

Council voted to approve an Agreement and Declaration of Covenants document between the City of Montrose and Weststar Development, LLC regarding infrastructure improvements required upon future rezone.

The property is situated south of Cobble Creek. The agreement removes only the density restriction while preserving other conditions from the original 1996 agreement specific to open space, right-of-way dedication, and infrastructure improvements.

#### MOVING MONTROSE FORWARD 2023 SURFACE TREATMENT CONTRACT

Council approved 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

As discussed previously in work session, Council voted to approve purchase of 10 Ford vehicles from Sill-Terhar Motors in Broomfield for the total purchase price of \$667,250.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the Sales, Use & Excise Tax Report.

Councilor Doug Glaspell said, "It's good to point out that although our revenues seem to be heading up a little bit, that guy down on the other end (City Manager Bill Bell) runs his expenses up to kind of match those."

Wittenberg said, "Yeah, I would have to say that our expenses may be higher than our revenues at this point. But we do the best we can."

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## CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR PRESENTS SALES & USE TAX REPORT, 4TH QTR BUDGET REVIEW

*From previous pg*

### FOURTH QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW

Wittenberg presented the [Fourth Quarter Budget Review](#) with unaudited numbers. "Everything looks to be in good shape," she said.

### OPIOID SETTLEMENT UPDATE

Assistant City Attorney Matt Magliaro gave an update on statewide opioid litigation. A new round of settlements has been reached. Colorado stands to receive \$300M in new money. Montrose is in Re-

gion 14 of the Settlement, which will receive \$3.19M. The City of Montrose has directed staff to opt out as a direct local government and send funds to Region 14 to work out a plan of abatement. Montrose must sign the settlement agreement, Magliaro said.

### YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Newly-appointed at the start of the meeting, Youth Councilor Shiloh Warthen said that she did not yet have an update

on Youth Council activities, "I have only been to one meeting so far and have not had a lot of experience with it."

Mayor Pro Tem Bynum said, "I hope everyone that is missing because they are not feeling great feels better soon, and that we're all back here for the next time we meet."

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## COMMISSIONERS NEED TO SEE YOU ON MARCH 6 @ 6PM.

Dear Editor,

I am hoping the Mirror will publish an ACCURATE representation of the Feb 22 BoCC meeting on Monday. For clarification, the chairs were arranged in 15 rows of 20 chairs, with nearly all but the first row filled and people standing in the rear. A conservative estimate of attendance is 225 and a generous estimate is 300, not "dozens" as reported elsewhere.

Please be careful – the applicant said they have had lots of "expert" opinions – because he has hired consultants who have declared themselves as 'experts'. To that end, I disagree.

The most unimpressive report was from Tom Peterson, Executive Director of Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association who declared "Elam" an excellent neighbor. Whether paid by or asked by Matt Miles to present, he presented no relevant competent evi-

dence.

Joey Burns (Eagle Land Brokerage) did not author the LIS document on home valuation. His son's name, Brayden Burns, is on that paper. Brayden is not a licensed real estate agent, appraiser, researcher or scientist. The land broker claimed he performed "experiments." That is an insult to research. The data *proves* that fewer people buy and sell real estate the closer one lives to a pit. Those were sham letters written by a friend for a friend; no relevant competent evidence, either.

When asked about fines & penalties, Zane Luttrell must have forgotten about the \$35,132.80 Civil Penalty the CO Mined Land Reclamation Board levied in August 2019 when he was caught illegally mining Franklin Mesa (MV-2019-033). The operators have been found unable to follow rules and regulations and are unreliable. That was a failure

to present relevant and competent evidence.

SU22-013 was **unanimously denied** by the Montrose County Planning Commission on the grounds of health, safety and traffic. Director Tallmadge Richmond, and many other citizens, reported this recommendation to the BoCC.

Profound amounts of relevant, competent, expert evidence has been presented by citizens and industry experts opposing the expansion. We know this is an issue about public safety, welfare, traffic congestion and inappropriate zoning. The commissioners ARE the Board of Health and the Board of Social Services for the County of Montrose. They are duty-bound to act accordingly and deny SU22-013.

Attendance matters - Commissioners need to see you on March 6 @ 6pm.

Carey Simon, Montrose

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## ARE CITIZENS OF RURAL AMERICA VALUED OR CONSIDERED EXPENDABLE IN DOWNING CHINA BALLOONS?

*Editor:*

Facts surrounding the China balloon shot down February 4, 2023. Pursuant to Wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2023\\_Chinese\\_balloon\\_incident#:~:text=Flight%20path,-Approximate%20route%20of&text=The%20balloon%20entered%20U.S.%20airspace,Territories%20on%20January%2030%2C%202023](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2023_Chinese_balloon_incident#:~:text=Flight%20path,-Approximate%20route%20of&text=The%20balloon%20entered%20U.S.%20airspace,Territories%20on%20January%2030%2C%202023)) where this information was reported and other news sites that reported similar facts, the following was noted:

1. US military tracked the China balloon from its original detection to downing it in 47 feet deep water off the South Carolina coast. USNORTHCOM and NORAD estimated payload of over 2,000 pounds

2. Biden was first alerted to the China balloon existence by General Mark A Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, when it re-entered the US over Idaho on Tuesday, January 31.

3. Per Biden's order, a meeting was convened on Wednesday, February 1, between the Secretary of Defense Austin, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley, NORTHCOM/NORAD Commander General Van Herck, and other military commanders.

4. Based on these experts, on Wednesday, February 1, Biden said to shoot it down but left the time and place up to the experts because of the concerns posed by them regarding the threat to civilians or potential for property damage.

5. On February 2, US Department of Defense and Canadian Department of National Defense announced that NORAD had been tracking it for several days.

6. US Department of Defense said the balloon presented no military or physical threat to people on the ground while it remained in the air and shooting it down over water was safer and increased the opportunity to study wreckage for intelligence purposes.

7. Although the balloon had limited additive value from an intelligence collection perspective, the Pentagon took steps to protect assets from leaking sensitive information to the balloon. The US Department of Defense also noted these steps had been taken.

8. US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin said the US military were able to collect valuable intelligence while it was transiting North America. The balloon was monitored by crewed aircraft from NORAD.

9. By February 16, Biden announced the US was developing sharper rules to track, monitor and potentially shoot down unknown aerial objects.

10. By February 17, the US finished efforts to recover the remnants of the large balloon and all pieces were sent to the FBI lab in Virginia for analysis.

China balloon timeline over North American airspace: January 28, 2023 – February 4, 2023 it flew over Alaska, western Canada, and the contiguous US:

-January 28, 2023 – Spotted over Alaska

-January 28-30, 2023 – Over Canadian airspace

-January 31, 2023 – Re-entered American skies

-February 4, 2023 – Shot down

-February 17, 2023 – Recovery of remnants completed

Living in a rural area, I am thankful that Biden and the officials that counseled him demonstrated that they value rural residents! By refusing to risk 2,000 pounds of debris falling to the earth in rural America, the Biden administration demonstrated their belief that we are not expendable for the greater good. Instead, they intelligently assessed the risk, eliminated any potential for China to collect sensitive data, and downed the balloon in a location where retrieval of the debris posed the least risk

to us and done most successfully.

Per retired admiral and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Mike Mullen, he noted Biden made a decision on Wednesday, February 1, to shoot it down (one day after he was informed it had entered Idaho space) and turned it over to the military to pick the time and place to down it.

"It's very clear to me that the intelligence value of this from a standpoint of what it was getting was not worth the risk of killing an American on the ground, and its substantial package in terms of its size. And even in the less dense areas of the country, there was that possibility . . . "

Mullen quote. Joe Biden's Reason for Not Shooting Down Balloon Raises Questions, Darragh Roche, 2/7/2023, <https://www.newsweek.com/joe-biden-reason-not-shooting-down-balloon-raises-questions-1779399>

I believe the best decisions in a democracy, whether in politics or private industry, come from consulting with the experts, weighing their recommendations, and making a decision based on sound reasoning. Narcissists such as Putin think they have all the answers, blame others to promote themselves, sensationalize rather than focus on the facts, and circle themselves with only those people who agree with them.

We can all play "I know more than them," but from my perspective second guessing these decisions is like being a backseat driver.

You have the right to share your opinions using facts to support your position, but unless you are sitting in the driver's seat it is difficult to see the entire landscape.

Facts are facts.

Hope the above sheds some light on the timeline and the considerations made when determining the best time and place to down China's balloon.

*Sue Schmidt, Montrose*



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### FLY FISHING FILMS RETURN TO OURAY COUNTY

*Special to the Mirror*

RIDGWAY-Celebrate all things fly fishing on Saturday, March 18, with an array of short films from destinations around the world, all while raising awareness about the Uncompahgre River watershed. RIGS Fly Shop and Telluride Angler are bringing the 2023 Fly Fishing Film Tour to the Ouray County 4H Event Center in Ridgway! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show starts at 6:30 p.m. 100 percent of the proceeds raised from this event will be donated to the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP) for projects slated to im-

prove river health and habitat within the Uncompahgre River Valley. UWP is collaborating with partners such as Trout Unlimited, the U.S. Forest Service and Colorado Parks & Wildlife to develop and implement projects to preserve and improve fish habitat, riparian areas and water quality. "The generosity of the community and sponsors like RIGS has helped UWP build relationships with project partners and set aside funds for future projects. We are prioritizing watershed areas that need restoration, and hope to announce project plans later in 2023," said Tanya Ishikawa,

the nonprofit's executive director.

Come grab some great food, libations donated by Ouray Brewery and The Liquor Store, incredible door prizes, raffles, silent auctions, and more. Thanks to Alpine Bank for event support. The Event Center is located at 22739 Highway 550, Ridgway, Colorado. For event information, email Tanya at [tanya@uncompahgrewatershed.org](mailto:tanya@uncompahgrewatershed.org). For tickets, <https://flyfilmtour.myeventcenter.com/event/A-Benefit-For-The-Uncompahgre-River-73751>

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### 'COLORADO PEOPLE WHO WANDER' WEBSITE GOES LIVE

*Special to the Mirror*

LAKEWOOD – Families facing issues related to 'people who wander' have access to a new website for resources and information.

Legislation passed during the 2022 Colorado legislative session enhanced efforts to provide assistance to Colorado families of people who wander, along with the availability of state-sponsored grants to

assist local governments with recovery programs. The information is housed under the umbrella of the CBI website.

The [Colorado People Who Wander website](#) contains information about tracking technology resources, information for families, and tips for what to do when a family member goes missing. The 'Supporting Recovery Programs' Persons Who Wander Grant Program' provides a

funding opportunity for local governments.

The intent of the 'Supporting Recovery Programs' Persons Who Wander Grant Program' is to provide grant funding to assist local governments or their designees in locating persons with medical conditions such as Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, autism, brain injury, or developmental, cognitive, neurological, or chromosomal disorders by encouraging county sheriffs' departments, municipalities, and county or municipal designees to establish recovery programs and provide tools that will increase the chances of saving the lives of lost and missing persons.

Members of the CBI worked closely with stakeholders involved in the creation of the legislation during last year's Colorado legislative session to develop the website.

"We are excited to be able to provide families and others with a one-stop shop for information and resources related to 'people who wander' through a comprehensive website and launch of a grant program," said CBI Director Chris Schaefer. "We also want to extend our deep appreciation to the stakeholders whose valuable input played a pivotal role in the development of the website."



