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# the Montrose Mirror

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## NO COVERAGE FOR PASSENGER AFTER 'SELF-INSURED' MEDICAL TAXI T-BONES UNINSURED, ILLEGAL DRIVER



By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Colorado allowed its 1974 no-fault auto insurance law to expire in 2003, and became an at-fault state. At the time, the change was touted as a way to save on auto insurance.

Today, the hidden costs of that decision are all too visible in the rearview mirror--when your livelihood and body are damaged by an illegal, uninsured motorist, your options are few if the wrong party is deemed to be at fault.

Just ask Stephan Lloyd-Trouten of Montrose. A graphic artist and journalist by profession, Lloyd-Trouten loved to bake and cook as a hobby. His life changed in a matter of minutes on Sept. 6, 2022, the day he took a Sunshine Rides medical taxi-- paid for by Medicaid-- from his home in Montrose to a medical appointment in Grand Junction. At 9:45am, the medical taxi T-boned a sedan at 65mph while Westbound on US 50 at Jay Jay Road. At fault was an unregistered, uninsured vehicle driven by a 26-year-old woman with only

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*Above, Stephan Lloyd-Trouten is pictured on a flight to the Front Range on June 6, "I was in Denver for NeuroMuscular testing at UHealth Neurosciences Center - Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora," Lloyd-Trouten said. "We do not have any NeuroMuscular specialists on the Western Slope."*

## BOCC VOTES TO SUPPORT CHALLENGE TO SB 23-303

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All commissioners were present as Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Chair Sue Hansen called the regular meeting to order on Wednesday, June 7. Vice Chair Roger Rash led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Buddy Cook of 1<sup>st</sup> Church of the Nazarene delivered the invocation. "Heavenly Father, your word tells us that even the son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many," Cook said. He expressed thanks for those who serve their country and for county leaders and staff. "Lord, your service was sacrificial, costly, and humble, and it changed the world."

"May we serve this way as well."

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

### COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Jon Waschbusch

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*The Montrose County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) voted on June 7 to oppose SB 23-393. Meeting Screen-shot.*

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

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## BOCC VOTES TO SUPPORT CHALLENGE TO SB 23-303 *From pg 1*

had no changes to the meeting agenda.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved, with Resolution No. 22-2023 assigned to Consent Agenda Item Two and Resolution No. 23-2023 assigned to Consent Agenda Item 18.

### GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

County Attorney Marti Whitmore presented Item D-1, Consideration and possible adoption of Resolution 24-2023 supporting the Advance Colorado Challenge to Senate Bill 23-303 Proposition HH.

Prior to voting to adopt Resolution 24-2023, commissioners took time to comment. Said BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash, "...it's just a shame that this current administration, including the governor, throws something like this in at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour and they steal the voice of Colorado citizens like a thief in the night...I hope people will think about that in the next election." Commissioner Keith Caddy said that Montrose County has not "De-Bruced," but has kept the TABOR (Taxpayers' Bill of Rights) Amendment, passed by Colorado voters in 1992, in place. If Proposition HH were to pass, citizens would no longer receive TABOR refunds, Caddy said. "We're going to keep TABOR in place in this county..."

TABOR limits the amount that you can be taxed, BOCC Chair Sue Hansen said.

"Anything above that has to be refunded to the taxpayer, and this (bill) would eliminate that. If this bill comes on the ballot in November, be very careful about the wording."

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Hansen opened a public hearing as commissioners considered Item E-1, the Hogans of Bedrock Special Use [SU22-014] proposal to establish an RV Park at Parcel 401913100034.

With no identified water source and concerns as to ingress and egress, the Planning Commission had recommended denial. Hansen closed the public hearing. Commissioners voted to deny the Hogans of Bedrock Special Use Proposal.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the James Smith Minor Subdivision [MI23-003] proposal to divide one 15.915 acre lot from a 50.915 parcel at Parcel 372118400030, 62571 Falcon Rd, 16097 6900 RD, based on findings.

Commissioners continued the Culver View Minor Subdivision [MI23-005] proposal to divide a 15.2-acre lot into three lots at Parcel 376509102002, 5800 Rd & Jig Rd., to allow additional time for a site visit. The proposal will come before the BOCC again during the meeting of July 5 at 930am.

Commissioners voted to approve the 6100 Road Vacation [RV23-001] proposal to vacate a portion of 6100 RD at Parcel 376536300014, 16097 6900 RD.

Also approved was the Amended Plat of Common Area 4 River's Edge at Southmont Filing No. 11 [RP23-001] proposal to create an Outlot to be deeded to Home Owner's Association at Parcel 399325306901.

Commissioners voted to approve Item E-6 as well, amending Resolution No. 46-2021 regarding subdivision School Fees-In-Lieu of Land Dedication calculations based on the current Montrose County Assessors Land Values. The Amendment will change the Fee-in-Lieu calculation land value from \$20,350. per acre with a fee of \$508. per lot, to \$38,700. per acre with a fee of \$968. per lot.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL BOARD OWE TAXPAYERS, PARENTS AN ANSWER

Editor:

Our schools are in crisis as test scores plummet. All you have to do is go to [www.nationsreportcard.gov](http://www.nationsreportcard.gov) to view the disturbing details. Here in Colorado the taxpayer cost per pupil in public school is expected to exceed \$10,500 this year. Our children are being shortchanged in quality education and taxpayers are being bilked by not receiving full value for their investment in education. Many of our schools' shortcomings can be directly attributable to the increasingly radical self-serving teacher unions and "woke" school boards that don't feel they are accountable to either parents or taxpayers!

The Colorado Education Association [CEA] is proving to be as radical as their national counterpart. Recently the CEA adopted a resolution that should raise the ire of every taxpayer! Read this and try not to blow

a gasket:

*"CEA believes that capitalism requires exploitation of children, public schools, land, labor, and/or resources. Capitalism is in opposition to fully addressing systemic racism (the school to prison pipeline), climate change, patriarchy, (gender and LGBTQ disparities), education inequality, and income inequality."*

This is nothing but a bold face Marxist manifesto drafted by radical woke idiots who certainly don't have our children's best interests at heart, nor do they deserve to be associated with our school system in any manner! Boasting a membership of 39,000, are these really the people we should "trust" to educate our future generations?

Surprisingly neither our Superintendent nor any board member has publicly spoken up against this idiocy! Do they agree

with the manifesto or are they scared to buck the teachers union? Both the Superintendent and individual board members owe the taxpayers and school parents a clear and transparent answer!

If you don't want our children indoctrinated to hate this country, parents and taxpayers should certainly attend the School Board meeting tomorrow night at 6:30PM at District headquarters to demand answers. If you can't make the board meeting, at least email Superintendent Carrie Stephenson at [carrie.stephenson@mcsd.org](mailto:carrie.stephenson@mcsd.org) and express your concern. Let friends and family know the communists are coming for our kids! Everyone needs to stand up and be heard. It seems a ballot box revolution is in order and the teacher union needs to be the first to get the boot!

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# NO COVERAGE FOR PASSENGER From pg 1

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To this day he suffers numbness throughout his left side and limbs, and severe nerve damage and deformities to his chest wall.

Struggling to recover, his 45<sup>th</sup> birthday was spent in acute rehab. Today, Lloyd-Trouten has been homebound for nine months. Unable to work, he relies on food bank deliveries and help from community organizations. A GoFundme site has been set up to help him with accident-related

costs not covered by insurance as well as living expenses.

The criminal case against the at-fault driver included a primary charge of "careless driving caused bodily injury," as well as charges of "seat belt not used; failure to display proof of insurance; driving under restraint; and license plates expired."

The case against the driver was settled in March by the Montrose District Attorney's office.

Still, "My lawyer from Frank Azar's office says I will never see financial compensation from her, due to the lack of car insurance and assets," Lloyd-Trouten wrote in a May 6 letter to Governor Jared Polis. "I will also see nothing from the Sunshine Rides paratransit insurance policy because

the company's taxi was 'self-insured' and found Zero percent liable—which takes away all liability against the taxi company."

Sunshine Rides is a medical taxi based in Grand Junction.

When Lloyd-Trouten filed a complaint with the Public Utilities Commission, he wrote about how his case seems to have fallen through the cracks. He received the following response from the PUC:

*"Thank you for your letter to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) regarding your concerns with All Points Transit. As a matter of general information effective June 28, 2021 HB21-1206 modified § 40-10.1-301 and 302 C.R.S removed the requirement for medical transportation providers to obtain a PUC permit. The Colorado Department of Health Care & Policy & Financing is now responsible for the oversight of these types of carriers. Unfortunately, the PUC does not have any jurisdiction with regard to your particular dispute. PUC staff also does not have any jurisdictional authority regarding damage claims of any kind. You may want to reach out to the Colorado Department of Health Care & Policy & Financing, they may be able to offer assistance. I am sorry we are unable to be of assistance with this particular issue."*

Lloyd-Trouten's response to the PUC was brief.

"For your records, the complaint listed in my letter is against Sunshine Rides of Grand Junction, not All Points Transit of Montrose."

The situation as summed up in Lloyd-Trouten's May 6 letter to Governor Jared Polis is grim:

*"...I was a passenger in a medical taxi, a fare which was paid for by Medicaid. There was an uninsured, at-fault driver. There was a licensed and insured taxi driver; coverage only protecting me if he was found liable. He was found Zero percent liable. So...what about me, the third party?"*

Still, he expressed hope in the same letter. "Thankfully, through it all I have maintained my sobriety...Thank God I was not Colorado's 746<sup>th</sup> traffic death for 2022."

