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'SEE YOU AT THE FARM!' MONTROSE COUNTY APPROVES LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BILLY GOAT HOP FARM



View of Billy Goat Hop Farm, Spring 2023. Photo B. Switzer.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All commissioners were present as Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Chair Sue Hansen opened the regular meeting of Wednesday, May 3. All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance, and Pastor Karl Leuthauser of Grace Community Church delivered the invocation.

"I was going to get a burrito at Taco Bell," Leuthauser said. "On the way I saw a homeless person, and I felt like God was nudging me to buy him a burrito."

As the Pastor was eating lunch with the homeless man outside of City Market, the man asked Leuthauser to watch his stuff while he went to the bathroom.

"I said okay, don't be gone too long," Leuthauser said. "And so he was gone,"

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STOMP ON CANCER! BOOT STOMP RETURNS

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE- Stomp out Cancer! Kick up your heels to entertainment by Narrow Gauge Country Band! Once again, the San Juan Healthcare Foundation invites the community to the annual Boot Stomp on Friday, June 2, 2023, from 5:30- 10:30 p.m. at Storm King Mountain Ranch. Attendees are invited to wear cowboy casual dress. Happy Hour starts at 5:30pm and a Family Style dinner will be served to all sponsors. There will be a gift card raffle and live Auction. A limited number of individual tickets are available for \$75 and may be purchased online at www.bootstompmontrose.com.

The Boot Stomp was founded five years ago by local businesswoman Terri Leben, who continues to organize and promote the yearly fundraiser for local cancer patients and the San Juan Cancer Center at Montrose Regional Health. "Montrose is so blessed to have the San Juan Cancer Center," Leben said. "It is staffed with so many caring and qualified people. As a community we need to make it a priority to support the center and its patients."



One of the first Boot Stomp Events. Mirror file photo by Nanci Gibbons, who lost her fight with Cancer far too soon.

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The mission to raise needed funds has been a success from the start, Montrose Regional Health Chief Ancillary Services and Marketing Officer Leann Tobin said. From 2018 to 2022 the Boot Stomp has raised \$196,419. Funds from the event support the Caring Friends Fund and contribute to the cost of bringing new and updated medical equipment for cancer patients.

Since 2017, approximately 400 patients have been helped through the San Juan Healthcare Foundation Caring Friends Fund, Tobin said. Examples include gas and grocery cards, medication assistance, travel and lodging expenses, meals and nutritional support, and family support. The Caring Friends Fund is supported entirely by donations and assists patients at the San Juan Cancer Center with needs beyond medical. Donations to the Caring Friends Fund are welcome at any time.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

20TH MONTROSE WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – The Montrose Wine and Food Festival is back for its 20th year on Saturday, June 17th, 2023, from 1 – 5 pm at the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater with its Grand Tasting Event. The afternoon will consist of several local food, beverage, and craft vendors. Benefitting the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club, the Festival is a premiere event in Montrose, and is a day not to be missed. Tickets for the Grand Tasting are \$35 and are available online at www.blackcanyontickets.com and at the gate Saturday, June 17th, 2023. Follow the event on Facebook for updates and more details at www.facebook.com/MontroseWF. Following the event—starting at 6 pm—sponsors are invited to attend a dinner event, also located at the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater. The dinner will take place on the Amphitheater stage, featuring four graze stations with wine pairings, music, dancing, and more. The theme for this year's dinner is "Be Our Guest" and will serve as a thank you to those who have generously sponsored the event. Sponsorships are still available, and the deadline to sponsor the event is Thursday, June 1st, 2023. Please contact Bud Taylor at btaylor@bcbgc.org or visit www.montrosewinefestival.com to view all sponsorship information.



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A BLIND WINE TASTING RECREATING THE JUDGMENT OF PARIS IN 1976: THE BATTLE OF FRANCE VS. AMERICA

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— The Montrose Wine and Food Festival—in partnership with Andrea Lowe, WSET L3 founder and wine educator at Sommelier Secrets Wine School—is proud to present The Battle of France vs. America blind wine tasting. This wine event will take place at The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club, located at 1869 East Main Street in Montrose, on Thursday,

June 15th, 2023. The Champagne reception will begin at 6 pm and the wine event will close at 9 pm.

Andrea will walk you through how to blind taste current vintage wines like a pro and each wine will use the exact scoring system that was used at this historical event – The Judgment of Paris in 1976. Each wine will be paired with small bites to complement each other. Tickets are

\$125 per person and are available on the official Montrose Wine and Food website at www.montrosewinefestival.com. The tickets for the blind wine tasting will be under the Festival 2023 tab. Follow The Battle of France vs. America event through the Montrose Wine and Food Festival webpage for additional details. Come take part in this world-shaking event that forever changed wine and put Napa Valley on the map!

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DURANGO-On Monday, May 8 there will be a Prescribed Burn at Animas City Mountain (Durango, Colorado). For information contact Bureau of Land Management Tres Rios Field Office (719) 839-1584.

CONSUMER ADVISORY

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - Every year, May is designated as Mental Health Awareness Month. In support of this effort, the Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), is letting Coloradans know that the Division is a resource to help with their insurance issues around mental health.

Accessing mental health care is often a challenge - from the shortage of health providers to the difficulties in navigating insurance companies' networks of providers. Federal and Colorado law requires that health insurance companies cover services for mental and behavioral health conditions the same way they cover other medical conditions, like diabetes or heart disease.

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and he was gone a long time."

As Leuthauser sat on the curb in front of City Market with a guitar case, a sign saying "anything helps," and a broken tent, he came to a realization. "I'm panhandling right now."

At that point, a member of Pastor Leuthauser's congregation drove by, and waved hello.

"The moral of the story is that if you want to make a difference in peoples' lives, you must identify with them," Leuthauser said. "You have to sit with them. And you may be counted with them." He said that the Montrose County commissioners have shown themselves willing to be counted with the people. "Lord, I thank you so much for our leaders...the real power comes with the compassion, the care, the connection that they have with these citizens..."

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments heard from the public.

COUNTY MANAGER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously, with Resolution No. 16-2023 assigned to Item 23 and Resolution

No. 17-2023 assigned to Item 24.

MONTROSE COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

Commissioners left regular session to reconvene as the Montrose County Local Liquor Licensing Authority, unanimously approving a Colorado Liquor Retail License Application submitted by Billy Goat Hop Farm LLC, dba Billy Goat Hop Farm 67181 Trout Road, Montrose, Colorado, having paid the appropriate fees and met State and Local Licensing Authority requirements.

"See you at the Farm! Good Luck!" Hansen said.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Commissioners returned to regular session as the BOCC and voted to adopt Resolution No. 18-2023, regarding a supplemental appropriation to the Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Commissioners voted to approve the Juniper Road Dedication [RD23-002] proposal to dedicate right of way along Juniper RD at Parcel 376708300901 and the Juniper Road Dedication Plat.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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ABOVE AVERAGE SNOW LEVELS TO KEEP FOREST ROADS, GATES, AND CAMPGROUNDS CLOSED LONGER

Special to the Mirror

DELTA— The winter snow is receding and spring fever has many forest users excited to get outside and explore the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests. Though snow may have thawed from some areas of the GMUG, forest officials are warning that some campgrounds will experience delayed openings and most forest roads are still not accessible and could be impassable for some time due to ice, mud or snow. Forest travel on wet, muddy or snow-covered roads can cause serious resource damage and safety concerns especially if visitors are unprepared. Even a few inches of snow can obscure icy roads and soft shoulders where vehicles can become stuck.

Forest officials are encouraging the public to minimize impacts to natural resources from travel on roads that are susceptible to rutting due to warmer weather and melting snowpack. Forest roads are easily damaged when saturated and wet especially with the continued precipitation the GMUG has experienced. Some higher elevation roads, motorized trails and campgrounds will open later than normal due to this year's heavy snowpack. Some gates are still buried in snow, and roads are extremely wet and muddy. Please respect gates and closed areas and find alternate locations to recreate to allow muddy roads and trails time to dry out. Many GMUG campgrounds are first come first serve. Contact your local [Ranger District](#) for current conditions before heading out on your trip.

"Ruts created by tires that are a mere inch deep can leave long lasting impressions that only increase with rain and erosion," said Chris Phelps, a GMUG Engineer. "Forest roads are not constructed to be all-weather roads, they can be easily damaged when wet, especially during years of above average snowpack as we have experienced this year."

Motorized and mechanized vehicle users are responsible for knowing when and where they can drive or ride. Motorized vehicle users are asked to obtain and adhere to routes shown on the Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs). MVUMs show which routes are open to motorized vehicles, which types of vehicles may be used, and season opening and closing dates. Hard copies of MVUMs are free and available at all forest offices and online [here](#). Helpful information about planning a trip to the GMUG can be found on our Know Before You Go webpage at: <https://www.fs.fed.us/visit/know-before-you-go>. Campground reservation information can be found [here](#). For more information on current fire restrictions, conditions and recreation opportunities, visit the forest website or www.westslopefireinformation.com. Connect with us or follow us on social media ([Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)).