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### HONOREES ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2023 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

#### *Dr. Mary Vader to receive Lifetime Achievement Award*

##### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE – As we celebrate Women's History Month, Our Town Matters is proud to announce the names of 20 remarkable women who will be recognized at the annual Women of Distinction Awards Gala on March 25th.

The 2023 Women of Distinction are:

Sarah Abbott- Ireland Stapleton

Joey Boese - Peer Kindness

Nathalie Bouchard - SOM Footwear

Abbie Brewer - Hilltop Family Resource Ctr.

Dr. Joanna Daly - Eye Care for Montrose

Dr. Lindsay Greenfield - Cedar Point Health

Tressa Guynes - Montrose County

Kathy Heavers - The Forum Montrose

Tessa Imus - Timberline Bank

Leanna Johnson – Mosaic

Lisa Kuczmariski - City of Montrose

Randilyn Madison -Miss Rodeo Colorado

Danielle Musser - Musser Adapted P.E.

Jennifer Pelligra - Community Options

Ashley Pietak - Tempest

Davina Pope- San Juan Brews

Jamie Saff - Alpine Bank

Caitlin Switzer - Montrose Mirror

Christina Van Vleet - Phoenix Fitness

Ellena Wenger - Luxe Designs Boutique

The Annual Women of Distinction Awards event was created to spotlight and recognize the important role women play locally in the economy and in society. The honorees will represent the most distinctive women in business, government, education, and not-for profit fields.

KREX 5 Multimedia Journalist, Mark Bott, will join awards founder, Tonya Maddox as Masters of Ceremonies. The evening will also include a special tribute video and award presentation to Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Dr. Mary Vader. This year's event will be held at the Montrose County Event Center on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM. There will be a dinner catered by The Stone House with the awards ceremony immediately following

the dinner. The 2023 honorees and all the honorees since 2017 will be eligible for the coveted Woman of the Year award which will be announced at the awards event.

Presenting Sponsors of the 2023 event are TEI Rock Drills, The Mize Family and Our Town Matters. The Gold sponsors are Alpine Bank, Camelot Gardens, Shelter Insurance, and The Bridges. Tickets can be purchased online at [womenofdistinctionawards.com](http://womenofdistinctionawards.com) or by calling 970-765-0913.

##### **About Women of Distinction Awards**

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP OF GRAPHIC, SEXUALLY-EXPLICIT MATERIALS AT THE MONTROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Editor:*

This open letter is written in response to the February 8th front page article in the *Montrose Daily Press* regarding the Montrose Library Board of Trustees meeting held February 6th. The public comment section of that meeting was focused on the new emphasis the library is placing on LGBTQ outreach in the community, which includes special library-sponsored programs, as well as the acquisition of materials related to this effort. The majority of speakers at this meeting appeared to represent an organized group prepared to support the library's agenda, but other individual members of the community expressed concerns about the overt sexual content of the materials and their open availability to minor children. It is unfortunate that confusion exists about the differing objections to the current library position regarding its LGBTQ outreach program. We represent a group of Montrose residents who are specifically concerned about the contents of some of the books the library has available that are, in our opinion, purposely geared toward children and contain salacious and/or obscene material. Two of these books, *Gender Queer* and *Flamer*, are written in a cartoonlike style appealing to children and both contain extremely graphic depictions of sexual acts, explicit and suggestive. Some of us

who are concerned about young people viewing these materials have NOT requested banning these books but simply wish to have them placed in a restricted location, available only to anyone 18 or older. This request has been taken out of context and has been subjected to the charge of "banning books," an incendiary claim that rallies opponents to disparage this common sense appeal. The library Board and staff have repeatedly stated that it is the responsibility of parents to monitor what their children view and there will be no determination (in any manner) regarding separation of materials other than to place items either in the Children's or in the Adult sections of the building.

As there is no method of internal monitoring when children might be present in the library without parents, any material in the library may ostensibly be viewed by children or adults in the building. The library Board and staff have also repeated their desire to create a 'safe space' for everyone in the library, but this seems like a contradictory statement when there are books with graphic sexual scenes present and openly available to children, who certainly deserve a safe space as much as any group being 'served' by the library. As parents are not always able to be at their children's side in our public library, which

is funded by the taxpaying citizens of Montrose, this facility and staff should bear some responsibility for the safety of the community's children while they are spending time therein, supervised or unsupervised by parents.

We would encourage anyone who doubts the veracity of our statements regarding the impropriety of publications such as *Gender Queer* and *Flamer* to either view these books at the library or other places where they are available. You might be surprised at what you see...especially if you have children or grandchildren. Please also be aware that the library keeps track of requests for their materials and uses that data to determine levels of interest and/or approval.

We hope this letter will clarify our single specific objection to the LGBTQ materials currently in the library, will defuse some of the current angst being promoted, and cause the library to revisit their position regarding these above-mentioned publications.

*Kay Alexander, Brian White, Leah Vanderluis, Dawn Schieldt, Charli Oswald, Jennifer Gregg, Jodi Woodden, Becky and Jim Waugh, Gloria and Gregory O'Brien, PhD, Hannah McCall, Lenore Windham, Donna Elkins, Audrey Serazio, Joe Fockler, Drena Brown, and others who advocate for children in Montrose.*

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DELTA HEALTH UROLOGY ANNOUNCES NEW TREATMENT FOR STRESS INCONTINENCE

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA – One in three women at some point in their lives experience a common condition called Stress Urinary Incontinence (SUI), which is when struggles with bladder leakage can occur during physical activities such as coughing, sneezing, laughing, or exercise.

This condition is caused by a weakness of the pelvic floor muscles, which usually tends to happen as women get older, with pregnancy, and with certain pelvic floor conditions.

Delta Health Urology is excited to announce that it is now offering Bulkamid, a urethral bulking agent used to treat stress urinary incontinence.

"This is a great service that we will now be offering our patients here in Delta County," said Dr. Timothy Vanadurongvan, from Delta Health Urology. "It can help significantly those that have issues with pelvic muscles and bladder leakage. The procedure has minimal recovery and only takes around 10-15 minutes to complete."

Bulkamid is a soft, water-based gel that can be used to restore the natural closing of the urethra. The procedure includes 3-4 small injections that take around 10-15 minutes in an outpatient setting under local anesthetic.

"This is a great option for women because it is long-lasting and can deliver symptom relief for up to seven years," said Dr. Vanadurongvan. "It is also a flexible procedure, so if a patient wants more support and needs it touched up, we can offer that as well."

Dr. Vanadurongvan says Bulkamid is a great option for relief as opposed to some other options for stress urinary incontinence. Bulkamid is more forgiving and comfortable.

Delta Health Urology had its first successful Bulkamid procedure at the end of 2022 and will continue making this service accessible to patients on the Western Slope.

For those that are interested in the procedure, referrals can be made to Delta Health Urology from Primary Care Clinics, or patients can call the clinic directly to make an appointment. During the appointment, a physician will discuss all aspects of care, to make sure that all of the patient's needs are being met when it comes to possible Stress Urinary Incontinence.

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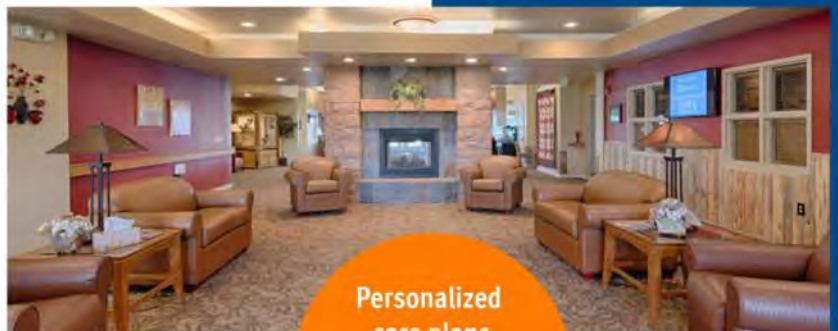
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COLORADO – The Postal Service is asking customers to help keep their letter carrier safe this winter by keeping walkways, steps and porches clear of snow and ice that can lead to dangerous falls.

Here are a few ways to help keep your carrier safe this winter:

- Clear enough snow from curbside boxes to allow mail trucks to approach the box, deliver the mail, and to drive away from the box without danger or the need for back-ing.
- Walkways should be cleared of snow and ice and allow enough traction to avoid slips, trips or falls.
- Steps should also be kept clear of ice and snow and in good repair so as not to cause injury to the letter carriers or others who visit the customer's home.
- Overhangs should be clear and free of snow and ice to avoid injury.
- Leave a light on, if possible, to illuminate walkways and porches.
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COLORADO - The Colorado State Patrol is reminding the public it's continuing to accept applications from now until Monday, March 6 for its 2023 Trooper Cadet Classes. This application period will serve as the comprehensive application pool for the three upcoming academy classes hosted by the agency in 2023.

In addition, the agency has received approval to accept out-of-state applications for this application period, a rare opportunity to recruit top applicants from across the nation. The Colorado State Patrol will compile an applicant pool of high-quality individuals who want to begin or continue their law enforcement career with the leading law enforcement agency in Colorado.

Colorado State Troopers are responsible for ensuring a safe and secure environment for those in Colorado by upholding the agency's longstanding core values of honor, duty and respect. With troop offices and specialty units located across the diverse geography of the state, applicants will have the opportunity to learn and grow in a variety of disciplines.

"This is an incredible opportunity to be a part of something bigger than yourself and to save lives as a Colorado State Trooper," said Sgt. Troy Kessler, the Public Information Officer for the Colorado State Patrol. "We are looking forward to recruiting top-notch people who represent the communities in which we live and serve."

Individuals who are interested in learning more about the application process should visit <https://csp.colorado.gov/employment/colorado-state-trooper-career-path>.

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# COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS



## COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE SEEKS REPRESENTATIVES FOR HUNTING AND/OR ANGLING

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COLORADO-Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is accepting membership applications to fill two sportsperson representative positions on the Colorado Outdoor Partnership (CO-OP). Interested individuals are invited to fill out an online membership [application](#) **no later than Monday, March 13, 2023.**

The CO-OP is a collaborative of leaders that share the state-level vision that in 2050, Colorado's people and economy thrive because of our healthy lands, water, wildlife, and working farms and ranches, accompanied by improved, inclusive outdoor recreation, hunting, and angling opportunities for all.

CPW is seeking members that represent a hunting and/or angling organization or constituency. This individual will join other organizations involved in the CO-OP that represent the following sectors: agriculture, conservation, stewardship and environmental education, outdoor recreation, hunters and anglers; federal, tribal, and local government and at-large members.

The CO-OP adopts the [Colorado Outdoor Principles](#) and acknowledges that outdoor recreation and conservation should reflect, respect, and value the demographic and cultural diversity of our state. The role of this group is to advise CPW and the Department of Natural Resources in developing and advancing strategies to achieve the CO-OP's vision. The CO-OP serves as the statewide advisory body for the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative established in 2020 by [Governor's Executive Order B 2020 008](#).

The sportsperson appointment is for a four-year term. CO-OP members are expected to participate in quarterly meetings, support other CO-OP work as needed, and represent the perspective of their sector's broader community, in addition to that of the organization for which they work.