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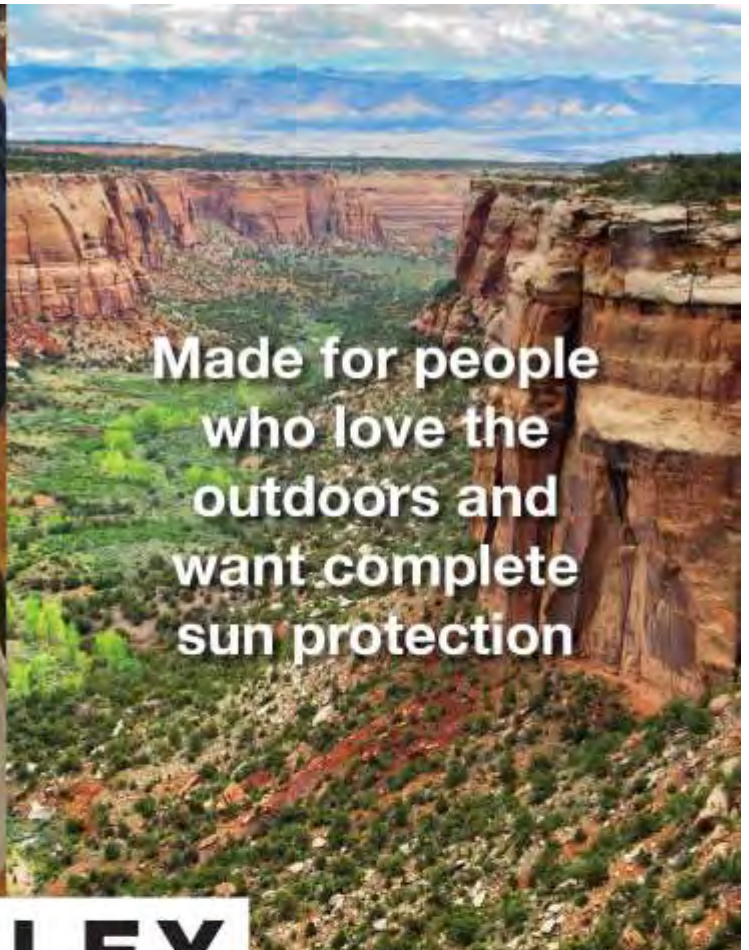


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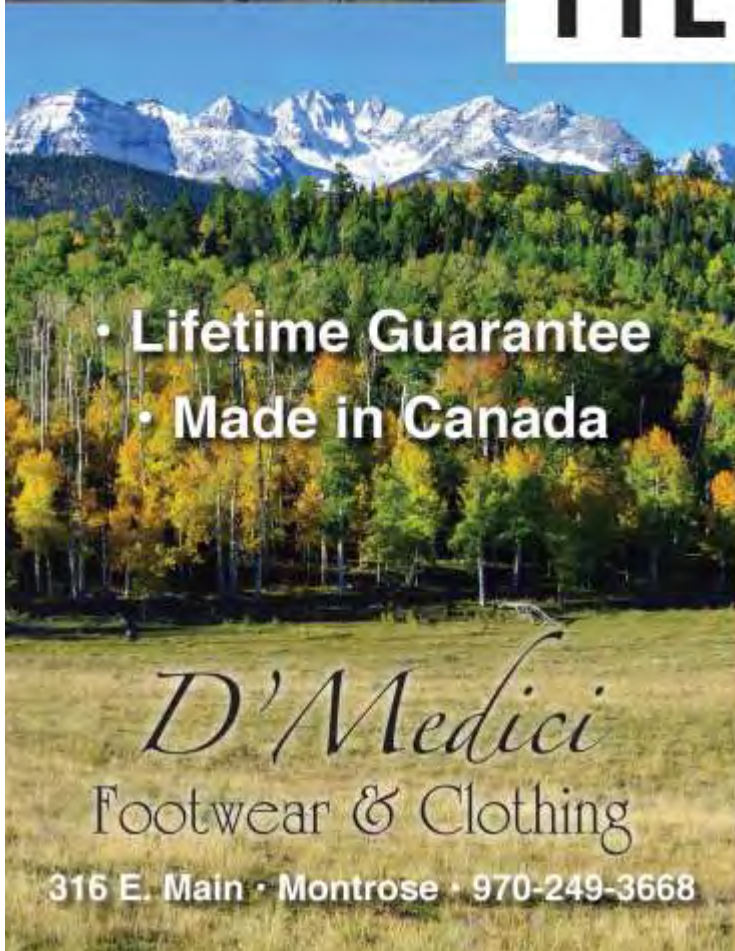
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Due to short-staffed crews for a multitude of projects — road patching, chip seal, dust control, and paving — county officials are prioritizing county road maintenance. The ensuing, massive spring runoff also requires extra work to minimize vegetation and road impacts.

Crews were able to open Last Dollar Pass last week as a courtesy to local residents who regularly use the road. Next up is Imogene Pass, which not only takes visitors on a stunning excursion to the Tomboy townsite and on to Ouray, but is needed by Idrado Mining Co. for access to its reclamation work areas. Road & Bridge crews will work to open Imogene as time permits.



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#### *Special to the Mirror*

Denver – State Representative Marc Catlin's SB23-007, Adult Education is now law.

The bill was signed by Governor Jared Polis on Friday, June 2, 2023. With this law, adult education providers will offer eligible adults, basic education in literacy, digital literacy, and numeracy. The bill allows community colleges, area technical colleges, and local district colleges to develop minimum graduation requirement for a high school diploma based on the high school graduation requirements of the school district within the geographic area of the colleges. The bi-partisan bill

received 90% approval from all state legislators.

The prime sponsors in the Colorado House of Representatives were Cathy Kipp (D-HD52) of Larimer County and Marc Catlin (R-HD58) of Montrose County. The prime sponsor in the Colorado Senate were Rachel Zenzinger (D-SD19) of Jefferson County and Barbara Kirkmeyer (R-SD23) of Weld County.

Representative Catlin says, "I am a believer that a good life comes when individuals have options and opportunities. This law will help give individuals, especially, in rural communities, the opportunity to get their

high school diploma or high school equivalent. Also, updating the law to include "digital literacy" is important for those who have been displaced by the digital age. It is time that we help people learn the skills they need to succeed."

Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin represents the eight counties of Dolores, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel. Representative Catlin Vice Chairs Agriculture, Water, & Natural Resources Committee, is a member of the Capital Development Committee and is Ranking member of the Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee.

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### Traffic Impacts

- Operations will take place on June 12-16. Daytime work hours will range from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Motorists can expect full stops, up to 30-minute delays and should allow for extra travel time
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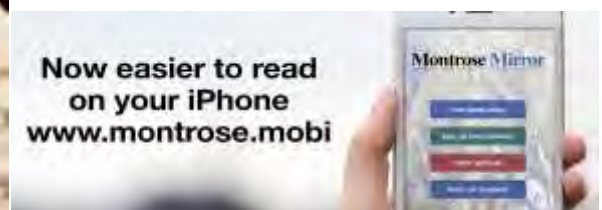
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- The flag should be mounted on the back of a motorcycle.
- No other flag should be larger or higher than the American flag.
- The flag should never be used for advertising purposes.
- The flag should never touch anything beneath it.
- Clean and damage-free flags should only be used, even if the flag was once in battle.
- Damaged flags should be disposed of in a dignified manner. Veteran groups such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans retire flags with honor throughout the year.
- It is a custom to fly the flag from sunrise to sunset. The flag may be flown during darkness IF a light illuminates it.
- The flag should only be displayed during inclement weather if it is an all-weather flag.
- The flag should never be printed on napkins, boxes, or anything intended for discard.
- For questions about where to place a flag for events or in the home, refer to U.S. Flag Code.

Veritas feels sadness when our flag is improperly on the back of trucks where it easily touches the bumper, when small flags are on the ground or in the trash after the 4th of July parade, when flags are placed on residential lawns with the business name attached for advertising and the flags are touching the ground, or when flags are flown in the dark and tattered or dirty flags are not repaired or replaced.



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*Happy Flag Day!*



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SAN MIGUEL COUNTY TO GO LIVE WITH SMARTGOV JUNE 20

#### *Special to the Mirror*

**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY**--- San Miguel County is excited to announce the implementation and launch of Brightly SmartGov software Tuesday, June 20. This digital upgrade will serve to consolidate and streamline the permitting process for the public. Those seeking permits in each of the Community Development departments — Building, Planning, Environmental Health, Addressing and Road & Bridge — will also benefit from direct and timely communication with county staff.

In the past several weeks, county staff in each of those departments and the Information Technology department have been training on SmartGov to prepare for the June 13 launch. The prospect of combining the permitting process into a single, user-friendly portal is exciting because the addition of SmartGov will be key to improved communication and ultimately, excellent customer service.

"The public will have more direct and consolidated communication with County staff," said Building Department Director, Matt Gonzales. "This is huge to me. The public sees the County as one entity; internally as staff, we see ourselves through different departments. Over the course of the history of our organization, our departments have all developed their own permitting processes. There will now be one place to go to obtain permits. Pay-

ments will be able to be made online through SmartGov. Uploading supporting documents for a permit will be done through SmartGov."

Implementing SmartGov comes at a key period in the county's history.

"We continue to see unprecedented growth in our community," Gonzales said. "Staff's ability to stay on top of various records, communications, permit management, enforcement cases, and more, has been stressed by the volume of development. By having automatic workflow and timelines triggered by SmartGov, I am very confident that we'll be able to more readily keep up with all of the various cases we deal with. Ultimately, I'm hopeful we'll be able to focus more on serving our community."

SmartGov will provide a public-facing portal with each permit holder having an active online account, so people will be able to constantly check on permit statuses, inspection results, and see what's left for them to do in order to close a permit out.

SmartGov will be a known quantity for area contractors who pull permits for work in the Town of Telluride. Tammy Brand, Telluride's Historic Preservation, Planning and Building Coordinator, said the software has been in use for two years and proven to be a benefit to both the public and staff.

"I could say so many great things about

building permits going digital," Brand said. "At first there was a little hesitation, but now contractors do find it easier than the old paper submittal. The building community has embraced how user friendly it is, from applying and requesting inspections to instant emailed inspection results and Certificates of Occupancy. The best thing about Town and County both using SmartGov, is that it's the same look, so there's no new portal to learn."

With five different county departments requiring permitting for various needs, SmartGov will bring those sometimes-disparate processes under one roof.

"The movement to SmartGov for the Community Development departments within San Miguel County will not only significantly streamline the process for the public to apply for permits, but allow for efficient communication between the applicants and the departments all under the SmartGov platform," explained Lily Briggs, Plans Examiner for the Building Department.

"It really is a monumental move for the County, where until now the five Community Development departments have had five different permit application and review processes.

SmartGov will allow for efficiency, strengthened relationships between departments, and improved customer service for our permittees."