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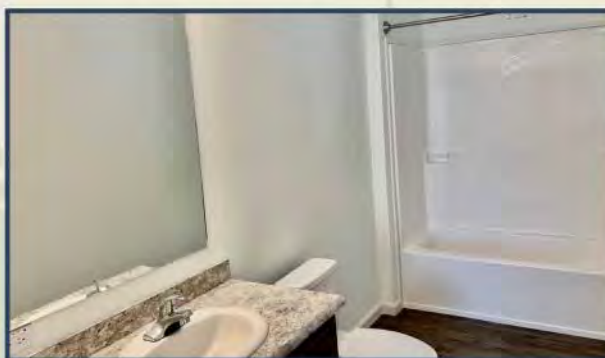
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CITIZEN QUESTIONS NOTIFICATION PROCESS ON CHANGES TO REGS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All councilors were present for the [regular Montrose City Council meeting](#) of Tuesday, May 2. Mayor Barbara Bynum called the session to order; all joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. No Youth Council representatives were present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Attorney Ben Morris requested an executive session to follow the regular portion of the meeting.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Citizen Janet Chapman spoke. She expressed delight with the newly renovated City Council Chambers in the Historic Elks Civic Building. "It worked out well...and it has geothermal."

A member of the non-profit Citizens Climate Lobby, Chapman asked that the city consider getting a bid for solar panels for the new City Hall on Main Street.

"...Because you're really setting the pace and being a role model for renewables," she said.

Citizen Gary Dahl spoke, to express concerns over a development to the east of his property and the possibility of the street being opened up for cul de sacs. "...There's only sidewalks on one side of the street...you have a new main thoroughfare coming down through there. I think that's a serious situation...I'm pretty sure AARP would be interested in knowing how seniors are being treated..."

Mayor Bynum reminded Dahl when his three minutes were up.

Also speaking was Citizen Donald Cram. He expressed support for recycling and for solar panels on the new City Hall. "...it would be a very public place and it would very symbolic and good if the city were to take action on that."

It would make sense for the City of Montrose to have a Climate Change Plan as well, Cram said.

Bynum reminded speakers to sign in as they enter or exit the meeting to provide contact information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve the minutes of the minutes of the April 18, 2023 regular City Council meeting.

ORDINANCE 2621 - SECOND READING



At the regular City Council meeting of May 2, two citizens asked the City to consider solar panels on the new City Hall Building on Main Street, above. Photo by B. Switzer.

Council approved Ordinance 2621 in a four to one vote on second reading, authorizing the loaning of money in conjunction with the sale of real property addressed at 433 South First Street, Montrose, Colorado, pursuant to Article II Section 5 of the Charter of the City of Montrose. As he had on first reading, Councilor Ed Ulibarri voted "no." The \$400,000 allocated to Colorado Mesa University's Montrose Permanent Fund by the city is contingent upon the sale of City Hall, Assistant City Attorney Chris Dowsey said.

ORDINANCE 2622 - SECOND READING

Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 2622 on second reading, granting and authorizing the conveyance of an interest in City-owned real estate pursuant to § 1-9-2 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose (S. Third Street right of way).

ORDINANCE 2623 -SECOND READING

Also approved unanimously was Ordinance 2623 on second reading, for the annexation of the Sunset Village Addition.

ORDINANCE 2624 - FIRST READING

Ordinance 2624 was unanimously approved on first reading, zoning the Sunset Village Addition as an R-3A Medium High-Density District.

ORDINANCE 2625-FIRST READING

Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 2625 on first reading, clarifying Article 1, Section 7, of the Charter of the City of Montrose, regarding qualifications for candidates to the Office of the City of Montrose Councilor. As previously noted by council and staff, the change is procedural in nature rather than substantive. Following some discussion, Mayor Bynum asked Attorney Ben Morris for advice; Morris said that Council may not make changes to the City Charter itself by ordinance, but can clarify the charter by ordinance or route a court to interpretation of the charter using this particular canon of interpretation. "We're not changing the charter's substance or the language in it, because we're not allowed to," Morris said.

ORDINANCE 2626-FIRST READING

Council considered Ordinance 2626 on first reading, amending the Montrose Municipal Code by repealing provisions relating to the Planning Commission and land development, repealing certain chapters of the Montrose Regulations Manual relating to land development, and adopting new Title XI- Land Development Regulations for the City.

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CITIZEN QUESTIONS NOTIFICATION PROCESS ON CHANGES TO REGS

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Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt reviewed the objectives and the process, which began around a year ago, and noted that it is an exciting time for the Planning Department. "This has really been a heavy lift by City staff and the consultant team..."

Members of the team were present for the council meeting by phone. Hochwalt said that an open house had been held with "fairly light" attendance. The effort during Phase I has been to consolidate the current land uses into one unified area.

Citizen Clay Goldberg spoke as well. He commended the city for putting everything in one place but questioned the process of public notification.

"I certainly have not been able to figure out how I get notice of this thing...this is the first time I caught anything...and it says we're going to adopt this.....This is 250 pages...it's not a small thing that you're doing.

"I'm just troubled by a few things," Goldberg said. "...I think that there needs to be a special expanded notice for these special review projects...that affects a lot more people than just the people who live immediately within the area...I'm troubled...where you removed submittal requirements and reference application which contains the submittal requirements...I know that the application requirements are a huge issue when you go to apply for something, because if you don't know what you're doing, then you'll get there and you'll waste a lot of time because you don't have the right requirements, and now it seems that this is no longer in the ordinance, it's something that the staff can just put together...I hope that there would be more time to consider 250 pages of material..."

Council moved unanimously to approve

Ordinance 2626 on first reading.

THE BRIDGES AT BLACK CANYON AMENDED PRELIMINARY PLAT

Council voted unanimously to approve The Bridges at Black Canyon Amended Preliminary Plat expressly conditioned upon city staff ensuring that all policies, regulations, ordinance and Municipal Code provisions are met and that the Applicant adequately addresses all of staff's concerns prior to execution of the Final Plat.

BLOCK 93 SEWER REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Council voted unanimously to approve the Block 93 Sewer Replacement Construction contract, awarding a construction contract with Skip Huston Construction in the amount of \$468,104.82 for completion of the Block 93 Sewer Replacement Project.

STREET LIGHT UPGRADE PROJECT AND DMEA MOU

Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Montrose and Delta-Montrose Electric Association for a Streetlight Upgrade Project in the amount of \$110,000.

MONTROSE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX SOLAR PANELS ADD ALTERNATE AWARD

Council voted unanimously to award a contract with Atlasta Solar for the installation of a solar panel system at the Montrose Public Safety Complex in the amount of \$205,506.

SANITARY SEWER RATE STUDY

Council considered a contract with Carollo Engineers to perform a sanitary sewer cost of service analysis for the not to exceed amount of \$70,000.

Mayor Bynum said, "...Our sewer fund is an enterprise fund...we have to charge our sewer users for that service...we have to collect from the users of the sewer system what it costs to operate the sewer sys-

tem..."

City manager Bill Bell said that charging users is not necessarily required by state law but is in accordance with government accounting standards.

Citizen Donald Cram said that if rates are being redone, the charges to restaurants might increase relative to others. He asked about restaurants that make an effort to dispose of less and to employ composting or other methods to decrease what would have gone into the sewer system. "...Could that be encouraged?"

Utilities Manager David Bries said that the rate study is intended to provide a dynamic system that is easy to implement but also provides for those exceptions, "So we're not charging somebody for something they're not utilizing."

Council voted unanimously to approve the Sanitary Sewer Rate Study.

STAFF REPORTS

Bynum said that the city puts events on its calendars, including the Montrose Summer Music Series. "We put anyone's events on there...The Montrose Summer Music Series, it's not a city event but you'll find that on the calendar..."

Councilor Dave Frank said that the city is waiting for the results of the 2023 Mayor's Water Challenge.

Councilor Ed Ulibarri said his grass is brown and he has been reminding neighbors it is too early to start watering.

Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed said there would be a presentation on the City's Housing Needs Assessment at the upcoming [Colorado Mesa University Forum](#).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council voted to enter executive session with City Attorney Ben Morris for legal advice regarding a pending real estate transaction.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

FELLOW VETS, IF YOU SUPPORT LAUREN BOEBERT, YOU ARE VOTING AGAINST YOUR OWN SELF INTEREST

Editor:

The U.S. Representative for Colorado's Third Congressional District just voted to cut the federal budget in 2024 by 22%. The Republican plan leaves only Defense untouched, with the rest of the budget, including veterans' healthcare, suffering massive cuts in funding. According to the Administration, cutting funding by 22 percent would mean 30 million fewer veteran outpatient visits and 81,000 jobs lost across the Veterans Health Administration, leaving veterans unable to get appointments for care, including wellness visits, cancer screenings, mental health services and substance abuse disorder treatment. Fellow Vets, if you support Lauren Boebert, you are voting against your own self interest and health. Please consider this when you're deciding who to support in 2024.

George Bacon, Montrose



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There is lots of room on this sustainable, covenant-free property. 7 acres with 3 shares of irrigation water, a chicken coop with fenced area, and lots of room for animals, pets, and a garden. The year-round creek flows and a pond that fills from an underground pipe enhance the features of this property and that is only the outside. This large home with over 3,000 sq. ft. of heated living space offers as much space as you have ideas to use it. The kitchen is conveniently arranged, and the dining area and living room flow nicely with amazing views to be had at every window. The living room features a large amount of windows for mountain viewing. A lovely loft area with timber beams would be the perfect place for cozy alone time, and the front deck off the living room calls to you to sit and relax. One main-level bedroom has its own little balcony area. The home is complete with six well-sized bedrooms, linen closets, and storage space. Easily be in downtown within a few minutes, but the quietness of your property will be waiting. A nicely fenced area by what was a dog kennel could easily be kept for your own pets or converted to a flower/potting shed area. The possibilities for the piece of Colorado paradise are endless. Take your own tour, and let your imagination go wild.