### How to Apply

Interested individuals must fill out an online membership [application](#) **no later than Monday, March 13, 2023.** If you would like to submit additional materials, such as letters of support, please email your supplemental information to [Jody Kennedy](#), Regional Partnership Program Manager. CPW staff will reach out to you directly with final selection decisions.

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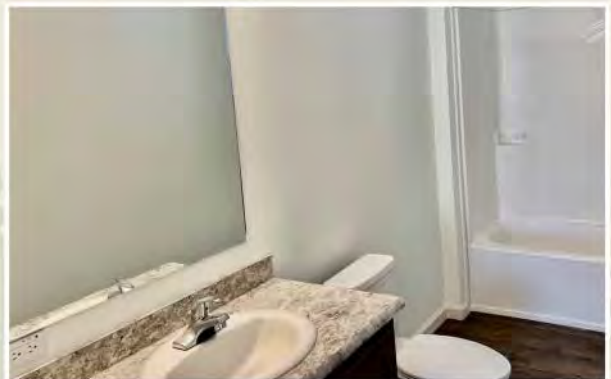
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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### ARE THE MONTROSE RESIDENTS TRULY UNINFORMED AND UNEDUCATED IF THE MONTROSE MIRROR AND OTHER ENTITIES CHOOSE TO PUBLISH "THOSE" CERTAIN LETTERS TO THE EDITOR?

*Editor:*

According to Jeanette Ritchey's letter to the editor, February 13th, she insinuates that publishing letters from certain individuals leads to an uninformed, uneducated populace. However, one could strongly argue that is only true if the populace is full of gullible idiots that cannot think critically on their own. People who blindly believe everything that they read.

So, is Ms. Ritchey calling the Montrose people gullible idiots? It seems so! She assumes every person who reads "those" (her words) letters will fall for everything written by those person's even though it is crystal clear that letters to the editor are only one person's personal written opinion. Maybe in her sphere of friends they are not able to analyze writings and think critically, but the rest of

us can do this just fine. Her deep lack of knowledge of the residents of Montrose County is apparent. We have a vast amount of highly knowledgeable wise people that reside here. And these residents decipher information on their very own every single day without Ms. Ritchey's help. Maybe that is what she fears the most. After reading her letter plus Sue Schmidt's letter on February 20th, one thing that was made obvious by both is the vivid fact that they think that their political view is the ONLY legitimate one and they do not care to open their mind to others' viewpoints or observations. Plus, they conveniently are forgetting the vitriol and divisive language coming from Democrat's when Trump was president. Of course, they probably think that was justifiable because he is a Repub-

lican.

Sue even said, "Other people's views "are "not worth the read-skip over it." And she asked to "Limit" speech from dissenting voices. That is a true sign of constitutional ignorance on her part.

The smartest people in the world and Montrose County are those who choose to read from a variety of opinions and those who garner knowledge from a variety of people and places.

So, are Montrose residents truly uninformed and uneducated if certain letters are published?

Absolutely NOT!

That is just a truly absurd claim by an incredibly closed-minded person whose paranoia of well-educated free critical thinkers seems to be a huge threat to her.

*Kelly Ray, Montrose*

*Editor:*

Republican President Abraham Lincoln declared: "I have two great enemies, the Southern army in front of me and the bankers in the rear. And of the two, the bankers are my greatest foe."

Republican President Eisenhower's Farewell Address: "In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

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The three richest Americans collectively hold MORE wealth than the bottom 50% of the domestic population.... 3 vs 160 million people in the United States.

It should be Democrats and Republicans uniting vs the Oligarchs. But the Oligarchs have managed to peel off part of our country's people, to where we fight amongst ourselves. Their goal of making us enemies is to "divide and conquer", which leaves the Oligarchs (money/power/bankers/Wall Street/ corporations/dictators/corruption/Russia/China/etc) even stronger.

Our goal should be strength through unity, to save our Democracy and reunite the UNITED STATES of AMERICA. Together we can use our voices and our votes to elect the right people.

There are endless letters printed locally from people who are being manipulated by the Oligarchs. Please don't be misguided by these false statements and directions; lies and distortions and hatred for their own benefit.

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*Jerome Waler, Montrose County Citizen for Democracy*



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# **\$4,547,212.83 NEEDED FOR THIRD PHASE OF NEW CITY HALL**

## **Mayor Pro Tem Bynum asks for more discussion on 'How much we want to spend'**

### **From pg 1**

A fourth generation Colorado native, Sheedy has been with the department for a month, and is a "rock star," Police Commander Tim Cox said. Sheedy's husband is an SRO. She and her family have a small ranch, where they work with horses and grow hay.

Graves served five years as a military police officer, and worked for 27 years with Colorado State Patrol where he retired as a corporal. He has chosen to join the Montrose Police Department, where his wife is a detective. Graves will work as a school resource officer. "...I am happy to continue to be a part of the community and help our children and our community out," he said.

McRae takes on the role of operations assistant for the City Manager's Office. The position was formerly known as executive assistant, Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said. "We have changed the title to better represent the operational aspects that Hannah will be overseeing and coordinating in the City Manager's Office," Morgenthaler said. "...Bill and I will be relying on her a lot to keep things moving at the city." McRae said she worked recently for Coffee Trader doing HR procedures and office work. She has three boys.

Blair is returning to the City, where he worked previously and has about six years' experience with the parks department. "...Looking forward to at least another six," he said.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

The first discussion topic was Montrose City Hall Phase 3 Authorization. Council will soon consider authorizing \$4,547,212.83 to be used for the design and construction of the third phase of a new Montrose City Hall, including amendment of a contract with FCI Constructors, Inc as the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC).

A memo to Council from Public Works Manager Jim Scheid notes that the first and second phases of this project included the abatement, restoration, and remodel

of the interior spaces on the first and second floors of the structure located at 400 E. Main St (formerly owned by Wells Fargo). The third phase will include the removal and replacement of the exterior façade.

Scheid presented an update on the project. Also present were consultants from the project team, which includes Blythe

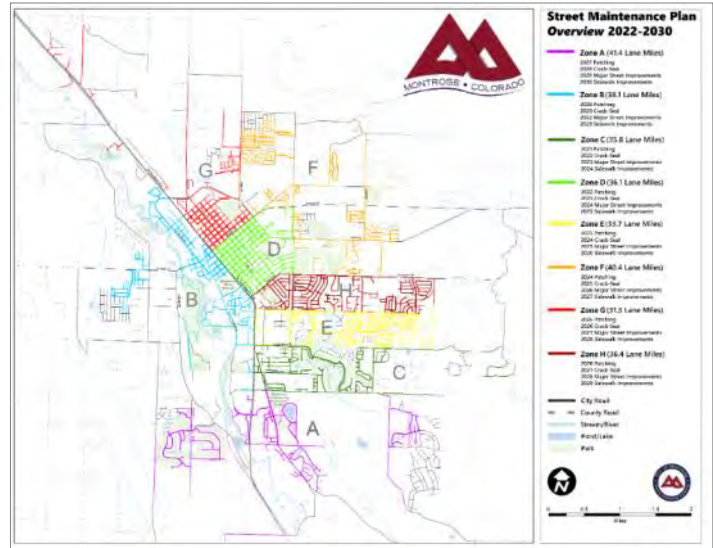
Group, FCI Constructors, Inc. and Dynamic Program Management. Phase I and Phase II are nearly finished, Scheid said. "These next few weeks will be pretty intense," he said. The intent is to move City Hall staff into the building in March. Representatives of Blythe Group discussed the design. Council and consultants discussed ways to cut costs. Reed asked to have more than one option to choose from. Alternatives are considered throughout the design process, Scheid said.

Bynum said that while Council appreciated being able to ask questions, with two out of five councilors missing due to excused illness situations, it would be best to hold off on the discussion until all five are present.

"It's a pretty big decision, it's a lot of money, I just want all five councilors to be involved in that," she said.

Reed asked when Council would be asked to take action on the matter. Scheid discussed timing.

Reed said design and budget should both be considered. "...I want to make sure that we make a statement, but we make it within our budget. That's what I think the important discussion is that we have to have. Not whether or not we are going to do it, but how can we do it most cost-



**Zone map for crack seal program. Crews will work in Zone D this year.**

effectively, and still come up with the product that I think the community wants and needs...not frivolously spending money in areas that we perhaps could save," Reed said.

Scheid that the evaluation of options has been part of the process.

More discussion is needed, Bynum said. "I want a more robust conversation about how much we want to spend on this project." The city also needs a public works building, she said.

Streets Superintendent Nik Priddy presented the second discussion item, the 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. This year crews will be working in Zone D. Zone maps are available on the city web site, Priddy said.

The purchase will come before council for approval at the regular meeting in two weeks.

#### **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Colorado Municipal League Conference registration has opened, Morgenthaler said.

With no further business the work session was adjourned.





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**MONTROSE-The following students were named to the Honor Roll for the 1st Semester 2022-2023 School year at Montrose High School. To be eligible for Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least five classes and earn a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.74.**

## 9th Grade

Talia Alvord, Aiden Bailey, Donovan Bolton, Alyxandra Bray, Trejan Brown, Rylie Cohick, Isaiah Coley, Taylor Cooper, Aiden Copley, Camille Crane, Cameron Culver, Colton Daubie, Claudia Diaz, Luke Gann, Harper Gomez, Jazmin Gutierrez-Hernandez, Mason Hall, Harry Harrison, Hunter Hess, Olivia Jenkins, Easton Jessop, Micah Jewkes, Isabella Johnson, Zara Kline, Khloey Kuehn, Maliah Leiba, Kailana Lewis, Madelynn Manore, Kaden Mayasich, Caidyn McCombs, Noel Mireles-Rodales, Madeleine Offutt, Willem Plumbhoff, David Powers, Lane Pressler, Addison Shipley, Abby Siegel, Azure Wallace, Sadie Wareham, Carmen Wilson, Elijah Womack, and Estrella Zavala.

## 10th Grade

Barnabas Algacs, Fernanda Almanza-Garcia, Yadira Balderrama, Joseph Benitez, Paige Beretta, Alexander Burrows, Keira Chilton-Lowell, Laren Clark, Maggie Cline, Caroline Countryman, Olivia Dillon, Gabriel Dominguez, Evelyn Eilts, Nadya Forest, Cali Fuls, Taylor Gibson, Christopher Gonzalez-Muniz, Hunter Gurule, Diego Gutierrez-Garcia, Matthew Hafen, Adriel Heredia, Andrea Hernandez, Ginger Hughes, Paxton Hughes, Kalahan Jewell, Avery Kingsbury, Joshua Maddox, Parker Maestas, Dayanara Marquez, Emily Miller, Baeli Minerich, Ashlin Mitchum, Stephanie Nieves-Ortiz, Stephen Omernik, Jacqueline Padilla, Katie Pariseau, Sky Pearce, Mylee Perry, Macayla Roberts, Cooper Ross, Jennifer Safken, Shayla Saunders, Porter Smith, Raymond Spradling, Geovana Terrazas-Corona, Aprielle Trujillo, Artemio Verdin, and Ariana Wilkes.