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## CITY APPROVES \$120K TOWARD WASTEWATER PRETREATMENT INFRASTRUCTURE AT NEW SHELTER DISTILLING HEADQUARTERS



*The new Shelter Distilling Facility is under construction.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTOSE-Montrose Mayor Barbara Bynum called [the regular meeting](#) of the Montrose City Council to order on Tuesday, June 6, and led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilors were present.

Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed had no changes to the meeting agenda.

### CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

### CONSENT AGENDA

Council voted unanimously to approve [Consent Agenda](#) items. Due to technical issues, a verbal vote was taken.

### MAIN STREET CLOSURE APPROVAL FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EVENT

As discussed previously in work session, Council voted unanimously to approve the request for the June 24 closure of the 500 block of East Main Street for Habitat for Humanity's Rock the Block event, from 6am to 6pm.

### SPECIAL EVENTS ALCOHOL PERMIT APPROVAL FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EVENT

Also approved unanimously was the special events alcohol permit for the Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club to sell and serve alcohol in conjunction with the closure of the 500 block of E. Main Street for the Habitat for Humanity Rock the Block event on Saturday, June 24.

"...I hope you guys have a great event, even though we will miss it," Bynum said. It was noted that with the exception of Mayor Pro Tem Reed, councilors will be attending a statewide event over the weekend of June 24.

### ORDINANCE 2628-FIRST READING

As discussed in work session, Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2628 on first reading, amending City Building and Fire Regulations and adopting by reference 2018 editions of The International Building Code; The International Mechanical Code; The International Residential Code; The International Fuel Gas Code; The International Plumbing Code; The International Existing Building Code; The International Property Maintenance Code; The International Fire Code; and The International Energy Conservation Code; and providing penalties for violations.

Chief Building Official Archie Byers was present to discuss the ordinance and answer questions. No changes had been made since the work session, Byers said. "...We're excited about this—it's a new building code, it brings us...sort of in concert with all of the regional building departments..."

Second reading is set for June 16, July 1 is the state deadline for passage of the updated codes.

### WASTEWATER PRETREATMENT EXPENSE AUTHORIZATION

Council voted unanimously to approve \$120,000 in expenditures toward construction of wastewater pretreatment infrastructure at the new Shelter Distilling headquarters.

Although City Manager Bill Bell was present, Bell deferred to City Engineer Scott Murphy. Distilleries generate waste such as spent grains, necessitating pretreatment of the industrial waste stream, Murphy said. "We've never had a facility of this scale in our area."

Councilor Dave Frank said that the benefits would far outweigh the costs.

**Background**—A memo from Bell and Murphy to Council states, "Shelter Distilling ([www.shelterdistilling.com](http://www.shelterdistilling.com)) has broken ground on their new 15,000 square foot distillery, brewery, and restaurant within the Colorado Outdoors campus. During the design process for this new facility, the owners of Shelter hired a brewery wastewater consultant and worked closely with the City's engineering and utilities staff to design an industrial wastewater

pretreatment system for its production and restaurant elements. Without pretreatment on site, wastewater effluent from the Shelter facility would contribute large amounts of organic loading to the City's wastewater treatment plant that could total more than 10 percent of the City's total treatment capacity. Although the Shelter facility would pay for all organic loading contributed to the treatment plant, a 10 percent jump in usage would be considered excessive and would accelerate the need for its eventual expansion. As a best practice, it is desirable for the City to protect treatment plant capacity to the extent practicable given the large capital cost of adding to it...In June of 2022, the City entered into a wastewater pretreatment memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the owner of Shelter Distilling. This MOU outlined operational requirements for the facility and its design (side streaming, waste handling, flow equalization, pH adjustment, heated water re-use, and grease separation), effluent limits (biochemical oxygen demand, temperature, and pH), effluent sampling and analyses, utility billing, and permitting considerations. The MOU's framework resulted in a practical, state of the art operation with regard to wastewater pretreatment that will be used as a model for future industrial developments within the city. In the interest of protecting the city's interests at the wastewater plant and as a business-development incentive for Shelter Distilling's investment in Montrose, the City Manager's office negotiated a potential contribution of \$120k to assist with construction of the facility's wastewater pretreatment system. This included \$100k towards the production facility's pretreatment and \$20k towards a grease interceptor on the restaurant side. Budget discussions and planning documents for the 2023 budget included these expenditures; however, final timing of the project was uncertain at the time of budget adoption. As a result, these items were not included in the final 2023 budget...The expenditures would be paid using available fund reserves and/or an end-of-year budget supplement if necessary.

The project reimbursements will be managed by the City's engineering department."



## CITY APPROVES \$120K TOWARD INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WASTEWATER PRETREATMENT AT NEW SHELTER DISTILLING HEADQUARTERS *From previous pg*

### FIORI DI LENA PRELIMINARY PLAT

With Applicant Paul DeJulio present by Zoom to answer questions and discuss the project, Council voted to approve the Fiori di Lena 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.

### ORDINANCE 2627 - SECOND READING

As previously discussed in work session and on first reading, Council voted to approve Ordinance 2627 on second reading, amending the zoning district designation of 0.14 acres located at 2370 Air Park Way from I-2 General Industrial District to B-3 General Commercial District.

### ORDINANCE 2629 - FIRST READING

Council voted to approve Ordinance 2629

on first reading, disconnecting a portion of Parcel #376716320003.

### RESOLUTION 2023-09

Council approved Resolution 2023-09, setting July 18, 2023, as the hearing date for the Dry Cedar Creek II Addition annexation.

### 2023 LANDFILL AGREEMENT RECOMMENDATION

Prior to unanimously approving a contract with Waste Management of Colorado, Inc. for landfill services, Council accepted comment from Chris Trosper of Bruin Waste, the local company that also bid on landfill services. Bruin and its sister company Double J have been growing. Bruin has been making runs to its transfer station here for a little over a year, Trosper said. The location could save truck hours for the city.

The landfill agreement will be rebid in one year, Public Works Manager Jim Scheid

said.

### MCH PHASE 3 DESIGN CONTRACT AWARD

Council voted unanimously to approve a contract with Blythe Group in the amount of \$145,030 for the design of the façade replacement on the new City Hall.

### 2023 MOVEMO SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

Also approved was the authorization of expenses for sidewalk improvements as part of the 2023 MoveMo Project in the amount of \$150,000.

### GENERAL COMMENTS

Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said that Planner II William Reis has become certified through the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). "This is a significant accomplishment for our planning department."

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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### CLOSURE ISSUED FOR OWL CREEK PASS PIT AREA

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE— The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests issued a closure order for Owl Creek Pass Pit area, located on the Ouray Ranger District off National Forest System Road (NFSR) #858, beginning June 5 through Dec. 31, 2023. The purpose of the closure is for public health and safety during the crushing operations performed by Ouray County and contractors at Owl Creek Pass Pit. The closure area includes approxi-

mately 5 acres of National Forest System lands in and around the Owl Creek Pass Pit adjacent to NFSR #858—Owl Creek road and the pit access road that spurs off Owl Creek road. Heavy equipment will be present seven days a week to excavate material, crush it and store it on-site. Crushing operations will begin June 5 and occur throughout the summer and fall seasons. Recreational activities including dispersed camping are prohibited in the closure area. The public is asked to adhere to this

closure and pay close attention to all signage. Travelers and forest visitors should be alert and avoid areas where heavy equipment is working. For more information, please contact the Ouray Ranger District at 970-240-5300.

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## SEARCH CONTINUES FOR MISSING WOMAN

*Special to the Mirror*

SAGUACHE COUNTY— The Saguache County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), continues to search for a missing 55-year-old woman.

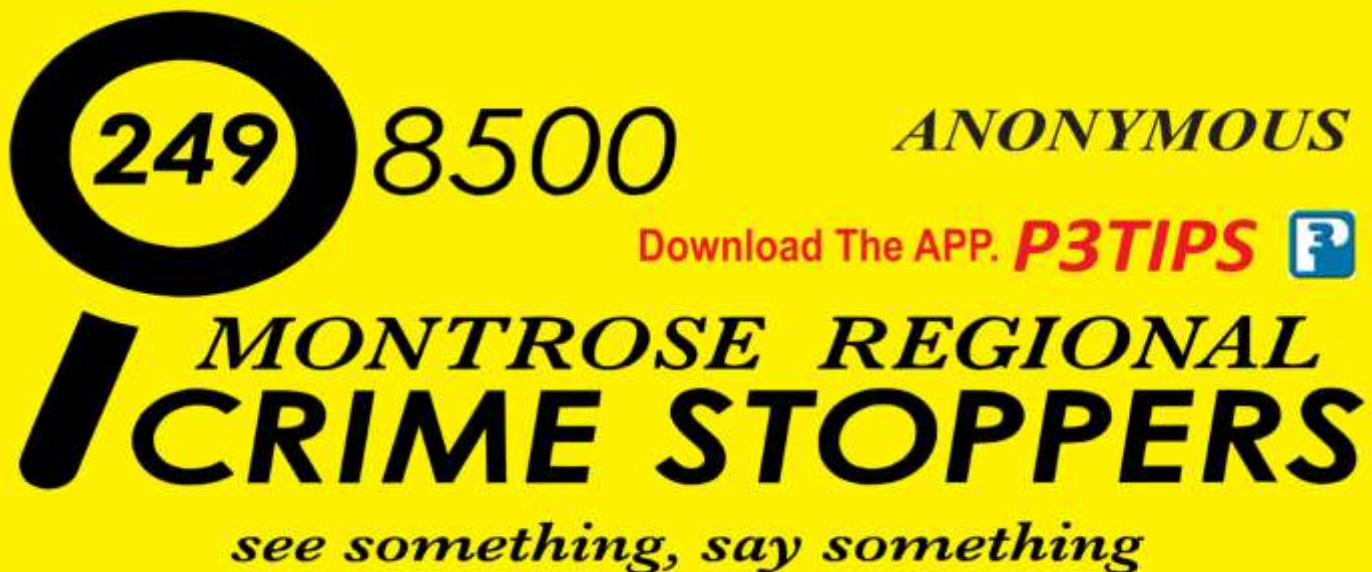
Edna Quintana was last seen on May 3, 2023 in the Saguache area.

CBI issued an endangered missing alert for Quintana on May 17. There have been no confirmed sightings of Quintana.

Quintana is described as a Hispanic female, about 5 feet and 4 inches tall, weighing around 110 to 120 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes.