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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

ENGLEWOOD 5TH GRADER WINS 2023 COLORADO ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST



Fidaa Hamed's winning poster. Courtesy image.

Special to the Mirror
DENVER—A panel of judges from the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) selected Fidaa Hamed, a fifth grader from Charles Hay World School in Englewood, as the winner of its 2023 Colorado Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Fidaa's poster celebrates this year's contest theme of "Dream as BIG as Trees." She compet-

ed against posters from the 32 schools across Colorado that participated in the contest this year. Each school selected one poster to enter the statewide contest, so the 32 finalists in the contest represented hundreds of fifth-grade students and their posters.

The winning poster as well as the other submissions are on display at the Denver Botanic Gardens from April 18 to May 5, 2023. Anyone can view the posters in the Denver Botanic Gardens' new addition, the Freyer-Newman Center, in the Helen Fowler Library from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with no admission fee. Many thanks to the Denver Botanic Gardens for generously offering free entry to the gardens for all winning schools of the posters on display. As the statewide poster contest winner, Fidaa received a professionally framed copy of the winning poster and a \$500 gift card from the CTC. Fidaa's art teacher, Kate Dulaney, also received a gift card and free online professional development training from Colorado Project Learning Tree.

The CTC thanks *all* students, teachers and parents for their support of this fun and educational contest recognizing Colorado's urban and community forests. It is critical to raise awareness to both children and adults about the importance of trees. The beautiful trees that grace our streets, parks, yards and open spaces provide economic, social and ecological services that

we all can enjoy!

The Colorado Arbor Day Poster Contest is sponsored by ArborScape Tree Services, Above and Beyond Services LLC, the CTC, and the Colorado State Forest Service. For

more information on the contest, please contact Luke Killoran, Forestry Supervisor for City of Lakewood and chair of the CTC's Arbor Day Poster Contest, at (720) 963-5246.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CLUB 20, NOW IN 70TH YEAR, NAMES BRITTANY DIXON AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Brittany Dixon has been selected as the new full-time executive director of Club 20, which this year is celebrating its 70-year history as the Voice of Colorado's Western Slope. Dixon will be responsible for overseeing the operations, public affairs and membership activities of the non-partisan coalition of community leaders whose mission is to influence policy, provide education, and convene Coloradans to uplift and advance the voices of the Western Slope to promote thriving, resilient, and economically healthy communities.

"As interim director, Brittany has proven to be a leader and influencer with a special talent for public policy and advocacy," said Brad McCloud, Club 20 Board Chair. "Alongside the passion that she has for

Club 20 and its members, she brings a unique perspective that will elevate and strengthen our ability to promote the region."

Dixon has served Club 20 as director of Policy & Outreach since 2020, and most recently as interim executive director. She is a graduate of Colorado Mesa University, where she was an accomplished student athlete and served as the associated student government director of External Affairs.

"Brittany is a Maverick in every sense of the word," said John Marshall, president of Colorado Mesa University. "Her experience, knowledge and ability to get things done will serve Club 20 and our region well."

Dixon brings an accomplished understanding of the new and complex challenges

facing the Western Slope. She has a strong track record of collaborating among leaders within the region and across the state to bring awareness, influence and promote issues that are critical to rural areas of Colorado. "It's critical now more than ever to address our state's most pressing needs through regional collaboration," said Sara Blackhurst, president and CEO of Action 22. "Brittany brings renewed energy, an expanded vision and the desire to make her mark as she works with us to strengthen the rural voice of Colorado."

"I congratulate Brittany on being named executive director of Club 20," said Cathy Shull, executive director of Pro 15. "I look forward to working with Brittany in her new role to promote the shared values of communities in rural Colorado."

Dixon serves on the Board of the Young Professionals Network of Mesa County. She has a passion for advocating for and connecting young professionals and volunteers to support their development in the community and career growth. Dixon holds degrees in political science and business administration from Colorado Mesa University.



Brittany Dixon has been selected as the new full-time executive director of Club 20, Courtesy photo.



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100% of donations in any denomination will support this campaign and are most gratefully welcomed.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DR. GAYLE FRAZZETTA PRESENTS 'UNDERSTANDING YOUR BODY: PCOS, POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION, AND PERIMENOPAUSE'

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-CMU Montrose Campus Lecture Series presents Dr. Gayle Frazzetta, Part II in the series on Women's Health: "Understanding Your Body: PCOS, Postpartum Depression, and Perimenopause" 6:30-8p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at Cascade Hall, S. 3rd St, CMU Montrose Campus. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Rhonda Claridge at 970.249.7009.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS & CARTOONS

WAS THERE NO WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH PERFORMANCE STIPULATIONS FOR DAILY PRESS, MAYOR BYNUM?

Editor:

Since being elected to the US Senate in 1972, Biden has been plagued with rumors of using his elected position for personal financial gain. Since the "Hunter laptop" scandal broke, closer scrutiny is now pointing to a widespread Biden family "pay to play" scheme for policy decisions that put our country at risk. Thanks to a brave whistleblower, the Senate Budget Committee has learned that the FBI and DOJ have been complicit in hiding an unclassified document that alleges such a scheme, ostensibly to protect Biden. Hopefully the Senate investigation will soon be able to prove beyond a shadow of doubt the corruption that exists at our highest level of government. Thank God for whistleblowers!

The need for whistleblowers is not limited to Washington.

In last week's Mirror it was noted that a whistleblower from the city divulged a "verbal [secret ??] agreement with The Montrose Daily Press for unspecified services at a cost of \$3,000 per month." The Mirror verified those regular payments were indeed made to the MDP. The whistleblower, in a position to know, has noted that "Obligations rarely were met by the paid publication, which caused a headache for staff because there was no written agreement" for this \$36,000 annual expenditure.

The Mayor's response printed with the article, seemed to be more "cover" for the city, never mentioning who instituted that highly questionable "verbal agreement," when it was made, or if the city had received full value for these expenditures of our tax dollars. What many today are not be aware of is that City Manager Bell and Frances Wick, owner of the Daily Press, are best friends, which raises valid ques-



tions about an arm's length relationship between the city and Daily Press, as well as any "verbal agreement" between the two. The question as to why there was no written agreement with performance stipulations still needs to be answered by Mayor Bynum.

Since taking the City Manager job, Bell has been widely criticized by many citizens and the Mirror for his modus operandi as well as various schemes with tax dollars, most recently over \$15 million to Mura/Colorado Outdoors giveaways and the undervalued sale of City Hall. Thanks to Ed

Ulibari for being the first Council member in years to say NO to a Bell scheme! And THANKS to the Montrose whistleblower for having the integrity to come forward about this highly irregular agreement! Many former city employees know there are many more skeletons hidden in Bell's City Hall closet. Hopefully more city whistleblowers will be encouraged to come forward. It's past time Montrose had a new City Manager that will be more judicious in how our public funds are expended!

Dee Laird, Montrose

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THE MARKETING DEPARTMENT: FULL SERVICE FIRM WORKS WITH CLIENTS IN MONTROSE, NATIONWIDE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Marketing is an essential component of any functional business plan, allowing an entrepreneur to reach a targeted end consumer. Marketing can also be an intimidating task without a dedicated team, given today's proliferation of platforms and tools.

Ready and willing to step in as your "in-house" team, The Marketing Department has arrived. Owners Rachael DeRossi and Laura Sanders met on the job at Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA), and bring more than 15 years' experience apiece to The Marketing Department, founded in 2022. "We're here, and we are a full-service company," DeRossi said.

From web design to brochure creation, search engine optimization, and Google ads, clients can choose from a menu of services tailored to their specific needs. "I've worked for lots of agencies in the past, and the commitment to your individual company is not really there," DeRossi said.

"We feel more like an in-house marketing department, and for all our support staff we have the same expectations—you have to care and produce quality work. So we have really great designers, copy writers, editors, and social media specialists." Said Sanders, "We are able to step in, and



Laura Sanders and Rachael DeRossi, above, met while working for DMEA, and launched The Marketing Department in 2022.

make your newsletter or social media vibrant and exciting."

Like The Marketing Department, DeRossi and Sanders feel that the community of Montrose has a lot to offer.

"The access to the outdoors and to the mountains, the pace...we love Montrose," DeRossi said. "We're obsessed with it," Sanders said.

The Marketing Department works with clients not just in Western Colorado, but across the nation, and DeRossi and Sanders are accepting new accounts.

"We started this company to grow it," DeRossi said, "While not losing focus on who we want to be."