## 11th Grade

Addison Bogart, Christina Boutwell, Caleb Caskey, Chiara Coronado-Rosales, Lesly Corrales-Lerma, Kimberli Cota-Valencia, Bo Foster, Danyelle Gleason, Aleah Goodwin, Seth Hasse, Trevor Hill, Autumn

Huchel-Sullender, Cutter Hudson, Jaxon Kattner, Bridget Kingery, Maryellen McCracken, Nathan McWilliams, Arayah Mora, Micah Nichols, Maria Ortega-Leon, Olivia Palmer, Jaela Price, Noah Richmond, Taygan Rocco, Danielle Thole, Jericho Tosi, Ellie Trenda, Tanner Yeager, and Austin Zimmer.

## 12th Grade

Javier Barrios-Orozco, Mia Bergman, Kendyll Bernatis, Gabriella Bratcher, BrieLee Bruce, Giselle Cisneros, Kamryn Collins, Quincy Cooling, Yasmin Cornejo-Martin, Sean Kirk Delacruz, David Dominguez, Seth Fields, Remlee Forest, Alejandro Gonzalez, Luis Gonzalez, Adriana Gross, Benjamin Hafen, Jacob Hawks, Bridget Hernandez, Zakary Kurelich, Jeremiah Lange, Jacob Legg, Sawyer Lutz, Damaris Mendes, Faith Moore, Josiah Mora, Jose Nieto-Zavala, Isela Ortega-Quintero, Cole Patterson, Carolina Rubalcaba, Jacqueline Sandoval-Morales, Elizabeth Sandoval-Morales, Daytona Sherriff, Biak Sung, Jaxxon Tosi, Catherine Traugott, Areli Valdez-Chavez, Kaine Wolfe, Gabriel Woodland, and Ingrid Zuniga.

**The following students were named to the Principal's Honor Roll for the 1st Semester 2022-2023 school year at Montrose High School. To be eligible for the Principal's Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least five classes, excluding pass/fail classes, and earn a grade point average of 3.75 and above. An asterisk denotes all A's.**

## 9th Grade

Patrick Alvarez, Kai Amundson, Jazmin Avila, Evelen Baltazar-Figueroa\*, Sydney Bell\*, Brandon Blacker\*, Bailey Blackford\*, Charles Boschen\*, Jaiden Bresett\*, Faith Breshears\*, Misty Castle\*, Cienna Cole, Madison Collin\*, Madison Coop, Caitlin Cowley\*, Shae Cox, Lauren Crockett\*, Presley Davis\*, Nickolas Deisig, Cade Godbe\*, Lanae Goodwin, Luke Gore, Ayla Gross\*, Kinsey Hadlock\*, Anika Harris\*, Meadow Harrison, Phineas Howe\*, Reign Jellise Icasiano\*, Kathryn Jakino\*, Matilda Johnson-Freeman, Robin Kittell\*, Teagan Kulbeth\*, Aaron Kurtze\*, Maggie Kusar\*, Layla Lambert\*, Magdalene Legg, Marisha Lutz\*, Brooklyn Martinez\*, Christopher

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## 10th Grade

Yuliana Almanza-Mendez\*, Meredith Cervantes\*, Jose Chavez-Alvarez, Bailey Christie\*, Maddison Coca, Brody Cooling, Paola Cortez-Suarez, Maggie Cross, Ellie Duncan\*, Ethan Efird, Vivian Ficco\*, Gabriel Fleetwood, Hayden Fox\*, Maya Frasier, Reagan Goodwin, Connor Gregory-Clutts, Aidan Grijalva-Castro\*, Avjanna Gross, Austin Hanak, Drake Hawkins\*, Charlotte Hellyer\*, Emily Huffman, Elizabeth Kistler, Andrew Kistler\*, Andrew Luquin, Aloera MacFarlane, Emma Mengenhausen, Christopher Mock, Joseph Montonati, Elena Nakamoto, Will Neuman, Ryan Nichols, Ethan Osorio, Leslie Owens, Aidan Paider, Gabrielle Parkison\*, Jakai Pfifer\*, Grace Piquette, Elliotte Poore, Elizabeth Reed, Audrey Righter, Ava Silverberg\*, Dathan Stewart, Walter Talamante, Indica Taylor\* and Brooke Williams\*.

## 11th Grade

Jiovanni Aguirre, Giada Amundson, Hunter Barton, Austine Berry, Andie Blowers, Karinna Bogarin\*, Kenzie Bush, Danika Bush\*, Stephanie Carroll, Bailey Cheezum\*, Kolton Cohick\*, Ruby Crane, Aria Cummings, Jonathan Dreitlein, Mia Duncan, Ivan Edstrom\*, Hayley Eldridge, Joaquin Eudave, Landon Farley, Johann Farnese, Shandra Findley, Kenneth Flanners, John Flower\*, Vaughn Gann, Samantha Noelle Go\*, Emma Gomez\*, Alyssa Grauburger\*, Blake Griffin, Emily Haitzer, Yarisbell Hernandez-Serano\*, Carter Hughes\*, Trevor Hutson, Dylan Jessop\*, Caden Kay, Jaxon Kelley, Jaxon Killen, Savannah Kolb, Abigail Lambert\*, Gabrielle



## ***MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL From previous pg***

Robertson\*, Reese Robillard, Rachell Robuck, Ilse Rosales, Amy Scriffiny, Breyana Shipley\*, Kathryn Story, Kaden Tanner, Natalie Trask\*, Tahlia Trevino, Kyle Ullmann\*, Eleanor Waldon, Colton Ward\*, Aubrielle Weaver, Sean Welsh, Ashley Whitcomb\*, Jack White\*, Tiffany Wu\* and Melaina Yender\*.

### **12th Grade**

Katherine Allison, Daniel Archuleta, Adam Arellano, Amelia Avila, Zachary Barton, Makayla Beaver\*, Connor Bell\*, Ciana Beller, Tatum Berry\*, William Beshoar, Tristin Bibber, Logan Boyers, Altan Brown, Daisy Cabrera, Gadiel Castillo\*, Jasmine Clemens, Derrick Coca, Mauricio Coronado\*, Stephany Cortes-Fonseca, Vance Couturier\*, Grace Davidson, Grace DeJulio, Caitlyn Dillono, Kate Donohoe, Natasha Duncan\*, Torrie Eckerman, Jason English, Katherine Ensor, Logan Files\*, Sheldon Frasier, Yesenia Gonzalez\*, Jonas Graff\*, Tyler Graves, Brooklynne Gurney, Olivia Guseman, Jennifer Gutierrez-Camacho, Kenadee Hadlock\*, Alise Hardie, Natalie Hernandez, Grace Hotsenpiller\*, Trinity Huff, Claire Hunt, Sarah Imus\*, Lorelei Innarelli, Jesus Jimenez\*, Fatima Jimenez-Paredes, Andrew Jutten, Riley Kettell\*, Gwendolyn Kingery\*, Naomi Lee, Leonel Lopez\*, Keyla Lluna-Figueroa, Mekhi Mangrum\*, Rocco Manuel, Paola Marquez\*, Selene Marquez\*, Brianna Medina, Lucero Mireles-Rodales, Bryar Moss, Lucas Motley, Luke Mott, Oliver Noel, Alyssa Oman, Kelsey Parra, Heather Power, Alexander Radovich\*, Emily Raphael, Yaphet Reyes-Powell\*, Tyson Saunders, Tashi Sherpa, Benjamin Silverberg, Joseph Simo, Micah Simpson, Aaron Simpson\*, Luca Smith, Andrew Spencer, Olivia Steil, Brianna Stone\*, Madison Strength, Claire Taylor, Jacqueline Valdez-Chavez, Maria VanArsdale, Alicea Vigil, Samuel Walker, Jarett Whitcomb\*, Colten Withee\*, and Jordan Zepeda.

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REGIONAL-Housing Resources of Western Colorado invites Montrose and Delta County residents to a free two-hour educational night entitled "Homebuyer 101" at MADA (17 N 6th St, Montrose, CO 81401), co-sponsored by NuVista Federal Credit Union, the Hispanic Affairs Project and MADA.

There will be two sessions, one in English and one in Spanish. The English session will be held on March 15 at 5:30 PM and Spanish session will be held on March 16 at 6:45 PM. Childcare and refreshments will be provided at both sessions. The course will provide an introduction on preparing for homeownership, community homebuyer resources and programs, and what homeownership entails after purchase.

The Homebuyer 101 session will include informational presentations by Jason Colunga, Director of Housing Counseling and Education at Housing Resources, and

NuVista Federal Credit Union.

"Embarking on the journey to home ownership can seem extremely daunting and confusing," said Colunga. "We aim to break down the process, demystify the terminology used and help community members understand the key steps and financial requirements."

Housing Resources wants to see more families achieve their goals of homeownership, which can relieve the burden of renting and vastly increase household wealth.

"For the majority of Americans, homeownership is the most realistic way of creating wealth," said Emilee Powell, the Executive Director at Housing Resources.

"Owning a home comes with many benefits: housing stability, control over your environment, and the ability to build wealth with each monthly payment." Housing Resources is a nonprofit headquartered in Grand Junction with local branches in Montrose and Durango that

provides free and low-cost services to renters, homebuyers, and homeowners on the Western Slope.

"Our vision is that every Western Colorado resident has access to and can thrive in a quality, safe, and healthy home," said Powell. "I don't think we can overemphasize that thriving in any part of life starts with stable and quality housing."

In line with their vision, Housing Resources offers homebuyer and financial education, home improvement lending, and a self-help sweat equity housing program.

In collaboration with the Colorado Energy Office, Housing Resources provides free evaluations and upgrades to qualified renters and homeowners through their weatherization program.

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## OPPOSITION TO THE APPLICATION TO MONTROSE COUNTY, SU22-013, PROPOSED GRAVEL MINING PIT

*Dear Montrose County Commissioners:*

Approval of the proposed gravel mining pit SU22-013 will impact values and tangibles, that my family along with the other citizens of Montrose County and throughout much of the west, are increasingly finding at risk to unfettered development. We cannot continue to develop without consideration for what will be lost.

Concerns I have expressed in earlier letters are probably best expressed in the following two paragraphs from a previous letter I wrote and submitted to Tallmadge Richmond, Planning and Development Director. It was also published in The Fence Post and the Montrose Mirror.

(If the proposed gravel pit is approved there are many attributes that will be lost.) Along with the loss of agriculture is the loss of the many ecosystem services that agriculture lands provide including local food production; economic contributions and employment; sense of community, cultural and historic landscapes; wildlife habitat, wildlife water sources, wildlife corridors/connectivity, riparian areas – trees, watered areas, raptor habitat; water filtration, runoff control, aquifer recharge; wildfire mitigation; weed control; carbon sequestration; open space, scenic viewsheds; hunting and fishing access, agritourism; and much more. These tangibles are at risk when development is not checked or managed to keep agricultural lands viable and intact. (Info taken from -- Understanding Ecosystem Services, Jan. 19, 2019 presented to Holy Cross Cattleman's Assoc. and from published articles by Andrew Seidl, Ph.D., CSU Agriculture & Resource Economics, Currently Department Head);

American Farmland Trust's Farms Under Threat research reported in a July 18, 2022 article stating, "If recent trends continue, 417,500 acres of Colorado's farmland and ranchland will be paved over, fragmented, or converted to uses that jeopardize agriculture by 2040. That represents an area more than four times larger than the city of Denver. In the worst-case scenario of runaway sprawl, Colorado could lose as much as 525,300 acres of

farmland. 53% of the conversion will occur on Colorado's best land."