"We encourage the use of the tipline to provide information about Edna Quintana. Someone has that key piece of information that will help us locate Edna," said Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick.

Anyone who might have information is asked to call the CBI tipline at (719) 416-5815.





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## COUNCIL CONSIDERS DONATING RAFT, WAIVING FEES FOR CASA PROJECT



**A raft owned by the city of Montrose will be donated to Montrose Cycle and Surf, above. Photo by B. Switzer.**

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The regularly scheduled work session of the Montrose City Council began with a presentation from Unify Montrose, and ended with a discussion of how to better interact with citizens who raise concerns regarding non-agenda items. Mayor Barbara Bynum opened the work session, which was held in the newly-renovated Council Chambers in the Elks Civic Building. All councilors were present.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council heard a presentation by Harry Gottlieb of the non-profit Unify America. Unify America uses a juried system to engage local residents in a collaborative effort, focused on issues such as the lack of affordable childcare and housing. The collaborators will look at possible solutions and create a proposed action plan. The process gives citizens a way to engage with institutions such as local government. Gottlieb recently delivered a keynote address during a statewide meeting of the [Penrose Foundation](#), and met Montrose residents Don Coram and Linda Gann at that time. He said that Coram and Gann encouraged him to come to Montrose; he has been here since February. "I can understand why people come and visit and don't want to leave," he said. "...I love it here...I think we can succeed here."

**Background-**A memo to Council from the City Manager's Office states, "Unify America is an organization designed to foster healthy conversations within communities to tackle some of the most challenging and important issues, as determined by local residents and community members. Unify America was asked by a few Mont-

rose community members to take a look at the Montrose region to see if their approach might work here to come up with some lasting solutions to issues such as childcare, housing, et al. The Unify Montrose effort began earlier this year and is about to really kick off with a focused effort on community collaboration and problem solving. Based on community input, their initial topic of focus will be childcare access and affordability here in Montrose..."

Downtown Area Revitalization Team (DART) and Grant Coordinator Michelle Wingfield presented information on the disposal of a raft owned by the city, which will be donated to Montrose Cycle and Surf. The city has partnered with Montrose Cycle and Surf on the FUNC Fest, Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler said, "The City has identified this business as the one to partner with...it's envisioned they could use this raft in other places as well."

**Background-**A memo from Wingfield to Council states, "The City of Montrose owns a raft with Visit Montrose logos on it. The raft has primarily been used to check for hazards in the river prior to FUNC Fest or to perform maintenance at Chipeta and Taviwach Lakes. Regular maintenance requires a specific expertise that is not common to staff. City staff recommend donating the raft along with its accompanying trailer to Montrose Surf & Cycle in exchange for the upkeep of the raft and providing river inspection as needed (including prior to FUNC Fest.) Surf and Cycle has agreed to keep the Visit Montrose logo on the raft. The donation of this raft is in accordance with Section 1-16-5 of the Municipal Code. The raft was purchased in 2017 for \$3,890.45 out of the Tourism Fund. It would be removed from the City's insurance contract with CIRSA upon donation to Montrose Surf & Cycle."

Presenting a request by CASA of the 7th Judicial District to waive sewer and water connection fees for the San Juan Villages Project was Community Development Specialist Christopher Ottinger. Council is considering the request to abate the actual cost of water and sewer connection fees for The Village at San Juan, which are estimated to total \$275,214. The City will also offer support for the project that does not

require City Council approval, including the waiver of an estimated \$40,027 of building permit fees.

Councilor Dave Frank called the San Juan Villages Project "Fantastic," while Councilor Ed Ulibarri said that the project "is truly a benefit to the community."

**Background-**A memo from the City Manager's Office to Council states that Casa of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning "have requested that the City of Montrose abate the water and sewer connection fees in support of the proposed Village at San Juan intergenerational supportive housing project. This project will be located along the San Juan bypass, just east of the current Public Works site and adjacent to 3M's property. CASA is ready to begin pulling permits and has secured funding for the project through a variety of means. A significant grant from the Department of Local Affairs, funds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, foundations, and individual donors have contributed to make this project feasible."

Planner II William Reis discussed the Blowers Disconnection, a request to allow a portion of property that is currently within the Montrose City limits to revert to being outside of the City limits.

**Background-**A memo from Reis to Council states, "...The City recently received a request...that a small portion of...property located adjacent to the north 2335 6450 Road be disconnected from the City limits of Montrose...this is due to a recent boundary line dispute due to a fence line location. This boundary dispute was resolved with a Boundary Line Agreement recorded in February of 2023 (Exhibit D). The property located at 2335 6450 Road (Montrose County Parcel number 376716300065) is within the City limits, while the property adjacent to the north which is not currently addressed (Montrose County Parcel number 376716320003) is outside of City limits. Due to the Boundary Line Agreement, there is a small sliver of the northern parcel that is technically in the city limits...the property owner has requested a disconnection of this small sliver so there is no misinterpretation of whether the lot is situated within the jurisdiction

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## COUNCIL CONSIDERS DONATING RAFT, WAIVING FEES FOR CASA PROJECT

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of the City of Montrose or in unincorporated Montrose County."

City Engineer Scott Murphy discussed the relinquishment of A-Drain by the Bureau of Reclamation. No action is required of Council; all that remains is for the City Manager to sign the deeds and accept the relinquishment. Councilors spent time in discussion. Councilor Ed Ulibarri said that he farmed in the that area years ago and found it difficult to grow crops due to the alkali soil and the high water table. "I was surprised when they started building houses there."

**Background-**A memo from Murphy to Council states, "As part of the Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) efforts to reclaim the Uncompahgre Valley starting in the 1920's, a series of lettered drains were constructed for the purpose of collecting agricultural return flows and keeping the underlying groundwater table suppressed in support of agricultural operations. Under these agricultural uses, the drains were typically operated and maintained by the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association (UVWUA). As areas contributing flow to the drains urbanized and the drains were no longer needed for agricultural purposes, the BOR would typically abandon the drains and relinquish them for use in the City's stormwater conveyance system. One such lettered drain system was the A-Drain and its associated laterals which generally ran from Sunnyside Road to the Montrose Arroyo... As development was occurring in this area in the early 2000's, the BOR relinquished this drain system south of Niagara Road; however, the reach between Niagara and Sunnyside Roads was not relin-

quished at the time. Development has since continued towards the north and the surrounding area is now fully urbanized... responsibility for drain maintenance remains that of the adjacent homeowner's associations as designated on plats finalized over the past several decades in this area."

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo presented information on the 2023 Fourth of July Fireworks Display permit.

The final work session discussion item concerned "Messaging Regarding Public Comment with City Council." Introducing the discussion was City Attorney Ben Morris. Questions over messaging have been raised by citizens who feel that Montrose City Council should listen and respond to community concerns in a public forum.

At the Mayor's request, staff prepared some draft documents (included in the work session packet), including a red-lined version of the blurb that is read before the city hears comments from the public, with suggested language, as well as a spreadsheet. "...I understood this would be a discussion amongst yourselves in regard to ways that the public can get in touch with you and dialog with council on matters of concern," Morris said.

Councilor Dave Frank said that the city is not required by charter or law to accept public comment but chooses to do so, to allow citizens an outlet and opportunity to connect with council. Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed said that Council had received citizen email regarding the issue. He asked about holding a meeting with citizens for interactive dialog. Work sessions are not interactive, he noted.

Bynum said, "...We don't allow citizens to put items on our agenda, but we could create a way that we could have citizens bring agenda items that they want to discuss in a back-and-forth way and talk about and dig into..."

Frank said he sees value in holding an additional meeting for citizen interaction.

Reed said, "I understand the public's frustration too, when they feel like are talking to this body who may or may not be paying attention to them...I don't believe a Council meeting where we are considering something is the place to have that discussion..."

Ulibarri suggested the meeting be called, "Community Engagement with the Council."

The first community engagement meeting will be held July 17. A form will be generated for citizens to submit discussion items to Council and staff prior to the meeting.

#### GENERAL COMMENT

Councilor Frank said that the city has found a fireworks vendor for the Fourth of July, "There's just a ton of great opportunities for fun and for communities to play together and stay together on the Fourth of July...to draw together and enjoy the day. We look forward to it."

Councilor Glaspell said that the Montrose Police Department held a recruiting event the previous Saturday.

City Engineer Scott Murphy gave a traffic update. "...We're starting on the storm drain repair at Niagara and Hillcrest...this is an area where they had a storm drain collapse...we don't know how big that's going to be yet."



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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## ROAD RECONDITIONING PROJECT BEGINS ON STEVENS GULCH ROAD

*Special to the Mirror*

PAONIA— The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests' Paonia Ranger District announce the road reconditioning project on National Forest System Road (NFSR) #701—Stevens Gulch road. The purpose of the project is to address long-term maintenance needs helping to improve the overall condition of the road and replace drainage and cattle guard structures. Construction began June 5 at mile post 4.6 on NFSR #701—Stevens Gulch Road and will continue to the intersection of NFSR #265—Buzzard Divide Road. Over 15 miles of road will be reconstructed.

Visitors can expect two-hour traffic delays Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Visitors should pay attention to and obey all traffic signs when traveling in or near the area. Please be kind and patient with the contractors working under the guidance of the Forest Service. The project is planned to be completed by Nov. 30, 2023 depending upon weather.

For additional information, project updates, alternate routes or questions please contact the Paonia District Ranger Office at (970) 527- 4131 or Chris Phelps, Engineering Project Manager at (970) 874-6716.

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

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

## OPINION: BLM PROPOSED RULE

By Lauren Hall Ruddell,  
Western Slope Conservation Center

MONTROSE-As if Colorado ranchers didn't have enough to worry about with the reintroduction of wolves, now along comes a new perceived threat. I say perceived, because I think this is a tempest in a teapot.