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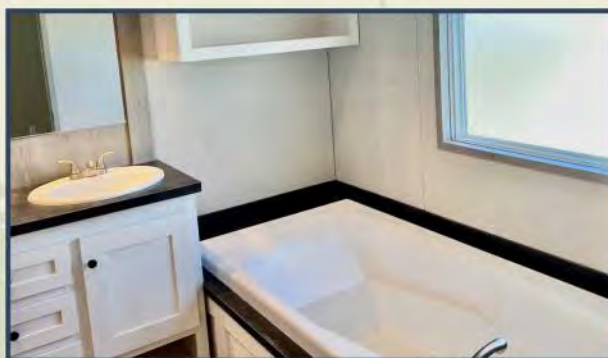
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THE 2023 REAPPRAISAL: TREMENDOUS VALUATION INCREASES FOR MOST PROPERTIES

Brad Hughes MAI, Montrose County Assessor

MONTROSE-Under Colorado law, county assessors' offices throughout the state conduct a complete revaluation of all properties in their county every two years. The Colorado Legislature sets the appraisal date, the market sales data collection period, and the annual calendar for the assessment process.



By Montrose County Assessor Brad Hughes.

The previous revaluation was completed in 2021 and was based on a June 30, 2020 level of value. These valuations were established using market sales data from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and were used for tax years 2021 and 2022 (payable in 2022 and 2023 respectively). As a result of the assessment calendar, property tax assessment valuations will always lag behind current market conditions. The current revaluations are based on a June 30, 2022 level of value. The new values have been established using market sales data from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and will be used for tax years 2023 and 2024 (payable in 2024 and 2025 respectively). Sales transactions occurring after June 30, 2022 cannot be considered until the 2025 reappraisal.

Due to the recent revaluation, real property classes saw the following changes. Vacant land experienced an overall average valuation increase of about 60%. These substantial increases in vacant land valuations were primarily due to very strong demand for new single-family home sites. Most residential improved properties, including single-family residences, condominiums, and townhomes typically increased about 45% to 50%. This upward trend in the residential market occurred throughout most of the County, including the Nucla/Naturita area which experienced a 50% to 60% increase. The Paradox/Bedrock area located in far western Montrose County had the highest valuation increase on average of about 80%.

Median % Change in Value: Western Colorado Counties

	Residential Improved Properties	Commercial/Industrial Improved Properties
Delta	45%	15%
Garfield	45%	25%
Gunnison	53%	16%
Mesa	40%	42%
Moffat	26%	23%
Montrose	47%	32%
Ouray	66%	47%
Rio Blanco	30%	12%
San Miguel	58%	28%
Overall Average % Change	46%	27%
Overall Median % Change	45%	25%

Assessment Rate by Property Class

	2022 Tax Year	2023 Tax year
Residential	6.95%	6.765%
Residential-Multi-Family	6.80%	6.765%
Renewable Energy	26.40%	26.40%
Agricultural	26.40%	26.40%
Commercial, Industrial, Vacant Land	29.00%	27.90%
Business Personal Property	29.00%	27.90%
Other Agricultural Property	29.00%	27.90%
Oil & Gas	87.50%	87.50%

Most commercial and industrial properties also had sizable valuation increases, although the increases were slightly more modest as compared to the residential subclass. The rate of change for commercial properties varied significantly based on the location, property type, and the age of the property. On average most commercial properties experienced valuation escalations between 30% and 35% over the two year period. Irrigated farmland had a relative modest increase in valuation for the 2023 reappraisal at about 7%. In conclusion, these tremendous overall increases in property values within Montrose County followed a similar trend to what occurred within most Western Colorado Counties. (See chart)

The following is a general review of property assessment and taxes. Three factors determine the level of taxes on a property: the market valuation, the assessment rate, and the mill levy.

(Market Value x Assessment Rate = Assessed Value x Mill levy = Taxes)

The assessor's office is solely responsible for establishing valuations, not taxes. To accomplish this, the assessor uses actual market sales transactions to build a mass

appraisal valuation model that is then used to set the values on all properties within the county. With the 2020 repeal of the Gallagher Amendment to the State Constitution, assessment rates are now dictated by the Colorado Legislature for all 64 Colorado Counties. In an attempt to offset the tremendous valuation increases across the entire state, the Legislature has made the following reductions in statewide assessment rates for several property classes for tax year 2023.

In addition to lowering assessment rates, the Colorado Legislature has also provided an actual value exemption of \$15,000 per residential property and \$30,000 per improved commercial property for tax year 2023. These actual valuation exemptions will not be reflected in the Notices of Valuation, but will be applied prior to the 2023 tax bills being mailed. The last component used to calculate taxes is the mill levy. Mill levies are established by the county commissioners, school districts, and the boards of the various taxing entities (fire, recreation, library, sanitation, cemetery, etc...). A summation of these various individual levies is applied to the assessed value to determine the taxes due. It is

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undetermined at this time what the 2023 mill levies will do since the taxing entities will not set their 2023 mill levies until later this fall during their budget hearings.

Ultimately, the assessor's goal is to equalize property values and ensure that the tax burden is distributed fairly and equitably among property owners within the statutory and constitutional guidelines of the State of Colorado.

After receiving your new Notice of Valuation in early May 2023, please review your change in value. If you would like to review your property characteristics or re-

search property records, please go to our online public records search program at <http://eagleweb.montrosecounty.net/eagleassessor/web>. If you would like to view sales used to establish the 2023 valuations, please go to

<http://www.montrosecounty.net/assessor>. If you disagree with the new valuation, there are detailed procedures on the back of the notice explaining how to appeal your valuation. In anticipation of a high volume of inquiries, we have established an appointment only review process.

After your own review of the reassessment data, if you wish to discuss your Notice of Valuation with an appraiser, you will need to schedule a 15 minute appointment. If you would prefer to return a completed appeal form, they can be dropped off at the office, mailed, or emailed prior to June 8th, 2023.

If you have any additional questions, please call the Montrose County Assessor's Office at (970) 249-3753 or email us at assessor@montrosecounty.net. We are located at 320 S. 1st Street, in the lower level of the historic courthouse.

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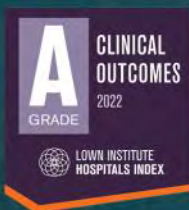




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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

RE-1J SUPERINTENDENT RESPONDS TO MIRROR REPORT ON RE-1J WORK SESSION: WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO VERIFY 'FACTS'

Dear Montrose Mirror Readers,

This editorial is in response to the recent inaccurate and misleading article published by the Mirror about the Montrose County School District Board of Education work session.

The article stated, "As a Mirror reporter arrived with a camera, Fishing informed all that the session was "no technology," and that only board members were allowed to use "the required amount of technology."

First and foremost, it was obvious to anyone present that the board room is currently under construction. There was bare wood on the wall, the projector, screen and monitors had been removed. The district has received complaints about the inadequate technology in the boardroom that impacts the productivity of the meeting and the ability to live stream the meetings. The editor of this publication was among the complainants on several occasions. At the start of the meeting, Mrs. Fishing, Board President, explained

to the guests that there is no technology available in the room so the board members would be looking at their individual devices to follow along with the presentations. Paper copies of the presentations were available to the guests. At no time did anyone state that others could not use their own technology or recording devices. In fact, Mrs. Fishing told the guests that all documents that were being viewed were available on Board Docs which is always open to the public and they could use their phones to access the site. I would also like to emphasize the importance of verifying facts before publishing an article.

The article in question was misleading and contained misinformation, which could have been avoided if the facts had been checked and verified. As an educational institution, we believe in the power of accurate information and the impact it can have on our community. While news publications are expected to report accurate information and hold themselves to a

higher standard of journalistic integrity, it has seemed recently that the Montrose Mirror often prioritizes sensationalism over facts. We encourage all journalists to fully investigate stories prior to publication. We are always available to provide context and comments. In my three years serving as superintendent of Montrose County School District, the Montrose Mirror has never once contacted me to respond to a story about a school or the school district. We teach our high school journalism students that contacting the subject of a story for response is one of the most basic tenets of journalism.

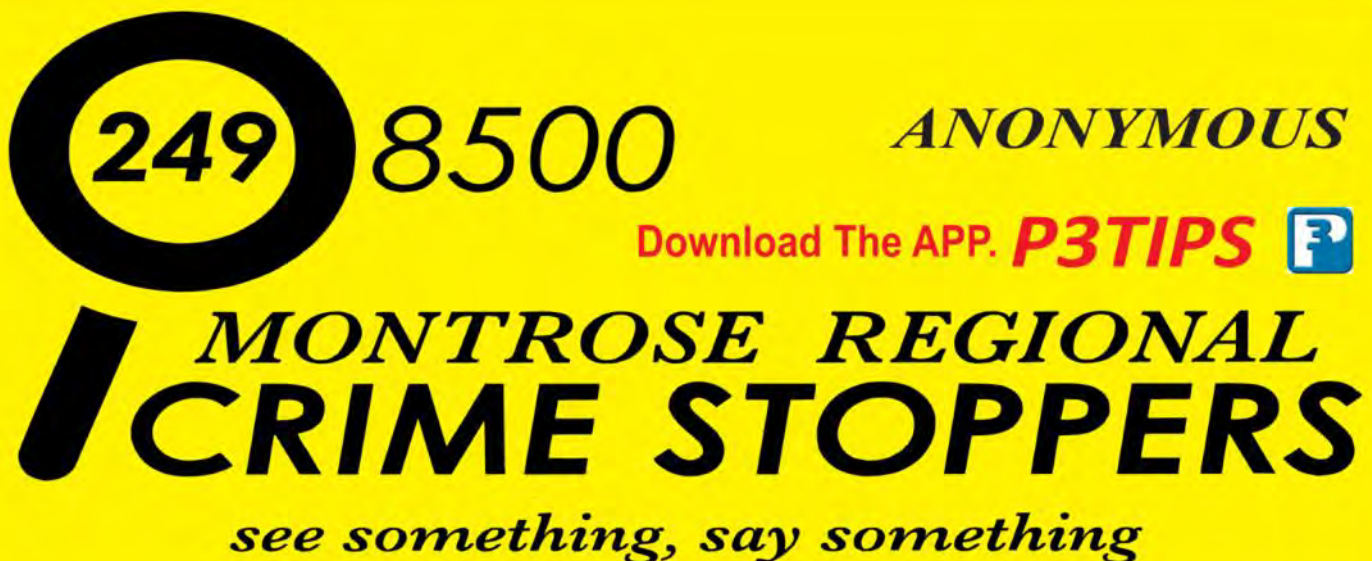
I hope that this letter serves to clarify the facts and to reinforce the importance of accurate reporting. As educators, we believe in the power of knowledge and the impact it can have on our community.