In this letter I am going to explore some of these items above and additional items with some facts backed up from letters and studies that others have submitted during this process and lived experiences of my family and others.

Bureau of Reclamation Letter to BOCC and Tallmadge Richmond states, (Some Concerns are) 1. Recognition of Reclamation's ownership of CP Lateral infrastructure and underlying land.

2. The encroachment and use of a road on the east side of the CP Lateral.

3. The CP-B Lateral easement and proposed changes to the lateral.

4. The proposed use of the CP Lateral Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Road and existing

crossing for access to the site.

5. The use of agricultural water for gravel production (municipal & industrial) use.

"The CP-B Lateral is not to be modified in any way until a replacement solution is thoroughly discussed and approved by Reclamation and the Association, and the replacement structure is in place and determined by Reclamation and the Association to be fully functional and to not impact water delivery to the water users."

The Bureau of Reclamation letter also states, "The project proponent will need to share details about the proposed alignment; location of the head gate; whether a drop structure or some bank protection will be provided if the proponent proposes to use the existing headgate," I am very concerned about the irrigation canal, headgates, other structures and impacts on our irrigation water that comes from the canal.

Reclamation stated in their letter, "Reclamation and the Association will also need documentation or analysis from the project proponent showing that the proposed culvert crossing and O&M road are adequate for the hauling vehicles to be used, and that the canal will not be damaged or water delivery impacted." This reinforces my concern and my families concerns about the integrity of our irriga-

tion supply if this gravel pit application is approved.

Reclamation goes on to state, "Such details should include the type of vehicle to be used (standard dump trucks, special hauling vehicles, etc.), load rating of the designed culvert, and analysis of the O&M road. During our on-site visit, the proponent stated that they will build a separate road to use for access along the westside of the CP Lateral, outside of Reclamation's fee title ownership. The project proponent would like to use the southernmost existing CP Lateral crossing to access farmland, and would like to apply to move the current northern CP Lateral crossing to where access comes in from 5875 Road more directly. Reclamation will research if there is a current agreement in place with the Caulkins', the previous landowner before Mr. Miles, or if Mr. Miles needs to apply for a new crossing agreement for this access point. The proponent agreed to submit a new SF-299 application and provide additional details, including an engineering report on the capability of the southern-most existing crossing to support haul vehicles."

I am also greatly concerned by the proposal to move the gravel pit access road to the west side of the canal and connecting to 5875 Road. Our access to our headgate is a road on the west side of the canal from 5875 Road and our ditch that carries water to our property runs right beside that road. While this doesn't appear to be the road that the gravel pit traffic will use, the road to our headgate intersects with the road that appears to be referenced and will have to be much improved for gravel pit equipment and trucks. Also, the culvert as listed 'approximately '700 feet east of the intersection of 5875 and Loesch Road', if compromised could have detrimental impacts on the canal and our irrigation ditches and irrigation water. With the operation of a gravel pit and equipment and all the associated traffic the sifting/filling (for lack of a better word) of silt and debris into the irrigation canal and associated ditch network could be very detrimental. It could



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cause undue labor and expense to the agricultural producers in the area.

Also, regarding the culvert and the road in further evaluation of the location and from a report from Del-Mont Consultants, Inc. dated January 10, 2023 it does appear that this culvert and access point will be in very close vicinity of where our access to our headgate is located. From all descriptions this culvert is approximately 500' south of our headgate. What is to prevent the gravel pit traffic from going on the road of which we access our headgate. The road also runs parallel to and less than a couple feet from our ditch that comes from our headgate west to 5875 Rd. The road runs approximately 10' from a residence fence and around 25' from the house, on the east side of 5875 Road and approximately 600' north of the proposed access road to 5875. Our ditch is approximately 5' from that fence and our ditch crosses through a culvert under 5875 Road to our property.

The report from Del-Mont Consultants list their access location as CP Lateral Culvert Crossing, East of Loesch Rd/ 5875 Rd Intersection. Description as well from the report – "The CP Lateral Culvert approximately 700' east of the Loesch Road and 5875 Intersection on Franklin Mesa, Montrose County." Our ditch that runs from the headgate already fills easily with silt from any farm equipment working in the fields east of 5875 Rd and in this exact location. When there are rain events the culvert under 5875 Road plugs. Two such rain events approximately three and one-half years ago, flooded the yard of the house on the east side of 5875 Road and closest residence north of the proposed access to 5875 Rd. This is adjacent to where our ditch is that leads to the culvert and under 5875 Rd to supply our fields. There was approximately 1 foot of water in each event standing in the yard at this residence. The rain event also caused flooding in the yard of my mom's home, next residence north of the proposed access road on west side of 5875. It flooded approximately 6 inches.

Montrose County is responsible for cleaning and maintaining the culverts under the county road. When the county was called, they said they were extremely busy and it

would take them around three days to respond. Luckily the water subsided in about 24 hours. If approved the proposed gravel pit traffic will only increase the load of silt and debris in the ditches and the impact on culverts and agricultural ditches. As the county was short on enough Road and Bridge Crew three years ago, I cannot imagine what it will be like when there is such a drastic increase of trucks on both the proposed access road and 5875 Road. As we all know there is a current shortage of labor beyond the shortages that existed three years ago.

The Bureau of Reclamation letter states, "The project proponent proposes to use Uncompahgre Project water for the gravel pit operation. Currently, Uncompahgre Project is only authorized by Congress for domestic and agricultural uses. Consequently, Uncompahgre Project water is not authorized to be used for any municipal and industrial. During our on-site visit, Steve Pope, Manager with the Association, discussed water rights with the proponent, Uncompahgre Project water use, and potential future changes to allow use of Uncompahgre Project water for municipal and industrial uses. The project proponent is planning to haul water to the site to use." Water is in short enough supply and should stay as authorized for domestic and agricultural uses. There should be no future change. Fully loaded water trucks will be very detrimental to the roads along with all the other trucks and equipment that would be needed for the proposed gravel pit and batch plant operations.

Regarding Haul Routes and the study done by Turnkey Consulting LLC and revised on January 17, 2023, my family farm which includes my mom and brother's home along with Etchart Sheep Ranch, and the residence just north of the proposed access road, will be the closest properties to the access road on to 5875 Road. We have personally seen many many close calls on this road with existing farm equipment. We already have a difficult time getting out safely onto the road or turning off the road to access our pastures/hay fields or the lane to the house, or accessing the lane to the back pastures. If we are hauling farm equipment or pull-

ing a livestock trailer the narrowness of the road and the existing heavy traffic are already a concern. I cannot imagine what it would be like with the estimated traffic from the study done by Turnkey. As far as I can tell this doesn't even include the trucks that will be hauling water to the proposed gravel pit as land owner Matt Miles indicated water would be hauled to the proposed pit, in his site visit with Bureau of Reclamation on January 12, 2023. (Listed and stated in the Turnkey study/ letter)

2.The material hauling truck traffic during these maximum conditions would include:  
a.15 small dump trucks per day (30 trips),  
b.62 medium size super dump trucks per day (124 trips),  
c.9 large size belly dump trucks per day (18 trips).

3.When considering employee and other miscellaneous traffic, the total maximum Project traffic in the AM and PM peak hours would be as follows (similar traffic volumes as a 20-lot subdivision).

a.104 actual vehicles per day (208 trips per day),  
b.An average of 9 actual vehicles per hour (18 trips per hour).

4.Material hauling Project traffic would travel mostly on four haul routes. All traffic would be directed from the Project Access to the north on 5875 Rd. Project traffic would not be routed south through the intersection of 5875 Rd. & Maple Grove Rd.

a.Primary Haul Route #1 would be used by 80% of the traffic to access US-50, and it would be used to service regional destinations to the north.

The study done by Turnkey also states this, "7.According to information provided by the County Engineer, the roads on the Primary Haul Route have the following characteristics:

They are intended to carry higher volumes of large vehicle (by classification). The current pavement condition is good and the county plans future pavement maintenance." I do not completely agree with this as when you drop off Franklin Mesa on the north end into Coal Creek, descending the hill on 5875 Rd there has been a sign for road damage for at least 4-5 years. It appears the road has slipped



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some and it is quite the bump if you do not slow down. It seems highly likely that this north slope of Franklin Mesa and underlying 5875 Rd is as other slopes of Franklin Mesa as reported in a Colorado Geological Society – Department of Natural Resources document of June 7, 2006 addressing Eagle Heights Subdivision, to the Montrose County Land Use Department – “As was discussed by Lambert, the mesa edge should be considered unstable. It is also the assessment of the CGS that many portions of this slope show evidence of geologically recent landsliding and, because it is considered unstable in the long term, should be understood by the developer and county to lie within an area considered susceptible to future ground movements (landslides). Very recent landslides (the last year or two) have occurred further north on the eastern edge of Franklin Mesa in geologic conditions that are essentially the same as this location.” The landslide risk can be increased by human activity such as a gravel pit mining operation. I also believe all the heavy traffic on the road on edges of the mesa can aggravate the slipping or landslides. Orros Letter #2 of January 6, 2023 states’ “The proposed pits’ proximity to the CP Lateral (an unlined irrigation canal) introduces additional risk layers. Any deliberate or accidental impoundment of water could alter water tables and increase hydrostatic pressure on an already unstable slope. ... (A) Geological Hazard Abatement Control Plan, (includes these points but not limited to)

3. Setback distances from water sources, canals, springs of at least 500 feet (or the CP Lateral shall be piped?).

4. Drainage plan with supporting easements to allow gravity based / powerless drainage and avoid the buildup of hydrostatic pressure.”

This confirms my concerns about the integrity of the CP Lateral which provides our irrigation water and I have discussed my concerns in my previous letters and in this letter. The reference to springs and altering water tables is very concerning to my family. We have rights to the water in a couple of springs in the two draws directly west of the property proposed for the gravel pit. A farmer/rancher in Coal

Creek Valley also holds some water rights in one of these springs. The Orros Letter mentioned above states concerns that I have brought up in previous letters, impacts to the source of these springs, lack of runoff water to recharge these springs, and changes in the water table. These springs water livestock, wildlife, raptors, quail, coyotes, and songbirds. They provide an oasis for wildlife.

January 17, 2023 Shavano Soil Conservation District Letter to the Planning Commission –

“Concrete ditches have been installed on this property and the bulk of this property has been used as agricultural production with most recent specialty crops being drip irrigated. Based on the soils report generated by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey for this site, and other natural resource criteria, we strongly oppose the approval of this application. Our main concern is the soils classification of the majority of the proposed area is determined as PRIME Farmland if irrigated, (units 760 and 764). See attached soils report. Saving prime farmland is the Shavano Conservation District top concern as once it is lost from production it can never be recovered for agricultural production. Prime Farmland is vital to the County, State and the Nation.”

Land Information Systems prepared a report for Rocky Mountain Aggregate and in a letter dated January 25, 2023 stating - “Conclusion: We find no evidence that the proximity of a gravel pit has a significant negative impact on home values or appreciation in the Montrose area. Although this analysis is strictly observational, fears of a detrimental impact on home values appear to be vastly overstated.” The disclaimer of strictly observational makes us view this report as highly skeptical and that it is not based on residential home sales. There are multiple studies showing negative impacts including one done by Professor Diane Hite of Auburn University, Ag Economics and Rural Sociology Dept., published 2006, regarding Delaware County, OH showing negative impacts on property values using 2,812 house sales within 5 miles of a gravel pit. The study showed “gravel pit operations have a statistically demonstrable

negative impact on nearby house prices,” and, “average quality-constant house values within 0.5 miles of the gravel pit are 36% lower than those between 0.5 and 5 miles

... when considering houses within 1.5 miles, house values are 25% lower than those between 1.5 and 5 miles.”