Data released by an internal review conducted by the BLM just over a year ago reported that 54 million acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management already fail to meet the agency's own "land-health standards" that apply to soil health, water quality, plant species diversity and the quality of habitat for threatened and endangered species. These standards already define the minimum benchmarks land managers need to achieve and maintain in order for landscapes to function and be used sustainably, but where monitoring and enforcements are virtually absent. Bipartisan watchdog organization Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) has condemned the agency for failing to monitor and manage land health standards on nearly a quarter of the land that's leased for grazing. Conservation groups have declared that this finding is a wakeup call for the BLM to not only improve and modernize their data collection and mapping efforts, but perhaps most importantly to take action to address the vast amounts of currently degraded lands. Reversing the negative impacts on these rangelands may indeed require forcing non-compliant ranching operations to reduce stocking rates in order for soil and water health to be restored. Reduce, not eliminate, since grazing in the correct ratios per acre can enhance vegetation diversity and quantity, which benefits the public, the cattleman, and wildlife, long-term. And that's the old mandate. If the BLM really wants to make some people mad, all they need to do is enforce the current standards and regulations, regardless of the [new rule](#).

But just as with the wolf reintroduction, alarmists are certain the tree-hugging hippies are coming to boot cattle off of all

rangelands, because now the BLM says they can.

"We're very disappointed in how the plan came out," said Mark Roeber, Public Lands Commission president from Paonia. "It seems like the process was done backwards. They rolled the plan out and *now* they're engaging stakeholders. My past experience as a county commissioner, when you want to roll something out, you want stakeholder involvement. You usually do that the other way around and get input first. It appears that this was done totally in-house and they're trying to just rush it through and that's disappointing to the livestock industry. We have always tried to be good partners with the BLM and we feel a little bit betrayed."

OK, fair point, and perhaps this new rule should have been vetted in a manner similar to that employed for the wolf reintroduction. But what is the actual fear here? Is it a procedural concern for disenfranchisement of the grazing public, or a fear that cattlemen will find themselves having to make allowances for such things as wildlife, recreation, drought, urbanization and a host of other threats to their way of life?

Those threats are very real. Their way of life defines enormous swaths of Colorado and elsewhere that make the Old West a place that doesn't live only in the minds of Hollywood script writers. But is the [new rule](#) really going to threaten their livelihoods? Will ranchers with *existing* allotments be kicked off?

Ain't gonna happen. The rule actually applies to future land management actions. As Danielle Murray, senior legal and policy director with the advocacy group Conservation Lands Foundation, recently stated, "There has been a lot of confusion around the proposed rule." There are false claims that this rule would kick ranchers off their land; it would mean the end of oil and gas development; it would lock the public out. The facts are that the proposed rule explicitly states it does not undermine or impact *any valid existing* rights." Is she a tree-hugger, yes. Is she

wrong, no. But the very act of elevating conservation as a legitimate use of BLM lands seems to have everyone in a lather who has been a beneficiary of previous policies.

This is reiterated by Michael Carroll, Wilderness Society BLM campaign director, who said that under the rule, conservation wouldn't push other uses out. The rule just sets goals for the BLM to manage for *both* intact landscapes and extraction. The BLM will use two tools, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern and conservation leases, to help conserve and restore lands. But this reasonable and sensible approach to modern public lands management needs seems to be more than some folks can handle.

U.S. Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT) joined a group of colleagues, Senators John Hoeven (R-ND) and Steve Daines (R-MT), in pressing the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to withdraw its [proposed Public Lands Rule](#). The senators stressed the negative impact the proposal would have on western states, *as the rule would undermine the multiple use requirements established by Congress and lock away taxpayer-owned lands from activities that are essential to local economies, including grazing, energy development, and tourism*.

"The proposal creates a framework for 'conservation leases' without authorization from Congress. The proposal specifically notes that 'BLM shall not authorize any other uses of the leased land' that it determines are 'inconsistent' with this new framework, thereby interrupting the successful balance of other responsible uses, from hunting and grazing, to energy development and recreation," the senators wrote. "This new leasing regime opens the door for a new, noncompetitive process designed to lock away parcels of land, with no limits to size, for a period of 10 or more years." Oh dear, well that's surely never been done before! Concerning "non-competitive," outraged ranchers and politicians might want to take a critical look at extractive industries



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and their long history of abuses, with the 'old' BLM in full cahoots.

An article titled "Backroom Deals" in the online journal CAP from 2019 states that a competitive auction of BLM lands (yes senators, land paid for by taxpayers being sold to private parties) failed because no bidders showed up. "A little more than a month later, however, the BLM updated an obscure database to reflect that several parcels had been purchased *after the auction* by a handful of small, private oil and gas companies and speculators. The BLM sold the leases through its noncompetitive leasing process, whereby parcels unsold at auction are available for purchase for two years. The \$2 per acre bonus bid requirement is completely waived for these parcels, so lessees simply have to pay an administrative fee, and a \$1.50 per acre rental fee, making noncompetitive leasing the bargain bin of the oil and gas world. I know that as a livestock breeder, I would be livid if these lands had value as potential grazing allotments but were now in the hands of "entities known for poor track records for energy development...what do they intend to do with the public lands for which they now own 10-

year leases?" (Kelly et al, 2019, Center for American Progress).

Ah-hem... opponents in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. Perhaps some past abuses will indeed be curtailed under the 'new' BLM that makes some folks miss a payment on their yacht, but really, it seems like a win-win for taxpayers, conservationists, graziers, recreationists, and tourists.

Why graziers? Because well-managed land is productive land. When stocking rates are well-managed and the axiomatic 50/50 rule is maintained for most grasslands, in general the rangeland benefits, the cattle gain faster, and while the animal units per month (AUMS) may need to drop some to boost rangeland health, there may actually be greater profits for the grazer, long-term. Fifty-Fifty means 'eat 50 percent of the forage, and leave 50 percent' as food for wildlife and as a source for seed production and grassland regeneration. This makes economic sense for ranchers. Colorado rangeland scientists reported in 2021 that on poor quality rangeland, grazing management that forces cattle to consume skimpy and poor-quality forage displayed an average of 14

percent reduction in weight gain. That means hundreds of dollars lost per steer. Superior grazing rotation, seasonal adjustments for changes in rain fall patterns, and more nourishing forage items can make up for 90% of BLM rule change losses at least. So everybody should just settle down a might.

So to be fair..."There are a few points in it that we're kind of glad to see," said Roerber, the PLC spokesman mentioned above. "They do address some land use or land health use guidelines and standards to apply them to other things other than livestock, which we have pushed for. That is one of the things in this rule that they're talking about doing. We pushed for that for a long time because we can't be the brunt of all the problems. Some things are caused by people and recreation. Some things are caused by wildlife, specifically wild horses and those type of things." All true.

This is my considered opinion during the public comment period that ends June 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are worked up about this topic in any way, then mosey over to:

<https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/BLM-2023-0001-0001>





## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### **BIDEN HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED WHAT TRIBUTE HE'S GOING TO ISSUE FOR THE BRAVERY AND SACRIFICE OF THE HETEROSEXUAL MEN WHO STORMED THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY**

Editor;

Once again our president, who openly bragged about his perfected voter fraud system, demonstrated his extreme hate for America by ignoring D-Day. Since he has been president he has simply ignored our nation's D-Day anniversaries. This year June 6 marked the 79th anniversary when troops from the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada landed on the beaches of France. This day was momentous because Allied soldiers infiltrated Nazi occupied Western Europe by entering through the beaches of Normandy.

160,000 soldiers were then spread across five beaches; Sword, Juno, Gold, Omaha and Utah. Air efforts began early on June 6, 1944 landing American troops on Omaha Beach and soon Utah Beach. Shortly after, British forces landed at Sword Beach and Gold Beach and later Canadian troops landed at Juno Beach. The occupation of these beaches started the Battle of Normandy during which Allied Forces pressed into German-occupied cities. For 12 weeks Allied forces battled the Germans across France. On Aug. 25, U.S. and French troops liberated Paris. Those killed on D-Day alone were 4,415 Allied soldiers of which about 2,500 were Americans. Of the 160,000 Allied soldiers who landed in Normandy, 9,000 were killed or injured within 24 hours. Many soldiers storming the beaches were gunned down before or shortly after reaching land. After almost five years of war, nearly all of Western

Europe was occupied by German troops. The D-Day military invasion turned that around and is said to have been the most ambitious and consequential military campaign in human history and helped end World War 11. Historians regard it among the greatest military achievements ever.

Biden and his Democrat cult need to show a little appreciation what the American military have done for them. If our hard-fighting military didn't show up those Democrats would be speaking either German or Japanese today. But on the other hand, maybe they would rather be speaking Chinese! While Americans were fighting the D-Day battle waving the American flag, there were other Americans fighting in the Pacific against the Japanese imperialists where more than 400,000 sacrificed their lives. Ultimately, more than 16-million Americans served in WW11.

We Americans of this era owe a debt to those who came before us and preserved our freedoms. All gave some, and some gave all that we might be free. But what did we hear from the despicable Biden regime for a June, 2023 celebration? Of course it was the month-long Gay Pride celebration on the White House lawn where American-hater Biden and wife gave speeches with rainbow banners galore and at night the front of the White House was covered with rainbow-colored lights. Biden yelled to the crowd, "happy pride month, happy pride year, and happy pride life!" There has been no message

from Biden about, "happy veteran's day." To add insult to injury Biden even displayed a Pride flag in front of the White House between two American flags at the same level.

That is horrendous disrespect for the American flag, but of course it matches the disrespect for the American people about everything he does. His Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Denis McDonough authorized the removal of American flags at Veterans cemeteries and facilities and replaced them with Pride flags for the whole month of June!!

But of course Biden's office of Veterans Affairs said the flag is a symbol of VA's commitment to "inclusion" and as a "tribute" to the "service and sacrifice" of LGBTQ+ Veterans!

Biden has of yet not announced what tribute he's going to issue for the bravery sacrifice of the massive number of straight heterosexual men who bled and died in World War 11 to preserve freedom and the right for him to commit treason against America and everyone who died for him.

He is a pathetic traitor who is enriching his self by selling out America to our enemies. It's sad he represents half of the political choices for America's leadership, but he represents the Democrat party.

In 1983 we had Ronald Reagan, Johnny Cash and Bob Hope. We now have Joe Biden, no Cash and no Hope.

*Jerry Bartholome, Montrose*

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INDICTED TRUMP ON SAME DAY CONGRESS RECEIVED EVIDENCE OF BIDEN'S \$5 MILLION BRIBE FROM BURISMA

*Editor:*

Propaganda, lies, and censorship are tools of the weak. They are the last resort of political systems no longer able to compete in the marketplace for ideas. Democrats are dead set on indicting Trump because they know they can't beat him without resorting to banana republic tactics.