Sincerely,


Carrie Stephenson

Superintendent, Montrose County School District RE-1J

Editor's Note: Just over a year ago I called Dr. Stephenson to ask that the RE-1J Board of Education resume the live streaming of work sessions. The Superintendent's response was, "Sometimes you just don't want a camera in your face." Still, a functional live-stream, with the camera focused on the board of education rather than on parents, reporters, and others in the audience—would verify and resolve any claims of "misinformation." Additionally, we are happy to run corrections when requested. Caitlin Switzer, Mirror Editor (and RE-1J parent 2002-2023).



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

HWY 133 CLOSURE TEMPORARILY CLOSES ACCESS TO PAONIA STATE PARK



A sinkhole has formed on Colorado Highway 133 that will prohibit access to Paonia State Park from the south side of the highway for an unknown length of time. Photo courtesy of CDOT.

Special to the Mirror

PAONIA— Paonia State Park will be closed to the public until crews can repair damage to Colorado Highway 133 that has temporarily shut off access to the entrance of the park.

Two incidents have occurred on Highway 133 on both the north and south ends of the park. A rockslide is blocking the highway to the north of the park as it travels south out of Carbondale, while a significant sinkhole on the highway is blocking access to the park from the south coming out of Paonia near Somerset between Milemarkers 14-19.

CPW has issued full refunds to all campers with reservations at the park through May 17. CPW expects to be able to open the

park no later than May 17 once the rockslide on the north side of the park has been cleared.

However, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) anticipates repairs to the sinkhole on the south side of the park could take one to two months, said Paonia State Park Manager Scott Rist.

Campers with reservations for Paonia State Park after May 17 will have to access the park from the north side until the sinkhole is repaired enough to allow traffic to move through. Campers who wish to cancel their reservations after the park is reopened will be subject to CPW's cancellation fee. "Access to Paonia State Park is limited to Highway 133, and we understand the sinkhole may alter some visitors'

travel plans even after access to our entrance is restored," said Rist. "We want to thank our visitors for bearing with us while crews work hard to repair the highway and we adapt to the situation Mother Nature has dealt us early this season after the big winter we had this year."

CDOT has asked motorists to avoid the area of the sinkhole during the safety closure. The sinkhole started April 29 and has significantly damaged the roadway.

"Spring runoff is a factor in the conditions leading to the sinkhole developing," CDOT said in a news release. "There is also a damaged culvert near the roadway. CDOT is pursuing temporary ways of safely reopening the roadway, but those options will be limited due to ongoing spring runoff and nearby terrain."

Travelers are encouraged to use CO-trip.org for planning an alternate route around the area. CPW plans to open the boat ramp at Paonia State Park on Monday, May 22. "The water levels are good, and we are planning to open that boat ramp a week ahead of Memorial Day," Rist said. "We are looking forward to a great season at the park and hope the access issues are only a temporary hurdle for the 2023 summer season."

Paonia State Park is in Gunnison County, 17 miles northeast of the town of Paonia along Highway 133. The 1,523-acre park is popular for camping and photographers interested in capturing wildlife and wildflowers. For more information on Paonia State Park, go to: <https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Paonia>.

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GMUG ANNOUNCES FOREST WIDE SPRING PRESCRIBED FIRE PROJECTS

Special to the Mirror

DELTA — Fire Management Officials from the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests have announced plans to conduct multiple prescribed fire projects this spring. The vegetation treatments could occur May through July depending upon weather and appropriate ground and vegetation conditions.

The objectives are to reduce vegetation and other fuels to help reduce the risk of larger wildfires, for wildlife habitat improvement and ecosystem health. Prescribed fire in these areas will burn with less intensity under moderated conditions which will improve the resiliency of the landscape against wildfire. Prescribed burning is a versatile forest management tool that is designed to mimic historic fire behavior ranges, reduce hazardous fuels buildup, and improve habitat for a variety of wildlife. Smoke from the prescribed fires will be managed to have minimal impact on neighboring communities. These prescribed fires will aid in the decrease of longer duration, unpredictable and hazardous volumes of smoke from wildfires.

In general, prescribed fire project areas will vary in size consisting of anywhere from a couple of acres to a few hundred acres at a time. Cumulative acres planned to be treated this spring will total approximately 41,660 acres across 13 operations.

Dispersed recreation in the prescribed fire project areas may be impacted. Staff will be making personal contact with recreationists regarding any temporary closures. Signs will be placed on adjacent roads notifying the public of the project areas, as necessary.

Prescribed fire is only implemented under specific environmental conditions (e.g., wind speed, relative humidity, smoke dispersion). Prescribed fires are conducted by trained fire managers with a strong understanding of fire behavior and years of on-the-ground experience. These prescribed fire projects will only be implemented when pre-identified firefighting resources are available to support safe operations. Fire managers will monitor and staff the fire until it is deemed secure

and patrol the prescribed fire until it is declared out.

“During a lengthy pause last year in our burning operations, we worked through the actions outlined by the Chief of the Forest Service Randy Moore in the [USDA Forest Service National Prescribed Fire Review](#). These actions gave our fire managers and line officers improved processes such as ensuring prescribed fire plans are validated and up to date with the most recent science and modeling, to move forward in completing important hazardous fuels reduction work to help protect watersheds, infrastructure and communities,” said Chad Stewart, GMUG Forest Supervisor. “Public trust is vital to our ability to implement prescribed fires and provide defensive zones around GMUG communities. We are moving forward thoughtfully to use fire successfully as a tool on the landscape.”

The safety of firefighters and the public are the most important factors considered when planning prescribed fires. Prescribed fire projects will only occur when all conditions of the state-issued smoke permit are met. Learn how smoke from wildfires, prescribed burns and pile burns may affect your health by visiting the Colorado Department of Public Health website <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

The following prescribed fire areas are planned:

West Zone – Norwood/Ouray Ranger Districts

- Glencoe Pine: Located approximately 13 miles northeast of Nucla, Colorado off 25 Mesa road–National Forest System Road (NFSR) #503. Approximately 450 acres are planned to be burned to increase the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands.

- Sanborn Park: Located approximately 5 miles northeast of Norwood, Colorado near Sanborn Park road–NFSRs #530, #515 and #526. Approximately 160 acres are planned to be burned to increase the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands and protect adjacent private property from the spread of unplanned wildfires.

- Thunder Road: Located approximately 6

miles southwest of Norwood, Colorado adjacent to Thunder road–NFSR #609.

Approximately 350 acres are planned to be burned to increase the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, improve wildlife habitat, increase range forage production and protect adjacent private property from the spread of large unplanned wildfires.

- Horsefly: Located approximately 9 miles northeast of Norwood, Colorado adjacent to Horsefly Trail road–NFSR #537. Approximately 650 acres are planned to be burned to increase the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, remove activity slash, improve wildlife habitat, increase range forage production, and protect adjacent private property from the spread of large unplanned wildfires.

- Smokehouse: Located approximately 26 miles west of Delta, Colorado off NFSR #402, NFSR #503 and NFSR #529. Approximately 5,000 acres are planned to be burned to increase the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, protect adjacent private property from the spread of unplanned wildfires and reduce slash from mechanical treatments.

- Outlaw: Located approximately 27 miles west of Delta, Colorado off 25 Mesa road–NFSR #503 and NFSR #402. Approximately 4,200 acres are planned to be burned to increase the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, protect adjacent private property from the spread of unplanned wildfires and reduce slash from mechanical treatments.

- Love Mesa: Located approximately 25 miles west of Delta, Colorado off NFSR #500. Approximately 3,400 acres are planned to be burned to increase the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, protect adjacent private property from the spread of unplanned wildfires and reduce slash from mechanical treatments.

- Sawmill: Located approximately 25 miles west of Delta, Colorado off 25 Mesa road–NFSR #503. Approximately 1,300 acres are planned to be burned to increase the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, protect adjacent private

FOREST WIDE SPRING PRESCRIBED FIRE PROJECTS From previous pg

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- **Dave Wood:** This project is located approximately 15 miles southwest of Montrose, Colorado on the east and west sides of Dave Wood road—NFSR # 510. Approximately 1,400 acres are planned for treatment. The objectives for this burn include increasing the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands and protecting private property from the spread of large unplanned wildfires. This project is a continuation of fire re-entry into the ecosystem.