I put a request out to friends and neighbors and folks opposed to the proposed gravel pit and supportive of keeping our ag lands in agriculture. I also asked about their experiences with traffic on the roads. I am including some of the content of two of the letters I have received.

A farming family that my family has known for as long as I can remember, i.e. my grandparents knew the earlier generations) sent me these comments in regards to the proposed gravel pit. These folks like my family have been here for generations. Willie Frigetto is very familiar with the farmland proposed for the gravel pit as he has leased it several years in the past to grow such crops as sweet corn, onions, spelt and alfalfa along with cattle. The property where my family farm is has been in the family since my great grandparents purchased it in the early 1930’s and as stated is across the road from the property proposed for the gravel pit. We have appreciated and valued the importance of the property for its contribution to local food, agricultural heritage and the economy over all these years.

“I wanted to share our opinion of the proposed gravel pit. The roads will be so overused, torn up with pot holes, it will be a total disaster for our small community. The pot holes will be horrible and there are no sides of the road for bike riders etc. Willy moves cattle up and down the roads all the time. The farms are always moving around with farm equipment that are very wide and slow. That is because the area is zoned agricultural. Please remember that. The property values will drop. Who wants to live next to a gravel pit? Thanks so much for not approving the gravel pit. We worked for many many years to pay for our farms for a gravel pit to lose us money while they gain money.” William Frigetto, Donna Flowers, Florence Frigetto



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A resident couple of Spring Creek for 20 years also reached out to me and expressed their concern:

They stated the following and referring to what we experience on 5875 Rd as well:

"Farmers and ranchers travel our road continually, moving farm equipment and livestock past our house, and we often see cattle drives herded by wranglers on horseback or ATVs. The livestock will not be hurried, so traffic of necessity slows when the cows are on the road. Consider the damage that could be done to the animals and the people on horses or small ATVs should an 80-ton gravel truck barreling along at 50 or 60 miles per hour hit them. Farm equipment – tractors, balers, rakes, plows, and corn harvesters etc., are very slow moving and can take up to 1 ½ lanes of traffic, having to move far over to the edge of the road in order to allow cars and pickups to go by. The thought of an encounter between a slow-moving tractor and an enormous gravel truck is too awful to contemplate. School buses picking up children or dropping them off at the end of a school day would also be at great risk from the trucks....

We can't imagine the anguish that residents living nearer to the proposed site are feeling, knowing that the operation would contribute to increased danger on the roads, poor air quality, water issues, soil stability, noise pollution, wildlife deaths, and decrease in property values. ... Montrose was established as an important agricultural area, and so far, it has maintained a good part of the western country-living legacy it was founded on. If we wanted to live in an area of rapid growth and expansion, we would live on the Front Range. All of us in this area of Montrose live here because we love the peace, the beauty, the tranquility, the pure air, the quiet, the animal life. The proposed gravel pit would end that forever."

The first of my family to come to the Uncompahgre Valley was in 1879 to Colona, and later other family would follow to Montrose in the mid to late 1880's. I am a fifth generation native of Colorado and 4th generation to Montrose and Ouray Counties. My husband has lived in Colorado all his life and grew up in the Ridgway area. We currently reside in Carbondale and have for the last 15 years working for a cow-calf ranching operation and having cattle of our own. The property where my family farm is has been in the family since my great grandparents purchased it in the early 1930's and as stated is across the road from the property proposed for the gravel pit. We have appreciated and valued the importance of the agricultural properties on Spring Creek and Franklin Mesa for their contribution to local food, agricultural heritage and the economy over all these years.

We respectfully request that you deny the application SU22-013 for a gravel mining pit. We also ask that in general and in the future, Montrose County starts to consider the value of agriculture to the community and truly evaluate what is the cost to the community of the run-away development. There are enough issues impacting agriculture without continuing to encroach upon and put development pressures on these historic and productive agricultural lands. Please don't take the value of learning to grow our own food away from future generations or decrease the availability of local grown food. The decision of the Planning Committee and Montrose County Commissioners impacts the future of agricultural producers to feed their families and yours.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Virginia (Ginny) Harrington*

*Tom Harrington*





## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### CHINESE COMMUNIST-BACKED WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION TO HAVE FULL AUTHORITY OVER U.S. PANDEMIC POLICIES?

*Editor:*

It seems the Biden Regime never runs out of ideas or ways to attack the U.S. Constitution and betray the American people. Their latest idea for assaulting the Constitution is they are right now negotiating a "legally binding" deal to give Chinese Communist-backed World Health Organization full authority over U.S. pandemic policies - and with no Senate approval needed! This is surrendering American sovereignty to the WHO! But, this is not the first time Biden has unfortunately sold out America and sadly has two more years to finish the job.

This "deal" delegates an international body of unelected bureaucrats the authority to define what constitutes a pandemic, when a pandemic is in progress, how long it lasts and how "to prevent, detect and respond to future public health emergencies of international concern." So this horrible idea will give the WHO total authority over emergency operations in the U.S. during a "public health emergency!" Included in these negotiations is a plan for a mandatory, universal digital passport and

ID system! The WHO's Intergovernmental negotiating body is meeting on Feb. 27 (yesterday) to work out final terms and sign papers. Once America officially signs this agreement, we will be completely at the mercy of the globalist organization which helped the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) cover up the original COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan. This agreement gives the WHO the power to declare and "manage" a global pandemic emergency and once a health emergency is declared, the United States must submit to the authority of the WHO. This includes cooperating with them on treatments, lockdowns, and VACCINE MANDATES along with government surveillance! And the Biden regime feels they don't need to submit this agreement for Senate approval because they're not calling it an official treaty despite it having the full force of one. It's hard to imagine any president having so much hate for his Country to destroy it like he is doing. Lady Liberty is no doubt crying profusely!! And there will be no remedy from the Supreme Court either. They've already ruled that execu-

tive agreements without Senate consent can be legally binding with the full force of treaties. This dreadful nightmare is even promoted under the "equitable banner! The professor of international law at Illinois University stated this will set up a worldwide medical police state totally under the control of the WHO and specifically the Communist sympathizer, WHO Director-General Tedros. He will be able to issue orders that will go all the way down the pipe to your primary care physicians!! This sneaky Biden traitor is including a clause making this accord go into effect on a "provisional" basis as soon as it's signed by delegates of the WHO and therefore it will be legally binding on members without being ratified by Legislatures. If this agreement is finalized our liberties will completely evaporate when the next pandemic happens.

And they ARE planning the next pandemic, so be ready to accept the Communist sympathizer, WHO Director-General Tedros, as your new medical director. Thank you Biden.....

*Jerry Bartholome, Montrose*



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# COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

## MARIA REBECCA TRUJILLO

### *June 6, 1925 – February 21, 2023*



Rebecca Trujillo, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away in the early morning of February 21, 2023. She was 97 years of age.

Rebecca was born on June 6, 1925, in San Miguel el Alto, Jalisco, Mexico, a daughter of and third born of the eventually sixteen children of Cleofas and Eberista Vasquez. Her family emigrated to the United States in 1928 and settled in Delta, Colorado. She was naturalized in Montrose on November 22, 1954, as a United States citizen. During her formative years Rebecca lived in Delta at an immigrant community called Las Colonias. She attended the Delta elementary school, having to leave after the sixth grade to help her mother with her large family and to provide income by

working as a farm laborer. She lived and worked in various capacities in Denver for a short period in the mid-1940s, then returned to the Montrose/Delta area. On January 8, 1948, she was united in marriage with the love of her life, Seferino "Sam" Trujillo, for a lifetime of partnership. Their lives were enriched when they became the parents of seven sons and four daughters. The family originally lived in rural Olathe but moved to Ouray in late 1949 and has been there ever since. In 1998 their extended family provided a joyous celebration in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Rebecca was always a dynamic mother and home maker. She also worked as a maid at various Ouray motels into the 1980s, and as a cook at different times at virtually all the Ouray restaurants, as well as at the Ouray School and at a few Montrose restaurants. She finally retired in about 2011. Her hobbies were gardening at her Ouray home, and creating hand-made and machine sewn items for grandchildren. The focus of her energy and love, however, was on her family to which she provided inspiration and direction. Surviving members, all of whom will dearly miss her are four daughters: Georgia Trujillo-Pesicka and husband Kenneth Pesicka of Littleton, Sandra Trujillo-Kropuenske and husband John Kropuenske of Montrose, Mary Ann Trujillo-Bosch of Fruita, and Vicky Trujillo of Ouray; and six sons: Rick Trujillo of Ouray, John Trujillo and wife Rosalyn of Ouray, Daniel Trujillo

and wife Sherri of Montrose, Ron Trujillo of Ouray, Mark Trujillo and wife Olive of Montrose, and Clifford Trujillo of Arvada.

Rebecca was the proud and loving grandmother of 21 grandchildren: Chrystal, Amy and Bradley Pesicka; John, Valerie and Corrine Trujillo; Nathan, Dustin and Dylan Trujillo; Lindsey, Laurel and Leah Kropuenske; Steve, Cody and Jessie Bosch; Aprielle and Renzo Trujillo; Vale and Mathew Skiff; and Jaedyn and Eden Trujillo. These grandchildren are the parents of Rebecca's 26 great-grandchildren.

Other surviving family members include one brother: Anthony Vasquez of Montrose; and four sisters: Phyllis Vasquez-Martinez and husband Anthony Martinez of Grand Junction, Jeanie Vasquez-Garcia and husband Donald Garcia of Montrose, Margery Vasquez-Sanchez and husband James Sanchez of Grand Junction, and Mary Lou Vasquez-Koenig and Husband Henry Koenig of Whitewater.

Rebecca was preceded in death by both parents; by her husband Sam Trujillo; by a two-year-old son, Joseph Clifford Trujillo; and by six brothers and four sisters.

Funeral Services will be held at St. Daniel's Catholic church in Ouray. A vigil service will be at 7PM on Sunday Feb. 26, 2023 at St. Daniels. The funeral Mass will be at 11AM on Monday Feb. 27, 2023 also at St. Daniels. Graveside committal services will be at Valley Lawn Cemetery in Montrose at 2:30PM on Monday Feb. 27, 2023. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Mrs. Trujillo's family.

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### RAYMOND E ZIELKE

***May 12, 1952- February 17, 2023***



RAYMOND E ZIELKE, 70, died Friday, February 17, 2023, at the age of 70 at his

home in Montrose, Colorado. He was born May 12, 1952, in Dodge City, Kansas the son of Harry and Marguerite (McGee) Zielke. Raymond graduated from Dodge City Senior High School in 1970 and began work as an auto mechanic for Goff Motors in Dodge City prior to enlisting in the Army in 1972. He married Lauretta Speer that same year. Two sons were born to this union. They divorced in 1985.