It is not a coincidence that Biden's justice department implemented their phony indictment of Trump on the same day Congress received evidence from the FBI of then VP Biden taking a \$5 million bribe from Burisma in another pay to play scheme. Now Trump is being persecuted for the retention of presidential documents following his departure from the White House --- something his predecessors did without consequence. That follows Durham confirming what everybody already knew --- that the Russian collusion narrative was a treasonous disinformation operation run by the unelected deep state, including the FBI and others, on behalf of the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign.

Trump did not violate federal law, as did Hillary Clinton, by destroying subpoenaed emails and devices in order to hide evidence. Trump did not violate federal law, as did Hillary, by sending classified government communications on her own, through an unsecured home-brewed server. Trump did not violate federal law, as did Hillary, by hiring a foreign national, who is prohibited from working on presidential campaigns, to compile a fictitious dossier to smear her presidential opponent. Trump did not, as did Bill Clinton, receive a \$500,000 "honorarium" for speaking in Moscow while his wife, our secretary of state, approved a lucrative

deal for the Kremlin to acquire control of North American uranium reserves.

Trump did not, as the Bidens did, set up a family consortium to illegally leverage millions from Ukraine, Russia, and China. Trump is not mentioned, as is Joe Biden, in family business communications as a recipient of a 10% cut on such payoffs.

Trump did not, as did Biden, remove presidential papers without any authority to declassify them, and leave them scattered and unsecured in a garage and various residences and offices.

Meanwhile, on the home front, Colorado Democrats are putting their election faces on and pretending to care about rural voters, and doing everything possible to put Boebert in a negative light. (MDP 6/3 "Boebert skips out on debt ceiling vote"; MDP 6/9 "State, local Democrats unveil new efforts to reach rural citizens"; MDP 6/10 "Other ways Boebert may find herself unavoidably detained".) These are the same Colorado Democrats who have spent the past year introducing legislation in direct opposition to the interests and convictions of rural voters (forcing wolf reintroduction on the western slope and then vetoing legislation protecting ranchers from financial ruin, unconstitutional gun restrictions, making Colorado an unrestricted abortion and gender mutilation haven, usurping local zoning control, illegal rent control, etc.)

These are the same Democrats who placed Proposition HH on the ballot ostensibly to ease the property tax burden, but totally hiding the fact that the real purpose is to totally eliminate TABOR tax refunds to Colorado citizens --- a bait and switch effort County Commissioner Roger Rash correctly described as "a thief in the

night." These are the same Democrats that totally support Biden's success in destroying our economy, eliminating our energy independence, opening our borders to invasion, demonizing and defunding our police, encouraging racial hatred, weakening our military, weaponizing the DOJ and FBI against political enemies, destroying the integrity of our elections, etc. (Tell me again how any of this helps rural voters?)

While the Clintons and Bidens crime families continue their behavior unpunished, local and state Democrats are doubling their efforts to destroy Boebert, for the simple reason she is supporting Trump in resisting Biden's destruction. They want to convince you that Boebert missing an important vote is some kind of catastrophe, or that it somehow affected the bill's passing. At the same time, they want you to believe that her Democrat opponent, wealthy Aspen businessman Adam Frisch, is a really nice guy who just wants to work in a bipartisan way for what is best for Colorado.

These people think rural Colorado is full of a bunch of idiots who don't realize Democrats really want another partisan Democrat in Congress that will aid and abet Biden's treasonous agenda. They also think we will somehow not remember that Frisch was the guy who got caught with his married mistress in a storage facility, and was accused of letting that incident influence his vote on an Aspen City Council business issue. Decent fellow.

Nothing to see here folks. Look! Boebert just missed an important vote in the House! And that evil Trump is now under criminal indictment!

*Ed Henrie, Montrose*

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### THIS WEEK AT RIDGWAY STATE PARK!

**Friday, June 16** 2-4 PM Let's catch some Crayfish and many more macroinvertebrates! Nets will be provided. (Pa Co Chu Puk Entrance @ Paco Ponds)

**Friday, June 16** 7-8:30 PM "The Western Colorado Bison Project" by Sonny Shelton, member of the Dominguez Archaeological Research Group. (Dutch Charlie Entrance @ Visitors Center)

**Saturday, June 17** 9-11 AM Let's Go Fishing! Pole's and bait provided. Come practice your skills or learn a new one! (Pa Co Chu Puk Entrance @ Paco Ponds)

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### CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATION

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WESTCLIFFE, CO – The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is sending out this news release on behalf of the Custer County Sheriff's Office.

The men and women of the Custer County Colorado Sheriff's Office want to extend our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery for Mr. John Amos. His publicist has released information that he is currently a patient at a hospital in Tennessee. Mr. Amos has been a beloved member of our community for many years. He has also been an ardent supporter of our community and this sheriff's office.

We take allegations of crimes very seriously. We can confirm that an allegation was

made to the Custer County Sheriff's Office that Mr. Amos **could be** a victim of a crime. We are thoroughly investigating that allegation and have consulted with our partners at the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and Department of Human Services. We have also been in contact with Mr. Amos and his attorney. As with any potential criminal investigation we are unable to provide any additional comment on the case or the investigation. We have received questions from media outlets across the country and this will serve as our statement until we are in a position to release additional information.

While Colorado Revised Statutes do not

have a specific charge titled 'elder abuse,' there are other underlying crimes in Colorado that would commonly be perpetrated. These crimes could include any of the following:

- Criminal negligence — CRS 18-6.5-103(2),
- Assault — CRS 18-6.5-103(3),
- Robbery — CRS 18-6.5-103(4),
- Theft — CRS 18-6.5-103(5),
- Caretaker neglect — CRS 18-6.5-103(6),
- Sexual assault — CRS 18-6.5-103(7), and
- Exploitation — CRS 18-6.5-103(7.5)

Additionally, there is a penalty enhancement for certain crimes against victims aged 70 or older. We want to send our well wishes to Mr. Amos and hope that he has a speedy recovery.

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## 2ND SEMESTER 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR AT MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL

**The following students were named to the Honor Roll for the 2nd Semester 2022-2023 School year at Montrose High School. To be eligible for Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least five classes and earn a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.74.**

### 9th Grade

Jazmin Avila, Aiden Bailey, Evelen Baltazar Figueroa, Elizabeth Bircham, Trejan Brown, Madison Coop, Aiden Copley, Cameron Culver, Colton Daubie, Nickolas Deisig, Illeana Diaz, Jazmin Gutierrez Hernandez, Mason Hall, McKenna Holman, Phineas Howe, Micah Jewkes, Jaxon, Keep, Hayden Kipp, Layla Lambert, Kaydence Lang, Magdalene Legg, Maliah Leiba, Ashton McClure, Caidyn McCombs, Carter Miller, Mayce Oberg, Madeleine Offutt, Elizabeth Olsen, Kenneth Olson, Willem Plumhoff, David Powers, Vivika Printz, Ariana Rubalcaba, Jordyn Simo, Drake Turmon, Azure Wallace, Jacey Wilson, Jaylee Wilson, Elijah Womack, Lillian Yender, and Estrella Zavala.

### 10th Grade

Barnabas Algacs, Payton Bassett, Joseph Benitez, Jolisa Bryson, Alexander Burrows, Brody Cooling, Maggie Cross, Gabriel Dominguez, Evelyn Eilts, Cali Fulks, Johans Garcia, Asher Giles-Sanderson, Avjanna Gross, Hunter Gurule, Austin Hanak, Adriel Heredia, Ginger Hughes, Paxton Hughes, Kaston Kail, Skyler Key, Avery Kingsbury, Aiden Kosko, Aidenne Ludwig, Aloera MacFarlane, Joshua Maddox, Dayanara Marquez, Emma Mengenhausen, Ashlin Mitchum, Joseph Montonati, Joshua Mott, Stephanie Nieves Ortiz, Aidan Paider, Sky Pearce, Macayla Roberts, Shayla Saunders, Evelyn Tagle Rueda, Savanna Tougaw, Viet Tran, Aprielle Trujillo, and Artemio Verdin.

### 11th Grade

Kayla Abeyta, Giovanni Aguirre, Jagger Andrade, Amelia Balzarini, Christina Boutwell, Gwyneth Browning, Joshua Carbutt, Jayden Casias, Chiara Coronado Rosales, Lesly Corrales Lerma, Kimberli Cota Valencia, Aria Cummins, Jonathan Dreitlein, Tatum Dyer, Brandon Grijalva Castro, Kyrstyn Hall, Lilaena Hasler, Seth Hasse, Trevor Hill, Caden Kay, Bridget Kingery, Julie Ledesma Suarez, Brentt Lucero, Maryellen McCracken, Ariana Najjar, Micah Nichols, Morgan Nutter, Daniela Ortega Almanza, Maria Ortega Leon, Cristal Padron Garcia, Rylee Palmer, Maria Pastor Armada, Daisy Ramirez, Dallas Roberts, Taygan Rocco, Roberto Ruedas, Cailey Sanchez, Aidan Schmalz, Carson Swallow, Sierra Tafoya, Ellie Trenda, Alonzo Trujillo, Christopher Vargas-Gomez, and Austin Zimmer.

### 12th Grade

Cynthia Barboza, Giselle Cisneros, Nyssa Diaz, David Dominguez, Torrie Eckerman, Remlee

Forest, Nikkiah Hernandez, Tyler McCombs, Kenaniah Morris, Heather Power, Tashi Sherpa, Andrew Spencer, Biak Sung, Talya Tabor, Clair Taylor, Jaxxon Tosi, Colten Withee, and Ingrid Zuniga.