- **25 Mesa:** Located approximately 25 miles west of Delta, Colorado on 25 Mesa road—NFSR #503. Approximately 1,300 acres are planned to be burned to increase the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa

pine stands, protect adjacent private property from the spread of unplanned wildfires and reduce slash from mechanical treatments.

- **Cottonwood Hollow Units:** Located approximately 25 miles west of Delta, Colorado off Cottonwood road—NFSR #504. Approximately 1,800 acres are planned to be burned to increase the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, protect adjacent private property from the spread of unplanned wildfires and reduce slash from mechanical treatments.

- **Ed Joe:** Located approximately 4 miles south of Norwood, Colorado, adjacent to the Ed Joe Draw—NFSR #644. Approximately 500 acres are planned to be burned to increase the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, improve wildlife habitat, increase range forage production and protect adjacent private property from the spread of large unplanned wildfires.

- **Little Monitor:** Located approximately 25 miles west of Delta, Colorado off 25 Mesa road—NFSR #503. Approximately 1,800 acres are planned to be burned to increase the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, protect adjacent private property from the spread of unplanned wildfires and reduce slash from mechanical treatments.

East Zone – Gunnison Ranger District

- **West Elk:** Located approximately 14 miles west of Gunnison, Colorado and approximately 5 miles north of Blue Mesa Reservoir. Approximately 900 acres are planned to be burned to reduce vegetation (fuels) and improve wildlife habitat.

- **Cold Springs:** Located approximately 20 miles south of Gunnison, Colorado in the Cochetopa Hills area of the Gunnison Basin. Approximately 1500 acres are planned to be burned to reduce vegetation (fuels) and improve wildlife habitat.

North Zone – Grand Valley/Paonia Ranger

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- **Steamboat Rocks:** Located on the Lands' End road—NFSR #101 roughly 6 miles south of Grand Junction, Colorado within Mesa County. Approximately 1,100 acres are planned to be burned to reduce the threat of wildfire and improve wildlife habitat.

- **Cow Creek:** Located about 9 miles east of Gateway, Colorado and 25 miles southwest of Grand Junction, Colorado. Approximately 15,000 acres are planned to be burned over multiple days reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfire and improve wildlife habitat.

- **La Fair Units:** Located 15 miles east of Gateway, Colorado. Approximately 850 acres are planned to be burned to increase the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, reduce the threat of wildfire and improve wildlife habitat.

"Prescribed fire remains an important way to minimize the risk of large, severe wildfires to a variety of values and resources by reducing fuel loadings in strategic locations. It is also an important ecological disturbance and nutrient provider, which is vital to wildlife habitat improvement and overall ecosystem function. The primary objectives for these prescribed fires remain focused on firefighter and public safety. We remain committed to doing this work safely and effectively," said Sean Stafford, GMUG Fire Management Officer. The public is reminded not to call 911 or emergency services if smoke is visible in specific burn areas. Prescribed burn areas and potential dates will be posted on the [GMUG Fire Info Facebook page](#). For information and updates on current fire restrictions, conditions, and recreation opportunities on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests visit the [forest website](#). Connect with us on social media ([Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)).



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

THIS TRAITOROUS PRESIDENT ISN'T DONE WITH DESTROYING AMERICA YET

Editor;

Okay, here they come. In just three days Title 42 expires and there will be the largest despicable invasion and destruction of a country the world has ever seen. And that country is the United States of America. The whole world is watching and laughing at the dummies who planted such a despicable, criminal and corrupt leader of the United States of America in office and who was also placed there by his lies and corruption from an admitted stolen election from voter fraud. And this traitorous president isn't done with destroying America yet. He is now sending 1,500 active-duty military troops to the southern border. Oh no, they're not there to do any enforcement! They're there to play the role of servants of a "welcome wagon" for the invasion. This is not what our great military are for, but they've been ordered to team up with the Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection and their Field Operation teams running drills and STOCKPILING GOODS LIKE FOOD AND DIAPERS, feeding illegals, providing water and blankets for little kids, and providing all the other unimaginable freebies to make them comfortable and satisfied! The troops will be processing paperwork and warehouse support handing out all the free stuff. Pallets of thin foil blankets are already sitting ready to be handed out to illegals. Of course there will be portapottys as far as the eye can see. It's estimated there will be approximately 13,000 invaders every day after Title 42 ends. We hear about Iran seizing oil tankers in the Gulf and our military is ordered to concen-

trate on accommodating invaders and recruiting drag queens! Will Biden gain sanity in time to save America? There's no indication that will happen. Their only phony excuse for all the border problems is always, "Republicans won't pass immigration reform legislation". But that's just another of their lies and deceit because their real intention of their "reform" is to make citizens out of every invader, which would only make matters worse and increase the invasion. Their attempts to manipulate the mind are mind-boggling.

Now they're getting closer to the western slope. In January, 4,000 invading Venezuelans arrived in Denver. So Denver converted three recreation centers into emergency shelters and paid for families with children to stay in hotels, allocating \$3 million. Denver officials estimate the cost of housing migrants in the city could be as much as \$20 million for six months. To make sure they are as comfortable as possible, Denver is spending roughly \$800-\$1000 per week per migrant. They get free hotels, three meals a day, transportation from shelters and reception centers, as well as bus tickets and airline tickets out of Denver for (ahem) "reunification". Denver officials say they are seeing "growth" in the number of incoming migrants and have purchased 1,900 one-way bus tickets to ship them out. These Democrat Mayors and Governors must be sick of their own sanctuary policies! So where are they going? Montrose? Delta? Grand Jct.? How about Telluride or Aspen? There they could certainly put on a show of hospitality! So get ready. Democrats have set

America up for tough times. Wherever they go the local Democrat voters there should step up to bat and line up at the bus station to offer them their extra bedrooms and present them with their breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus. Of course expect a demand to alter the menu to accommodate demands to suit their palates. But show them you're proud of the president you elected.

This whole tragedy didn't have to happen if Biden hadn't cancelled the border wall. Now.....better sit down!.....Biden's stubborn insanity is costing us taxpayers \$130,000 A DAY JUST TO STORE THE UNUSED MATERIAL!! And that's in addition to the \$ billions he is spending on the comfort of the invaders because of not having the border wall in place! Who could have imagined all this demented insanity could have happened to America?? And this crazed destruction of America's borders is allowing horrendous amounts of drugs into America which killed 106,699 Americans in 2021! That's 292 deaths per day or one overdose death every 5 minutes! Democrats don't need to holler and scream about their phony concern for gun deaths and then completely ignore the thousands of drug deaths THEY CAUSED!! Their hypocrisy is stifling! What else is needed to prove the Democrats' dishonesty?? Their war on guns and their elimination is a Marxist demand and condition for their domination.

It's a sad day when it's easier to abort an American child than it is to deport an illegal alien!

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose



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JOAN MARDELL ELLIOTT *November 7, 1936- April 27, 2023*



JOAN MARDELL ELLIOTT, our beautiful mother was set free from her earthly toils on April 27, 2023, in the comfort of her own home at the age of 86. She was born Joan MardeLL Bryant on November 7, 1936, in Montrose and started her life on Iron Springs Mesa homestead with her mom,

Carrie M. Kestner Bryant and her Daddy, Dan Bryant and siblings. "Joannie" as she was known to her elders went on to excel at everything she did in school and graduated from Nucla High School with honors.

Marriage to George R. Elliott, motherhood and raising her children, covered the next few years. Joan started building an award-winning achievement portfolio early on with Cub Scout leader, 4-H leader, PTA, trip sponsor. Community brought the Nucla Bell Tower Project, The Domingo Escalante Trail Project, and Colorado 100 years with a time capsule and celebration. The empty nest brought a sewing business that brought copyrights for the state columbine pattern and sales of her items as far away as Disneyland.

She then decided it was time to go back to college and get her degree at Mesa State University in Grand Junction, CO. She then used the degree to seek mammography work in Phoenix and surrounding areas. She worked in Salt Lake City, and there had the pleasure of experiencing the 2002 Winter Olympics firsthand.

Soon after she chose to relocate to Montrose to be close to family and her moun-

tains. Joan got busy right away with being an adult English tutor, a CASA volunteer, a museum helper, and doing secretarial work for HopeWest. She helped at the voting locations when needed. There was time spent hiking through canyons, across deserts, and up some serious mountains. She found time for several cruises with close family members and even some scuba diving. She even tried her hand at being a census taker. Joan wasn't done yet as she had several murder novels hidden away that made their way to publication.

Joan was a member of the women's union of the Hillcrest Congregational Church UCC for many years and still helping as she was able. Joan is survived by a son, Corey A. Elliott, a daughter, Colleen J. Matthews, both of Montrose, CO. Surviving sisters are Virginia Rossi of Phippsburg, CO, Romaine Webb, Carol Barker, both of Grand Junction, CO. She also has two grandchildren, Robert D. Wolf, III, Montrose, CO, and Jacob G. Matthews, (married) Logan, UT. Joan M. Elliott, our sweet mother will be sorely missed. We love you. Crippin Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family. 970-249-2121

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

JOE HARRISON

October 4, 1973 -April 20, 2023

JOE HARRISON, 49 passed away at his home of natural causes on April 20, 2023. He was born on October 4, 1973 in Montrose, Colorado.

He was raised in Montrose by his dad, Dean and Mom Tracy. Joe graduated from Montrose High School in 1992 as a proud Indian!