After his military service with the 547th Engineering Battalion, 567th ADM Company ended in 1975, Raymond returned to Dodge City for a short while (employed by Sperry-New Holland) and then continued his career as a farm equipment mechanic in Montrose, Colorado until 1985. Raymond then relocated to Childress, Texas where he married Sue Myers on March 28, 1986. She preceded him in death in December 2019.

In addition to Childress, Raymond and Sue

lived in Larned, Kansas for a time prior to moving back to Montrose to be nearer family.

Raymond was an avid Nascar fan and was known to play a hand of Poker, or two.

He is survived by two sons, Ray Zielke II and wife Mischelle of Ft Collins and Rob Zielke of Loveland; two stepsons Bill Tofflemoyer and wife Robin of Montrose and Luke Tofflemoyer and wife Rachel of Greeley; two brothers Harry Zielke Jr of Larned, Ks and Kenny Zielke of Dodge City, Ks; one sister Myrna Koehn and husband Mike of Protection, Ks; and five grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Stanley L. Zielke, Evan D. Zielke and Hershel D. Zielke; and one granddaughter Sierra Zielke. Services will be held at a later date.

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

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

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### **DOROTHY EARLENE KURETICH** ***January 21, 1934 – February 17, 2023***



Bowie, Colorado resident, Dorothy Kuretich passed away at the Paonia Care and Rehabilitation Center in Paonia on Friday, February 17, 2023. She was 89 years of age.

Dorothy is survived by her two sons, Joseph Kuretich and Timothy Kuretich, three brothers, Irven Griffin, Glenn Griffin, and Michael Griffin and three sisters, Ann McIlhenny, Barbara Knoetzelmann, and Lola

Chism, four grand-children, Uldene (Dwight) Kuretich VenJohn, Josh (Melissa) Kuretich, Tim Kuretich (deceased), and Jennifer (Tony) Wachowicz, and nine great grand-children.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her Father, Earl Griffin, her mother, Ruth Griffin, her sister, Mary Buss, her brother, Dave Griffin, and her brother, Steve Griffin and son Bill Kuretich.

Dorothy Earlene Kuretich was born on Jan 21, 1934 to Riley Earl and Amy Ruth Griffin of Paonia, Colorado and was the second of ten children born to Riley Earl and Amy Ruth Griffin. She had five brothers and four sisters. So, there was never a dull moment in the Griffin household. One of the schools she attended was at the "Spring Creek School House" up on "The Muddy." There were twelve students at that out-post school and six of them were from the Griffin household. They lived two miles from the school and rode horses to attend the school. The Griffins who attended that school at that time were Mary, Dorothy, Dave, Irven, Steve, and Barbara.

Dorothy spent most of her life in and around the Paonia area. She loved hunting and fishing with her family and friends and loved spending time with her family as much as possible. The last few years of her life were spent living with her brothers, Dave and Steve. After the two brothers passed, she had the privilege of having her sister, Barbara, live with her for the last year of her life. Dorothy loved listening to her favorite country music and reminiscing the old days with Barbara. She has an impressive library of hundreds of vinyl albums.

Dorothy loved to cook and feed anyone

who visited her. When anyone showed up at Dorothy's house, there was plenty of food to go around. She was famous for her Christmas "Patitsa" and she grew a spectacularly extensive vegetable garden. Her son Joe spent countless hours every year helping out with her garden and she made sure all the family had as much as they wanted from her garden.

Dorothy also canned a lot of her food. She even canned some of her meat. She canned both venison and elk.

She was always helping anyone whenever she could. She was very generous and invited many relatives and friends up for family get-togethers quite often. Whenever the family wanted to get together, it was always "up at Dorothy's place".

Dorothy had an impressive stock of food. She swore that she would NEVER go hungry again (probably stemming from growing up in a family of twelve whereas sometimes you don't always get as much as you want).

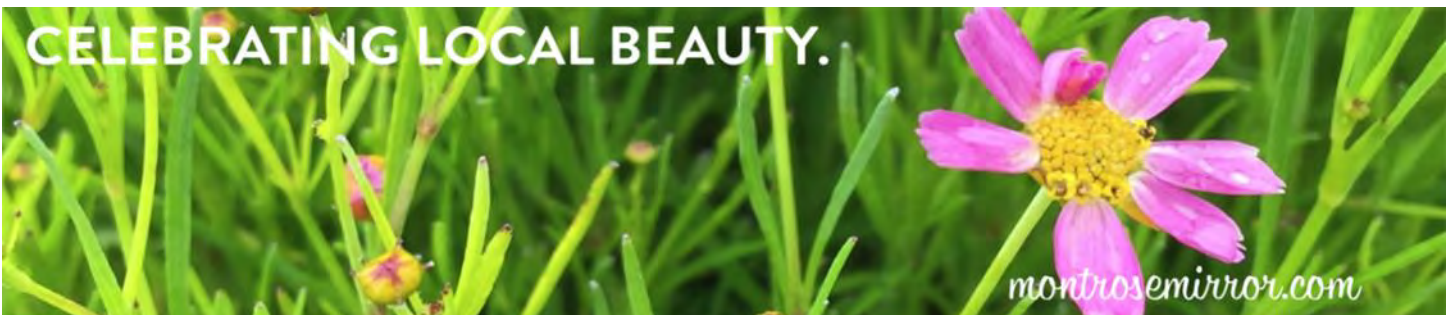
So, another thing that most people didn't know, she provided her family with as much meat as they could possibly want. And I'm talking about a bag or box of frozen meat or vegetables at every visit.

Dorothy lived a long, full life and had many adventures that she would talk extensively about. She will be missed very much by us all.

Any questions about Dorothy or donations to her memorial can be directed to Joe Kuretich. In lieu of flowers please make a charitable donation to The St Jude Children's research hospital.

A celebration of life will take place in the spring. Services are under the direction of Crippin Funeral Home, Montrose.

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### ROBERT “BOB” DEJULIO *January 22, 1931- February 12, 2023*

ROBERT “BOB” DEJULIO was born in Montrose, Colorado, Jan. 22, 1931, to Josephine (Keep) and James DeJulio. Bob passed away peacefully in his sleep Feb. 12, 2023, at Heidi’s Chateau, Montrose, Colorado.

He spent his childhood farming on his parents’ farm and other surrounding farms of relatives east of Montrose where Bob lived until his death on Feb. 12, 2023. He attended Montrose high school where he started pursuing his love of art.

Bob moved to Colorado Springs, where he met his wife Wanda Fern Vogel and they were married on Oct. 1, 1955. Bob and Wanda moved back to Montrose in 1959, where Bob lived the remainder of his life next door to his childhood home. Bob and Wanda had four sons: Paul, Mark, Ben, and Dan. Wanda preceded Bob’s death on May 17, 2002. He is also preceded in death by sons Mark Robert DeJulio, 1957, and Dan Authur DeJulio, 1965.

Bob is survived by sons Paul DeJulio and Ben DeJulio, both of Denver, eight grandchildren: Michelle DeJulio (Gainesville, Florida); Nicole Simpson (Denver); Megan Bennett (Denver); Christopher DeJulio (Ft. Collins, Colorado); Nicholas DeJulio (Olathe, Kansas); Nadalena DeJulio (Seim Reap, Cambodia); John DeJulio (San Fran-

cisco), and Anne DeJulio (Denver).

He is survived by brother Donald “Butch” DeJulio of Montrose, sister Irene Anders of Montrose, and many nieces and nephews.

Bob has nine great-grandchildren.

Bob is also survived by his partner Emily Gomez of Montrose for the last 20 years.

Bob and Emily spent much of their time enjoying each other’s family gatherings and traveling to Italy, visiting Roccacaramanico, where Bob’s grandparents and relatives were from.

Bob is most known for his artwork in western Colorado and throughout the West. Starting at a young age, he followed his passion throughout his life. His artwork can be seen in many homes, restaurants, and galleries throughout western Colorado and beyond. He spent countless hours doing artwork for many charities and different organizations in Montrose and the surrounding areas. He is well known for his work on the Movie True Grit in 1968, where he worked for Paramount Pictures on the set in Ridgway Colorado. Bob received many accolades and awards throughout his life for his artwork.

Bob enjoyed his quality time spent with family at reunions, weddings, camping and hunting trips, and other family gatherings



throughout his life that spanned six generations. He was a great storyteller, especially when he recalled times of the past in his early years and the Italian heritage that surrounded him. He loved music and played the accordion at many of the family gatherings, where many danced to the polkas he would play. As a close cousin Charles Cucharria Sr. said: “THEY ONLY MADE ONE BOB DEJULIO.” Bob was a member of Knights of Columbus and St Mary’s Catholic Church. In memory of Bob donations can be made to HopeWest ([www.hopewest.org/memorial-gifts](http://www.hopewest.org/memorial-gifts)) Crippin Funeral Home, Montrose is assisting the family.

## SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING



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ANONYMOUS CALL

## MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS

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## ART &amp; SOL

## YOUR BRAIN ON NATURE – EMPATHY PART 1

*Greetings Mirrorites!*

OK, I admit it. I found the TV series Dexter both intriguing, addicting, and disturbing. The idea was that Dexter was a high functioning psychopath with a penchant for punishing evil doers. Dexter was supposedly molded into a murderous monster due to horrific childhood trauma. The truth of psychopathy is murkier. Yes there is an environmental component, but studies show that some children are just born with a desire to inflict harm. This can be determined at a fairly young age if behaviors indicate a problem. Like autism, psychopathy seems to occupy a severity spectrum.

Children as young as three years have been identified as already displaying non-typical responses to peers, parents, and teachers. A lack of empathy is one strong hallmark of the emerging Callousness-Unemotional (CU) child. This set of traits is considered a precursor for later antisocial behavior and psychopathic tendencies.

People with higher levels of these traits report feeling little or no connection to nature or society. This is not surprising, since the greater the psychotic tendencies, the smaller certain brain structures. Reduced grey matter volume in the insula and other areas involved in healthy, pro-social behaviors has been shown in children 11 years old. Traditional therapies for this cohort have proven to be spectacularly unsuccessful.



*Teens around a campfire courtesy of Robson Morgan.*

For advanced cases, any form of empathy or feelings of relatedness are simply not possible. A portion of the brain referred to as the insula has been shown to be underdeveloped and underactive in psychopaths. This area is partially responsible for feelings of empathy. Expecting an adult psychopath to feel empathy using an organ that is badly compromised is like trying to fill a water bucket with a giant hole in the bottom.

The impacted brain areas that may be under-developing due to a genetic predis-

position need a great deal of time in nature when young. The process of neuroplasticity stimulated by immersion in natural settings can take anywhere from weeks to years. For at risk children and youth where CU or other personality disorders are evident, a few family picnics will not make any difference between effective social functioning and a life time of violence and incarceration.

Wilderness therapy adventures for aggressive youth with personality disorders leaning toward psychopathic tendencies

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have elicited positive behavioral challenges, but only when the dosage is high enough. Only wilderness expeditions of duration longer than two weeks promote significant improvement in antisocial behaviors. It's true that for certain mental health challenges, nature is nearly an instant fix, but for antisocial traits, the brain needs to be structurally altered and that takes time. The type of experience matters as well. Rigidly structured, military style models can have a negative effect on CU children and youth. They typically respond poorly to punishment, but very positively and rapidly to reward-based programs. But no matter how good the program, improvement will not happen overnight.