**The following students were named to the Principal's Honor Roll for the 2nd Semester 2022-2023 school year at Montrose High School.**

**To be eligible for the Principal's Honor Roll, students must be enrolled in at least five classes, excluding pass/fail classes, and earn a grade point average of 3.75 and above. An asterisk denotes all A's.**

### 9th Grade

Anessia Alvarez\*, Patrick Alvarez\*, Kai Amundson, Joshua Bayless\*, Sydney Bell\*, Brandon Blacker\*, Bailey Blackford\*, Charles Boschen\*, Jaiden Bresett\*, Faith Breshears\*, Misty Castle, Cienna Cole, Madison Collin\*, Taylor Cooper, Caitlin Cowley\*, Camille Crane, Lauren Crockett\*, Presley Davis\*, Wyatt Ensor\*, Jordan Evans, Cade Godbe\*, Lanae Goodwin\*, Luke Gore, Zoe Greear, Ayla Gross, Kinsey Hadlock\*, Anika Harris\*, Meadow Harrison, Hunter Hess, Reign Icasiano\*, Kathryn Jakino\*, Olivia Jenkins\*, Matilda Johnson Freeman, Robin Kittell\*, Teagan Kulbeth\*, Maggie Kusar\*, Alana Lasley, Lizbeth Ledesma, Marisha Lutz, Madelynn Manore, Brooklyn Martinez\*, Christopher Martinez Dela Cruz, Karlie Mejia, Ally Metzger\*, Jace Mitchell, Isabel Ortega Leon\*, Griffin Pollard\*, Trevor Prock, Hannah Rehard, Skai Robinson\*, Chad Rocco, Kenia Romo, Olivia Rosentreter\*, Analicia Ruedas\*, Annabelle Sanburg, Olivia Schmidt\*, Jack Schwartz, Evie Sherman\*, Addison Shipley, Raymond Stamm\*, Kacy Stewart\*, Brayden Stroehlein, Hannah Sulzen, Abigail Svacha\*, Carissa Trask\*, Shea Vincent\*, Maiya Wagner\*, Sadie Wareham, Shiloh Warthen, Caden Wetzel, Kyle Whitcomb, and Rachel Williams.

### 10th Grade

Fernanda Almanza Garcia, Yuliana Almanza Mendez\*, Meredith Cervantes\*, Jose Chavez Alvarez, Bailey Christie\*, Lauren Clark, Maggie Cline, Maddison Coca, Paola Cortez Suarez\*, Ellie Duncan, Ethan Efird, Vivian Ficco\*, Gabriel Fleetwood, Hayden Fox\*, Maya Frasier, Taylor Gibson, Christopher Gonzalez-Muniz, Connor Gregory-Clutts, Aidan Grijalva Castro\*, Diego Gutierrez Garcia, Matthew Hafen, Drake Hawkins, Charlotte Hellyer\*, Hayden Hensley, Emily Huffman, Maria Jayme\*, Kala-han Jewell\*, Elizabeth Kistler, Andrew Kistler\*, Andrew Luquin\*, Parker Maestas, Emily Miller, Baeli Minerich\*, Christopher Mock, Elena Nakamoto, Will Neuman, Ryan Nichols\*, Ethan Osorio\*, Leslie Owens, Jacqueline Padilla, Katie Pariseau\*, Gabrielle Parkison\*, Mylee Perry, Jakai Pfifer\*, Grace

Piquette, Elliotte Poore, Elizabeth Reed, Audrey Righter\*, Cooper Ross, Ava Silverberg\*, Van Spiker\*, Raymond Spradling\*, Dathan Stewart, Walter Talamantes, Indica Taylor\*, Geovana Terrazas Corona, Ariana Wilkes, and Brooke Williams\*.

### 11th Grade

Giada Amundson, Hunter Barton, Austine Berry\*, Parker Blackford, Andie Blowers, Karinna Bogarin\*, Addison Bogart, Kenzie Bush\*, Danika Bush\*, Stephanie Carroll, Caleb Caskey, Bailey Cheezum\*, Kolton Cohick, Ruby Crane, Mia Duncan, Ivan Edstrom\*, Hayley Eldridge, Joaquin Eudave, Landon Farley, Shandra Findley, Kenneth Flanders, John Flower\*, Bo Foster, Vaughn Gann, Samantha Go\*, Emma Gomez\*, Aleah Goodwin, Blake Griffin\*, Emily Haitzer\*,

### 11th Grade Principal's Honor Roll Continued:

Jadyn Hall, Yarisbel Hernandez Serrano\*, Elliott Highland, Carter Hughes, Trevor Hutson, Dylan Jessop, Jaxon Kattner, Jaxon Kelley\*, Jaxon Killen, Savannah Kolb\*, Abigail Lambert\*, Gabrielle Lewis\*, Natalie Lopez Ramirez, Madison Lucero, Logen Matoush, James Maunakea\*, Arayah Mora, Laticia Mora, Rhyan Neary, Leonor Nieves Chavez, Violet Noel, Ashlee Petranovich\*, Noah Richmond, Gabriel Robertson, Reese Robillard, Rachel Robuck\*, Ilse Rosales, Amy Scriffiny, Victoria Serna Uscanga\*, Breyana Shipley\*, Kathryn Story, Kaden Tanner, Natalie Trask, Tahlia Trevino, Kyle Ullmann, Eleanor Waldon, Colton Ward\*, Aubrielle Weaver\*, Sean Welsh, Ashley Whitcomb, Jack White\*, Tiffany Wu\*, and Melaina Yender\*.

### 12th Grade

Adam Arellano\*, Mia Bates, Makayla Beaver, Connor Bell\*, Tatum Berry\*, Logan Boyers, Karlee Brack\*, Gabriella Bratcher, Altan Brown, Gadiel Castillo\*, Quincy Cooling, Vance Couturier\*, Grace Davidson, Grace DeJulio, Caitlyn Dillon, Natasha Duncan\*, Logan Files, Sheldon Frasier\*, Yesenia Gonzalez\*, Jonas Graff\*, Tyler Graves, Brooklynn Gurney, Olivia Guseman\*, Jennifer Gutierrez Camacho, Alise Hardie, Jacob Hawks, Natalie Hernandez, Grace Hotsenpiller, Trinity Huff, Clair Hunt, Sarah Imus\*, Lorelee Inarelli, Jesus Jimenez, Riley Kettell\*, Gwendolyn Kingery, Jeremiah Lange\*, Naomi Lee, Jacob Legg, Leonel Lopez, Keyla Luna Figueroa, Sawyer Lutz, Brett Manuel, Lucero Mireles Rodales, Bryar Moss, Lucas Motley, Kelsey Parra, Alexander Radovich\*, Emily Raphael, Yaphet Reyes Powell, Tyson Saunders\*, Benjamin Silverberg, Joseph Simo, Aaron Simpson\*, Luca Smith, Brianna Stone\*, Madison Strength, Catherine Traugott, Areli Vandez Chavez\*, Alicea Vigil\*, Samuel Walker, Jarett Whitcomb\*, Kaine Wolfe\*, and Jordan Zepeda.

## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### **DENNIS DALE LAMBERT** ***April 27, 1943-June 8, 2023***

DENNIS DALE LAMBERT, a longtime resident of Montrose, Colorado passed away June 8, 2023 at the age of 80, at home and surrounded by the love of close family members.

Born April 27, 1943, in Washington D.C. to Dale and Frances Lambert, Dennis received his AA in Engineering from El Camino Community College and his BS and MS in Engineering from California State University at Long Beach. He was the Founder and Branch President of his fraternity, Sigma Phi Delta, the Academic Booster Club Chairman, and Editor for the CSULB engineering magazine. While attending college, he served in the Army and the Air Force National Guard. He would later become a lecturer at CSULB and Mesa College. In 1984, he founded his own engineering firm, Lambert and Associates. Started in the garage, the business grew and is still going, now run by his son. Dennis held many titles over the years, includ-

ing but not limited, to ASCE Geotechnical Group Los Angeles Section President, ASCE Western Colorado President, a member of The International Society of Soil Mechanics and Engineers and The Colorado Association of Geotechnical Engineers, a member and trustee of Chi Epsilon, a Board Member of the CSULB Professional Advisory Council and a Board Member of the Montrose Education Foundation.

Dennis was an avid car and shooting enthusiast who loved to (over)cook. An active member of the community, belonging to The Benevolent Fraternal Order of Elks, the Building Committee at St Mary's Catholic Church, the Colorado Judicial Performance Committee, a Life Choice Benefactor, a Pope John Paul II Academy Benefactor, a devout Catholic gentleman, and a Black Canyon Car Club member.

A loving husband and family man, Dennis is survived by his wife of 53 years, De, and his brother, Orvin. Dennis leaves behind a

legacy of four children, Dustin, Daniel, Denise, and Darci, as well as nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will take place at Crippin Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Doors will open to the public at 6pm. Vigil and Rosary to start at 6:30pm. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church on Wednesday, June 14 at 10am to conclude at Grand View Cemetery. In remembrance and in lieu of flowers, the Lambert Family has asked for donations to the American Parkinson's Disease Association, dedicated to assisting Parkinson's patients. Or, the Michael J Fox Foundation, funding research for a cure.



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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### **VIRGINIA KAY STROLE (GINNY)** ***October 7, 1950- May 31, 2023***

Ginny passed away on May 31, 2023, from a short, but courageous battle with brain cancer. Ginny was born October 7, 1950, in Michigan, and she was adopted by Roger and Ellen Hosley at the age of three. Ginny grew up in Howell, Michigan on a farm, where she developed the love for all animals, especially horses. Ginny spent most days working on their farm, but always made time to ride her favorite horse, Boozie. The family eventually sold the farm in Howell, and they moved to Montrose, Colorado. Ginny graduated from Montrose High School and shortly after met Mark Strole, who became her husband of 31 years. Mark and Ginny built a beautiful home together on Spring Creek Mesa, where they raised two children, Rogell and Jamie. Ginny and Mark had various farm animals, fruit trees, and large gardens. Ginny had a love of flowers and had beautiful flowerbeds. She often told me that her mother, Ellen, passed the love of flowers down to her. Ginny loved her pets, her horse Shawna, pot-bellied pig Wilbur, and her ferrets and dogs. Ginny worked most of her life at the family carpet store, and also took care of the family home.

Ginny and Mark divorced in 2004, and shortly after that she moved to Florida, to be near her sister she had reunited with. Ginny loved living in Florida, enjoying the sun, the heat, the ocean, and her new-found family. Ginny had a beautiful home

in Florida, and she decorated it her way, leopards, cheetahs, monkeys, zebra print, and of course her amazing pig collection. Ginny was very talented with computer graphics and enjoyed creating pictures and designs. Ginny created her own greeting cards, and they were always funny and cleverly made. Ginny loved football, and she especially loved her Denver Broncos, going to many games with Rogell. Ginny never wavered on her loyalty to her Broncos, even through the bad years, and there was a lot of bad years.