Joe was a great man with many talents. He loved his wife Jodie, mom Tracy, his dogs, and all his wonderful friends. Joe also loved music, motorcycles, four wheelers, dirt bikes, big trucks, Lake Powell and fishing. Joe truly loved his family, friends, and his beloved dogs.

Joe married his wife Jodie (Johnson) on September 6, 2008 at Ridgway State Park. Joe and Jodie spent 26 years together. Joe is survived by his wife Jodie, mom

Tracy, his dogs Koolie D and Rivi Roo, Grandma Shirley, Sister Kim, as well as many Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins. Joe is preceded in death by his dad Dean Harrison, Grandparents Joe and Harriett Harrison, Delena and Dean Robertson.

Services will be held at the Montrose Elks Lodge Park on Saturday May 13, 2023. From 11am – 3pm. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. A potluck style lunch is requested, people with last



names; A-L please bring a side dish and M-Z please bring a dessert course.

Memorial Contributions can be donated in Joe's name to Second Chance Humane Society, Ridgway Colorado 81432 970-626-3233 secondchancehumane.org

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family.

ALICIA BROOKE MAJOR

July 31, 1998- April 21, 2023



Our precious Alicia (Allie) Brooke Major passed away to be with our Heavenly Father. Allie was born in Montrose, Colorado on July 31st, 1998, to Felisia and Steve Major. She lived in

Montrose until she passed away on April 21st, 2023, surrounded by loved ones.

Our sweet Allie was born with a rare disability that gave her a life expectancy of 14 years old. Despite all her hardships, she showed us how strong she was in every little thing she did and lived to be 24 years old. Our Allie was not only a daughter, sister, granddaughter, cousin, and friend, but she was a true blessing in disguise. She was our gift from God who brought us joy and taught us so many things in life. She taught us how to love unconditionally, how to be compassionate, to be generous, kind and not to take things for granted. Anyone who was blessed to meet her and got to know her could not help but fall in

love with her. She had gorgeous hazel eyes and her smiles were the most beautiful, contagious smiles you could ever see. Allie knew no hate, no anger, and never judged. She stands in our hearts as a reminder of strength, perseverance, and love.

Allie is survived by; (Mother) Felisia and Shane Sprang, (Father) Steve Major and Shana Frey, (Sisters/Brothers) Kristin Major, Ashley and Aaron Vigil, Samantha Major, Dorian and Shelbi Sprang, Coti and Ashley Thompson, (Grandparents) Monette Major and Richard Hobbs, Randall and Tina Rowland, Tom Martinez, and Susan Sprang, (Uncles/Aunts) Mark and Debbie Martinez, Shaunna Maurer, Sharon and Christopher Brockman, Ephraim, Theo, and Tristen Rowland, Michelle Goldstein, Shanen Sprang, Brandie and Tony Winter. (Nieces/Nephews), Arianna and Janessa Cano, Anthony, Addison, and Aari-lyn Vigil, and Grayson Sprang. (Cousins) Michael and Alicia Garcia, Kassandra and Mark Largent, Dylan Martinez, Maximillian Martinez, Mark and Logan Martinez, Marie Martinez, Amanda and Brandon

Strang, Lexy, Makala, and Emma Winter, Alyssa McCarthy, Jordan and Cody Davenport, and many more.

She is preceded in death by two of the most amazing people, her grandmother, Elizabeth Rowland who she had an undeniable bond with and were partners in crime, and her grandfather, Dennis Major. She truly was a gift from God, and we look forward to the day we can see her run, laugh, be healthy, happy, and beautiful as God always intended her to be. Until then, we will remember everything she taught us, all the joy she brought us and hold her close in our hearts.

A memorial service in Allie's honor will be held at Montrose Christian Church on May 13, 2023, at 10am. Following the service there will be a reception at Fellowship Hall. Friends and family are welcome to attend. Allie had a love for butterflies and the color purple, you are welcome to wear something cheerful, purple, or with butterflies in her honor.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made at time of service or to <https://gofund.me/0ac1fcb9>

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HEY BUDDY, CAN YOU SPARE A WOLF?

By Lauren Hall Ruddell, PhD.

COLORADO—At first glance, you would think state governments hostile to wolves would be anxious to get rid of a few. This turns out not to be true, in fact the situation is just the opposite.

On May 3, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted the final draft of the agency's Wolf Restoration and Management Plan.

This comes after nearly two years of collecting input from a broad range of stakeholders, including ranchers, scientists, hunters, advocates, biologists, and community members. After 18 public meetings and over 4,000 comments, the commission has concluded with confidence that the public interest has been served and approved the plan by a unanimous vote.

Unanimous means that all parties are satisfied, right? Not so, since this was a compromise. Wildlife advocates Defenders of Wildlife seemed generally content with the plan and cautiously optimistic that ultimately both ranchers and wolves can co-exist. Wild Earth Guardians, however, are left discontent because of the possibility of lethal control that a 10(j) rule would allow for problem animals responsible for livestock losses. Ranchers are less than thrilled because they fear hold-ups in the certification of livestock loss attributed to wolves may cause unacceptable financial hardship if compensation is delayed or denied, putting some operations out of

business. Rancher Ginny Harrington, Membership Chair of the Holy Cross Cattleman's Association, stated "If you love this view, thank a rancher..." Her contention was that wolves will put many ranches out of business, after which urbanization will ensue.

After the dust has cleared, two questions remain...Will the federal 10(j) rule be adopted by the target date of December 15, and where will the reintroduced wolves come from?

"We are on schedule to meet our obligation to restore and manage gray wolves," stated Executive Director of Colorado Department of Natural Resources Dan Gibbs. He claimed just prior to the final meeting that talks are underway with three to five potential donor states, yet only one of those states has confirmed outreach from Colorado. Wyoming has acknowledged a formal request. And their response was not just no, it was hell no.

"Our current wolf management plan is working, and it works because it is designed to manage wolves in biologically and socially suitable habitats and to keep wolves out of areas of the state where conflicts would be highest," Wyoming governor Mark Gordon said. "Our border with Colorado is an unsuitable area for wolves, and that would mean more human conflicts. Resolutions of conflicts are almost always deadly to wolves." This is a polite way of saying that in order to protect wolves, we refuse to give you any, be-



There are several more steps to go in the process before a scene like this comes to Colorado. Photo Courtesy of Fiona Scurrah

cause reintroduction to Colorado is a very bad idea. Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon are unaware of substantial negotiations on this matter.

Let's assume that this kink will be worked out sometime before December and wolves could be on their way from another state after all. Are wolf advocate's worries over at that point? Not if the 10(j) rule has been published, permitting lethal control. Groups, such as WildEarth Guardians, have sued in the past over the 10(j) rule for other species.

The Fish and Wildlife Service's proposed 10(j) designation for Colorado reintroduced wolves is a sort of partnership that gives the feds and the state "increased

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management flexibility" under the Endangered Species Act. So where it's usually illegal to kill an animal that is officially endangered, the proposed 10(j) for Colorado reintroduced wolves would allow ranchers to kill individuals that attack livestock. The service's proposed designation could also allow lethal control for wolves or packs that have an "unacceptable impact" on populations of ungulates like deer, elk, and moose.

Senate Bill 256 — sponsored by Sens. Dylan Roberts, D-Avon and Perry Will, R-New Castle, and in the House by Reps. Megan Lukens, D-Steamboat Springs, and Matt Soper, R-Delta — would require that the state obtain a 10(j) rule from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service *before* any reintroduction can occur. Further, SB 256 says wolves cannot be reintroduced into the areas targeted in the plan until all litigation

has been resolved. Governor Polis opposes this bill and wants to see wolves on the ground by Dec. 31, 2023, regardless of their federal status.

SB 256 would allow the state to manage the wolf populations with limited involvement by USFWS. A 10(j) ruling would designate reintroduced wolves as a "nonessential experimental" population instead of an endangered species. The CPW could then investigate livestock kills from wolves and perform "lethal takes" of problem animals.

Without a 10(j) rule, the federal government would have sole authority over wolf management, and three years of work by CPW on a wolf reintroduction plan managed by Proposition 114 would effectively be rendered meaningless. Problem animals that cause damage to ranchers and other members of the public may only be

controlled by federal agents, since they would remain a fully protected endangered species.

Both lethal control and the requirement for all litigation to be concluded before reintroduction is considered critical by SB 256 supporters. Wolf advocates oppose the lethal take and especially the litigation aspects of the bill, claiming that this provision could postpone reintroduction for up to a decade.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service took public comments on the proposed rule through April 18. That part of the process is now concluded and the rest remains in the hands of the federal government biologists and regulators. The next few months will be critical, as many dominoes need to fall into place in the correct order for successful wolf reintroduction to begin by Jan. 1, 2024.

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Graduation Day is May 13, 2023 for the San Juan Christian Home Educators' graduating class.
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

CHIPETA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS MOAB'S ANCIENT ASTRONOMERS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Moab's *Ancient Astronomers* is the topic of the Chipeta Archaeological Society presentation on May 17 at 7 pm. Re-scheduled from February, Rory Tyler will present his interpretations about four Basketmaker rock art sites near Moab with astronomical significance. Tyler is a dynamic researcher with 30 years exploring in the Moab area. The public is always invited, no charge. United Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose.