For instance, VisionQuest youths typically spend 12 to 15 months in various challenging outdoor therapeutic treatment programs. A normal treatment course often includes a three-month stay at a wilderness orientation program (where the youths live in tepees or comparable primitive conditions), a five-month adventure program (during which juvenile offenders can embark on wagon train odysseys, cross country biking trips, or ocean voyages), and a five-month community residential/therapeutic program. This program has its detractors, however, for while personal responsibility and physical fitness are stressed, fostering the sort of deep connection to nature that builds brain matter is not central to the curricu-

lum. For CU children and youth, other programs that emphasize connection and empathy with the natural world may have greater impact on the critical areas of the brain (such as the insula) involved in development of prosocial feelings and skills.

Under-developed areas such as the insula can be bulked up by long term exposure to nature. For instance, a US and South Korean collaboration on brain oxygenation for participants viewing pleasant rural as opposed to unpleasant urban scenes found a dramatic increase in insula activity for rural viewing. For urban scenes the response was nearly zero (Kim et al, 2010). This was one session for experimental purposes only, but does indicate that an effect is present. But here again, dosage matters. Several weeks of adventure based therapy has been proven to increase general measures of empathy toward both peers and nature. Isolated day trips have zero effect on CU children and youths.

For neurotypical children with a strong connection to nature, time in nature is immediately beneficial for brain development. However, for conduct disordered children, the beneficial effects of brief exposure to nature are no more potent than the beneficial effects of brief exercise. Also, time spent in nature for CU children will not be perceived by them as being rewarding. They want immediate rewards and gratification of material kinds. Nature is more abstract in her gifts. Still,

troubled and aggressive kids who are required to spend time exercising in nature while actually hating it are still setting themselves up for reduced symptoms of psychopathy in later life, despite their feelings about the experience. Attending a safe and nurturing wilderness camp every summer would be next best thing to full time residency programs. Conversely, for CU children with a small but definitely present connection to nature (and since psychopathy is a spectrum there are gradations of severity), mindfulness techniques in natural settings have been shown to enhance the insula connectivity to other parts of the brain important for prosocial emotional responding in just a few week's time or less. Yearly repetition of any type of nature exposure experience for CU children's brains is critical for consistent development of the essential brain structures, regions, and networks involved in healthy empathy toward others.

While time in nature may never turn a callous child or adult into Mother Theresa, a nature intervention of the right dosage, at the right time, and of the right sort can greatly increase that person's capacity for empathy, thereby modifying the personality of a young human in beneficial ways for them, their families, and society.

For activities in the outdoors to get troubled local kids engaged, a good resource is The Nature Connection at <https://thenatureconnection.net/>



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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## MCA TO FEATURE MONTROSE AREA WOODTURNERS AND WOODWORKERS GUILD OF WESTERN COLORADO

### Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Montrose Center for Arts is pleased to welcome the **Montrose Area Woodturners** and the **Woodworkers Guild of Western Colorado** as our Featured Artists in March. A reception for MCA's Featured Artists will be held at 4:30pm on Friday, March 3 – First Friday. March's First Friday is sponsored by **Habitat for Humanity of the San Juans**. MCA is thrilled to partner with Habitat for First Friday and this incredible show.

**Montrose Area Woodturners** is a place for new and experienced turners to collaborate, contribute, and preserve the art of woodturning.

Woodturning is defined as the action of shaping wood with a lathe. To a regular soul a downed tree is nothing more than firewood or perhaps garden mulch. But to the woodturner, the tree is an art to ponder. Will it be a bowl? A wall-hanging? A delicate hollow form? Or, on a bad day, indeed the dreaded firewood!

A group of like-minded "tree ponderers" formed in 2014 and came to be known as the Montrose Area Woodturners (MAW). MAW is a recognized chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AWA)



*Courtesy photos.*

and was featured in the AWA magazine as –“

MAW: The Little Club that Could”. The group meets monthly to hone their skills and learn new approaches to woodturning.

The **Woodworkers Guild of Western Colorado** has been in existence since 2006 and has continued to meet monthly since then where those interested in general woodworking could share common interests. The club has been involved with the county fair and repaired and refinished the booths that are used at the county fair. The Guild began making Eagle Head canes for the veterans around 2014 and to



date have distributed 700+ canes where presentations

are made at the Welcome Home Montrose. The Guild has also been making birdhouses for the Audubon and Lending Library boxes that have been placed around the community.

Many of the woodturners and woodworkers will attend First Friday. Join MCA to welcome these skilled artists and view their amazing work on First Friday.

First Friday  
Mar 3, 2023  
4:30 - 6:30pm  
11 S. Park Avenue  
Montrose, CO



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# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

## ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

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

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

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

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Olathe, Co 81425  
Tuesday-Friday Phone: 970-808-1021  
[www.biblebaptistchurcholathe.com](http://www.biblebaptistchurcholathe.com)  
Pastor Gabe Skillo

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

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

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

## FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

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

*disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.*

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

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

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

## HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

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## MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Denomination Affiliation:** United Methodist

**Address:** 19 S. Park Avenue Montrose CO. 81401

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

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

[montroseumc.org](http://montroseumc.org)

**Current Senior Pastor:** Rev. Kevin Young

**Worship service times:**

8:30 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](http://www.RosemontBaptist.org)

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

**Senior Pastor:** Rolland Kenneson

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

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

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

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

matter what stage of life they are in.

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

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

## SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

**Denomination affiliation:** Independent Interfaith

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

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

**Home Office** – 970-252-0908

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

[arlyn@spiritaware.org](mailto:arlyn@spiritaware.org),

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

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

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

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

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

## SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

**Denomination affiliation:**

Southern Baptist

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

**Office hours:** Varies

**Contact information:**

phone number: 970-275-7026

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

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

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

Sario

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

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

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

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



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### VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

**Denomination Affiliation:** Independent Baptist

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

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8am-12pm

**Contact Information:** Phone (970) 249-6874;

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

**Current Pastor:** Roland Kassales

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

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

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

#### Church Directory

#### Mirror Editorial Staff

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

#### information to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

## Birth Certificates & Death Certificates

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[peakpros.org](http://peakpros.org)

### **PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES**

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

### **NORTHSIDE HEALTH CENTER**

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

### **CEDAR POINT HEALTH**

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

### **BASIN CLINIC**

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

### **UNCOMPAHGRE MEDICAL CENTER**

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

### **DELTA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT**

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

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

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

### **THE PIC PLACE**

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

### **MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT**

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

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

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

### **340b**

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



**CITY MARKET SOUTH**

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

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

**WALGREENS**

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

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

**CVS (IN TARGET)**

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

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

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

**WALMART**

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

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

**STACIE'S APOTHECARY SHOPPE**

112 Village Square West Ridgway  
(970) 626-7100

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| Flu      | Pneumonia |
| Shingles | Tdap      |



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

# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: EDUCATION

## WAXLER QUALIFIES FOR CSC'S FALL 2022 PRESIDENT'S LIST, PAUL QUALIFIES FOR DEAN'S LIST

*Special to Art & Sol*

CHADRON, NE-- Chadron State College has announced the names of students who

qualified for the institution's Fall 2022 academic honors lists. The President's List consists of 225 students with a 4.0 grade

point average on a 4.0 scale. To qualify, students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, be seeking their first bachelor's degree, and have no incomplete grades during the semester. Alexandra Waxler of Montrose, Colo. qualified for the President's List.

Chadron State College has also announced the names of 341 students who qualified for the institution's Fall 2022 Dean's List by earning at least a 3.5 grade point average. To qualify, students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, be seeking their first bachelor's degree, and have no incomplete grades during the semester.

Tavania Paul of Montrose, Colo qualified for the Dean's List.

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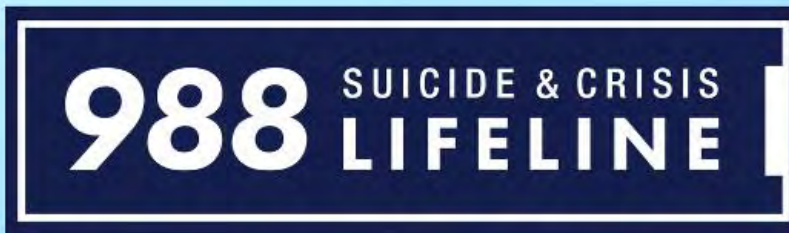
## COMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### JESUS REVOLUTION MOVIE SHOWING AT THE FOX THEATER

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MONTROSE-The Jesus Revolution movie is showing at the Fox Theater. Jonathan Roumie, who plays Jesus in *The Chosen* series is the main character. Show times are as follows: Wednesday, March 1 at 4pm & 6:45PM; Thursday, March 2 at 6:45PM. Purchase tickets at the theater or ahead of time at <https://www.internet-ticketing.com/websales/sales/FOXMON/start>

The Feast of Purim will be celebrated at Covenant Hebraic Fellowship, 62701 Jig Road, Montrose on Monday, March 6 at 5PM. Finger food and hamantaschen will be served. We will be livestreaming a production, *Not Alone: The Story of Esther*. Please consider bringing finger food as well!



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## ONGOING-

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**MONTROSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY** meets 1st Wednesday of the month @ Montrose Events Center, 1036 No 7th Street 7 pm (970) 249-2085 [www.montrosehistory.org](http://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](mailto:aheadaviation@outlook.com)

**GREATER MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS** – 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](mailto: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** welcomes local practitioners, who focus on healing the whole being. Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month and both are from Noon-1 pm, upstairs at the Mother Earth store on Main Street . We support one another with our practices, business, and personal needs. For more information please contact Erin Easton at [ErinKEaston@gmail.com](mailto:ErinKEaston@gmail.com)

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

**MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET SCHEDULE** -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

**March 11**-Day long mindful communication workshop teaching deep listening, compassionate understanding, and authentic speech so that we can all be heard. 9am-4pm and lunch is included. \$100

**March 13**-On Monday March 13 at 4:30 Citizens Climate Lobby.org will meet at Montrose library meeting rm. nonpartisan, national environmental group progressing on local actions, All Welcome. Info at 970-765-9095

**March 15-16**-Housing Resources of Western Colorado invites Montrose and Delta County residents to a free two-hour educational night entitled "Homebuyer 101" at MADA (17 N 6th St, Montrose, CO 81401), co-sponsored by NuVista Federal Credit Union, the Hispanic Affairs Project and MADA. There will be two sessions, one in English and one in Spanish. The English session will be held on March 15 at 5:30 PM and Spanish session will be held on March 16 at 6:45 PM. Childcare and refreshments will be provided at both sessions. The course will provide an introduction on preparing for homeownership, community homebuyer resources and programs, and what homeownership entails after purchase.

**March 18**-Come watch the Fly Fishing Film Tour, eat, drink, and win prizes. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Show starts at 6:30 p.m. \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door. Ticket link: <https://flyfilmtour.myeventscenter.com/event/A-Benefit-For-The-Uncompahgre-River-73751>

**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](mailto:vstockdale@montrosecounty.net) or 970-964-2479.

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## MAGIC CIRCLE MEMORIES...



*Magic Circle Theatre Manager Lisa Rediger shared photos from the recent production of My Funny Valentine: Route 66. A Montrose treasure for more than half a century, Magic Circle Theatre is now in need of a new, larger building to showcase local productions.*

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