SAN JUAN HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION HOSTS ANNUAL BOOT STOMP FUNDRAISER JUNE 2

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE— The San Juan Healthcare Foundation invites the community to "stomp on cancer" at the annual **Boot Stomp** event to benefit patients at the San Juan Cancer Center (SJCC). The event will take place Friday, June 2, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. at Storm King Mountain Ranch.

The fundraising event features a barbecue and barn dance, while attendees are invited to wear cowboy casual dress and enjoy live music by Narrow Gauge Country. A live auction and gift card raffle will

also be part of the festivities.

"I don't know anyone who has not had a family member or friend face cancer," said Terri Leben, Boot Stomp event organizer. "Our community is blessed to have the San Juan Cancer Center here to care for our family and friends. Come enjoy the fun and in turn make a difference to those facing cancer!"

The event has raised over \$196,000 for patients at the San Juan Cancer Center at Montrose Regional Health. The goal for this year's event is to raise \$60,000 to contribute to the cost of bringing new and

updated medical equipment for cancer patients. The impacts of cancer are life-changing for those who are diagnosed with cancer and their family members. The San Juan Cancer Center at Montrose Regional Health opened its doors on April 3, 2006 - providing complete cancer care close to home to our communities. Storm King Mountain Ranch is a beautiful venue for the event at 70777 Buckhorn Road in Montrose. A limited number of individual tickets are available for \$75 and may be purchased online at www.bootstompmontrose.com.

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Office Hours: Varies and by appointment

Contact Information: (970) 249-2451

<https://www.allsaintsmontrose.org/> Priest: The Rev Gary L. Way, Interim Priest Worship Service Times: Sunday, 9AM, Holy Eucharist. Wednesdays, 11AM Holy Eucharist

with prayers for healing.

Wednesday, Noon, Multi-denominational Community 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. Children's Christian Education Program is conducted

during the 9AM service. This is a family-sized church that welcomes all individuals and families. We are currently comprised of families and singles, ages 13 to 90. Fellowship time follows each Sunday Service with a fellowship meal following the service on the 3d Sunday. Welcome home to a family celebrating Christ, in fellowship, growing in the truth of God's Word, with worship in the Anglican tradition.

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CELEBRATION CHURCH

Denomination: Southern Baptist Church (SBC – Southern Baptist Convention)

Address: 2900 Sunnyside Road, Montrose, CO 81401

Office Hours: By appointment

Phone: (970) 497-4925

Email: celebrationmontrose@gmail.com

Website: <https://celebrationmontrose.org/>

Senior Pastor:

Pastor Brandon Mathis

Church Description/Mission: Celebration Church makes disciples that make disciples. Our core values include the Scripture, discipleship, community, service, prayer, love, and unity.

Demographics: Multi-generational

Celebration Kids: Nursery (Birth-4 years old) 8am, 9:30am & 11am
Celebration Kids (Ages 5 – 10) 9:30am & 11am

Discipleship: Students (Ages 11-18) 9:30am Sundays

Adult D2 Classes: 9:30am & 11am Sundays

Other Discipleship Opportunities:

Youth Night: First & Third Wednesdays of month 6pm

Celebration Groups (all ages): Sundays – Fridays various times & locations

Seasons Young Adult (Ages 18-26) Celebration Group: Thursdays @ 5:30pm off campus location

Celebrate Recovery: Friday nights @ 6:30pm

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Denomination: Christ Lutheran Montrose

Affiliation: Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Address: 1980 N. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401

Contact: 970-633-0226

Website: www.montroselutheran.org

Email: montroselutheran@gmail.com

Pastor: Tim Onnen

Worship: Sundays at 9 AM

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

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

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

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Denomination: Church of the Nazarene

Address: 705 South 12th Street

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am-Noon and by Appointment

Contact Information: Office Phone 970 249-9213, mncfirst@gmail.com, www.montrosenazarenechurch.org

Pastor: Buddy Cook

Services Sunday: Worship 10 AM, Adult Bible Study 11:30 AM Worship includes age-appropriate children's ministry during adult worship.

Wednesday: Prayer Boot Camp - 7 PM
Mission Statement: *Montrose First Church of the Nazarene exists to make Christlike*

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

Affiliation: Presbyterian

Address: 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO.

81401 **Office Hours:** M-Thu 9AM -

12PM **Contact:** 970-249-4732, [\[form@fpcmontrose.com\]\(mailto:form@fpcmontrose.com\),](mailto:in-</p>
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www.fpcmontrose.com

Pastor: Jesse Mabanglo

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

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.

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HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Denomination affiliation: United Church of Christ

Address: 611 South Hillcrest Drive, Montrose, CO 81401

Office hours: By appointment

Contact information:

Phone number: (970) 249-9047

Email address: office@montroseucc.org

Website: montroseucc.org

Current Pastor: Rev. Wendy Kidd

Worship service times: Sunday, 10 a.m.

Hillcrest Congregational UCC is a welcoming, open and affirming church, open to all no matter who you are or where you are

on life's journey.

Church demographics: HCUCC welcomes all ages to worship with

us. (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles)

We offer inter-generational worship with a children's "prayer-ground" and activity packets. A cry room is also available.

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Denomination Affiliation: United Methodist

Address: 19 S. Park Avenue Montrose CO. 81401

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

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

montroseumc.org

Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Kevin Young

Worship service times:

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual

9:45 a.m. Christian Education & Fellowship

11 a.m. Sanctuary

Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully inclusive, loving, and just servants of

Christ. Our church family welcomes people from various cultural and faith backgrounds: single, married, remarried, with or without children, from diapers to den-

tures. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come discover hope, joy, peace, purpose.

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

Affiliation: Southern Baptist

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

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

Contact information:

Phone: 970.249.4887

website: www.RosemontBaptist.org

email: office@rosemontbaptist.org

Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson

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

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

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

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

matter what stage of life they are in.

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

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

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

Denomination affiliation: Independent Interfaith

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

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

Home Office – 970-252-0908

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

arlyn@spiritaware.org,

www.spiritaware.org

Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn

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

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

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

SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation:

Southern Baptist

Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

Office hours: Varies

Contact information:

phone number: 970-275-7026

email: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com

website: www.summitchurchmontrose.org

Name of current Senior Pastor: John De-

Sario

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

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

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

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

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VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

Denomination Affiliation: Independent Baptist

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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-12pm

Contact Information: Phone (970) 249-

6874; email at info@vbcmontrose.org; website: vbcmontrose.org

Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

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

Victory Baptist Church exists to exalt God, edify saints, and evangelize the lost. Demographics: Victory Baptist serves everyone with age-appropriate classes, groups, and activities. Families with children make up the majority of VBC with young adults, singles, middle-aged couples, and seniors comprising the rest.

Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

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

information to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

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Hep A	Typhoid
Hep B	Hep A/Hep B
	COVID-19 (Moderna)

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

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128 South Townsend Ave Montrose
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Tdap	Rabies
Meningococcus	Polio
Chickenpox	Japanese Encephalitis
Hep A	Hep B
	COVID-19

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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

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

GREATER MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS – May 25.

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.

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

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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 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

May 9-CMU Montrose Campus Lecture Series presents Dr. Gayle Frazzetta, Part II in the series on Women's Health: "Understanding Your Body: PCOS, Postpartum Depression, and Perimenopause" 6:30-8p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at Cascade Hall, S. 3rd St, CMU Montrose Campus. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Rhonda Claridge at 970.249.7009.

May 17-*Moab's Ancient Astronomers* is the topic of the Chipeta Archaeological Society presentation on May 17 at 7 pm. Re-scheduled from February, Rory Tyler will present his interpretations about four Basketmaker rock art sites near Moab with astronomical significance. Tyler is a dynamic researcher with 30 years exploring in the Moab area. The public is always invited, no charge. United Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose.

May 20-Western Slope Group of the Colorado Mountain Club Intro to Hiking Safety takes place Saturday May 20 from 10-11:30am at the Montrose Rec Field House Summit Room \$7 CMCmembers, \$12 nonmembers More info: WSGofCMC@gmail.com Seating limited, register at: <https://www.cmc.org/groups-sections/groups-around-the-state/western-slope-group/course-templates/intro-to-hiking-safety-western-slope/intro-to-hiking-safety-montrose-2023>

June 3-Cleaning Expo-10am, 1020 S. Townsend Ave. 970-787-2006

June 17-The Montrose Wine and Food Festival is back for its 20th year on Saturday, June 17 from 1 – 5 pm at the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater with its Grand Tasting Event. The afternoon will consist of several local food, beverage, and craft vendors. Benefitting the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club, the Festival is a premiere event in Montrose, and is a day not to be missed. Tickets for the Grand Tasting are \$35 and are available online at www.blackcanyontickets.com and at the gate Saturday, June 17th, 2023.

June 24-Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans will host their 4th Annual Freedom Sings USA Concert in Montrose on June 24, 2023. This benefit concert will help fund the continuation of Freedom Sings USA Colorado, who will open for county music headliner HunterGirl at the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater at Cerise Park. Contact Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans at 970-765-2210 for more information.

July 29-30-Colorado Mountain Club Western Slope Group is hosting two days of Wilderness First Aid, July 29 and 30 in Montrose. Details and registration at: https://www.cmc.org/groups-sections/cmc-state/course-templates/wilderness-medicine-school-wilderness-first-aid/copy6_of_wilderness-first-aid-cmc-state-2023

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

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