Ginny was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2021 and fought a long battle with that, eventually being told she was cancer free. Ginny and her partner, Joe Forbs, made the decision to move back to Colorado to be close to the ones she loved. Ginny and Joe arrived back to Montrose in September 2022. Ginny was happy to be back in Montrose, and back in the family home that she and Mark built from scratch, so many years ago. Over the winter I wondered if she might have questioned her decision to move away from Florida, since it was one of the snowiest winters on record. Ginny was excited to plant her seeds and favorite flowers this spring, with anticipation of having beautiful flowerbeds once again. To honor Ginny, they will be taken care of, and hopefully they will be as beautiful as she would have had them.

Ginny is proceeded in death by both her

parents, Ellen and Roger Hosley, her ex-husband John Mark Strole. Surviving relatives include her children, Brad Brickey, Rogell Strole, and Jamie Strole, grandkid's Cooper Monter, Kody, Cordell, and Pepper Strole. Ginny had an extended birth family, but she was closest to her two sisters Ann and Liz, and they meant the world to her.

Ginny had an amazing sense of humor and loved to laugh. Ginny was loyal, selfless, and always told it like it was. Ginny did not want a funeral, she wanted a party, where there is laughter, funny stories, jokes, a keg of beer, and of course, jello shots. Ginny didn't want anyone to cry over her death, which is very hard, because she was so loved and we miss her so much.

The weekend prior to July 4th we will be celebrating Ginny's life by having a BBQ in Rogell's back yard, just as Ginny would have wanted it. If you are interested in coming, please contact Rogell Strole, for the date and time. Crippin funeral home of Montrose is assisting the family.



## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### CHERYL LYNN VALDEZ

***September 20, 1948- May 25, 2023***

CHERYL LYNN VALDEZ was born on September 20, 1948, to Eugene and Esther Vanderpool, and passed peacefully from her husband's loving arms into God's on May 25, 2023. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; love leaves a memory no one can steal.

Cheryl married the love of her life, Sonny Valdez on May 7th, 1983. They had just celebrated their 40-year anniversary. Throughout their 40 years together, they were able to see a lot of the world, but their best memories were at home with their animals and being able to see the wildlife that they so enjoyed every single day. They had each of the deer named as well as their feral cats that they spoiled.

Cheryl and her family spent about five years in Olathe, Colorado from 1983-1988. Cheryl worked in the accounting department of Colorado Ute in Montrose Colorado. She and Sonny then moved in 1988 to

Ogden Utah where they spent the last several years working and living their lives. They moved back to Montrose in 2015 to be closer to other family and the mountains that they missed.

Cheryl had two daughters, Sheila (Kevin) Garrison of Montrose, Colorado, and Laura (JJ) Micas of Ogden Utah. She was the grandmother to five grandchildren Victoria (Vince) Smith, Candace (Wayne) Garrison, Anthony (Lexis) Carrazco, Cameron (Samantha) Garrison and Angel Carrazco. Cheryl also had four great grandchildren. Your life was a blessing, your memory, a treasure. Her family meant the world to her. She never missed a birthday, anniversary, or any other important date. She was fiercely protective of those she loved and cared about. She will be incredibly missed and forever loved. She was an amazing mother, wife, daughter, grandmother, and friend. To live in hearts we

leave behind, is not to die. We believe in the fact that one day we will see you again.

Cremation has taken place. From one of her favorite songs by

Elton John, "Your candle burned out long before your legend ever did" May you touch dragonflies and stars, dance with fairies and talk to the moon. We will hold you in our hearts until we can hold you again in heaven.

Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose is assisting the family.



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*Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.*



## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### **LINDA JANE CARPENTER** ***August 15, 1947- May 25, 2023***

LINDA JANE CARPENTER, age 75, passed away May 25, 2023 at Valley Manor Nursing Center. Linda was born August 15, 1947 in Greenville, MS to Asher and Daisy (Howerton) Rankin. She worked as an Activity Director at Valley Manor Nursing Center until her retirement.

Linda is preceded in death by her parents, her husband L.W. "Boots" Carpenter, and three sisters Clovis Johansen, Velma Moon, and Billie Sink. She is survived by her son, Robert E. Stout of Montrose, along with three daughters, Melissa Carpenter Wasson of Greenville, MS, Amanda (Greg) Hasty of Vicksburg, MS, Deborah A. Gately of Little Rock, AR, and a sister Rhonda Hyle of Montrose. Linda is also survived by five grandchildren; Holly Ingebo, Matthew Floriani, Jacob Morgan, Sarah Morgan, and Sabrina Cora. She also leaves nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Crippin Funeral Home. There will be a private ceremony held by the children.

The family would like to thank the staff of Valley Manor Nursing Center for the wonderful care provided their mother.



### **KYLEI MCCOLLUM**



On Wednesday May 31, 2023, Kylei McCollum, loving mother, soulmate, daughter, sister, and friend, passed away, at age 40 in Montrose, Colorado.

Kylei spent her younger years in Norwood, Co. She was a joyful soul and filled the lives around her with love and laughter. You could usually find her roaming the hills or at the rodeo with her favorite horse Sam. She held a special place in her heart among the trees atop North Mountain.

Kylei's greatest joy in life was the day she became a mama. The boys were her world, they brought sunshine to her heart. She enjoyed sharing her loves adventures in Alaska, and the colors of the sunsets in Hawaii. She will always be remembered for her soft, kind soul and her amazing laugh.

Kylei was a wonderful mother, the sweetest love, a joyful daughter, a soft-hearted sister, adoring aunt, and an elegant friend.

Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose is assisting the family.

*Now more than ever...*

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# ART & SOL

## SUMMER COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE TO BEGIN

### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Saturday, June 17, at 11 AM at Riverbottom Park. Everyone is welcome to join. No experience is necessary. All ages are welcome as drumming is a great family activity.

"Drumming is good for your mental and physical health as it brings all your systems into balance. Drumming out in nature adds another dimension to the drumming experience. It's an easy and fun way to release stress, meet other people, and have some fun," said Arlyn Macdonald, organizer of the event.

The Drum Circle will meet the third Saturday of June, July, August, and September at the same time and location.

The Open Heart Drum Circle is an interactive drumming circle which has performed at Main in Motion, festivals, nursing homes, and church services.

"Bring your own hand drum and a chair or blanket to sit on. If you don't have a drum, we have some extra rhythm instruments you can use. If you can count to four, you can drum," Macdonald added. There is no



*Drum Circle at Culture fest 2022. Courtesy photo Arlyn Macdonald.*

charge to join the drum circle. For more information, call 970-252-0908.







**INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO ATTEND**

## **"Taking Care of the Uncompahgre River Valley"**

Leaders of three organizations working to preserve and improve water conditions in the Uncompahgre River Watershed will share their organization's missions and activities, as well as conditions they believe need to be addressed the most to ensure long-term watershed health in the valley.

**Presenters:**

**Tanya Ishikawa,**

*Executive Director of [Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership](#)*

**Mendy Stewart,**

*Education and Outreach Coordinator of [Shavano Conservation District](#)*

**Melanie Rees,**

*Board President of [Friends of the River Uncompahgre](#)*



**Thursday, June 15, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**  
**Montrose Library Meeting Room**  
**320 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**

For more information go to [lwv-uv.org](http://lwv-uv.org)

# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

## ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Anglican Church in North America

**Address:** 2057 S. Townsend, Montrose, CO 81401

**Office Hours:** Varies and by appointment

**Contact Information:** (970) 249-2451

<https://www.allsaintsmontrose.org/> Priest: The Rev Gary L. Way, 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.

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Independent Baptist

112Main St.

P.O. Box 262

Olathe, Co 81425

Tuesday-Friday Phone: 970-808-1021

[www.biblebaptistchurcholathe.com](http://www.biblebaptistchurcholathe.com)

Pastor Gabe Skillo

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Sunday 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer 7 p.m.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.montroselutheran.org)

**Email:** [montroselutheran@gmail.com](mailto:montroselutheran@gmail.com)

**Pastor:** Tim Onnen

**Worship:** Sundays at 9 AM

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

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

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

## FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

**Denomination:** Church of the Nazarene

**Address:** 705 South 12th Street

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

**Contact Information:** Office Phone 970 249-9213, [mncfirst@gmail.com](mailto:mncfirst@gmail.com), [www.montrosenazarenechurch.org](http://www.montrosenazarenechurch.org)

**Pastor:** Buddy Cook

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

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

*disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.*

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

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

**Affiliation:** Presbyterian

**Address:** 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO.

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

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

**Pastor:** Jesse Mabanglo

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

*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.*



# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

## HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Denomination affiliation:** United Church of Christ

**Address:** 611 South Hillcrest Drive, Montrose, CO 81401

**Office hours:** By appointment

**Contact information:**

Phone number: (970) 249-9047

Email address: [office@montroseucc.org](mailto:office@montroseucc.org)

Website: [montroseucc.org](http://montroseucc.org)

**Current Pastor:** Rev. Wendy Kidd

**Worship service times:** Sunday, 10 a.m.

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

on life's journey.

Church demographics: HCUCC welcomes all ages to worship with us. (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles)

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

## MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Denomination Affiliation:** United Methodist

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

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

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

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

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

**Worship service times:**

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual

9:45 a.m. Christian Education & Fellowship

11 a.m. Sanctuary

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

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

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

## ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

**Affiliation:** Southern Baptist

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

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

**Contact information:**

Phone: 970.249.4887

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

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

**Senior Pastor:** Rolland Kenneson

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

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

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

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

matter what stage of life they are in.

**Children's services:** We have a fun Sunday School for children from four years old through youth. We provide Children's Church during the Sunday Worship Services where children four years old through 9 years can learn to be 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](mailto:arlyn@spiritaware.org), [www.spiritaware.org](http://www.spiritaware.org)

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

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

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

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

## SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

**Denomination affiliation:**

Southern Baptist

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

**Office hours:** Varies

**Contact information:**

phone number: 970-275-7026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

### VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

**Denomination Affiliation:** Independent Baptist

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

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

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

6874; email at [info@vbcmontrose.org](mailto:info@vbcmontrose.org);

website: [vbcmontrose.org](http://vbcmontrose.org)

**Current Pastor:** Roland Kassales

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

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

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

#### Church Directory

#### Mirror Editorial Staff

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

#### information to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

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MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM - 4PM  
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Montrose, CO

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Slide Show  
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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

# HEIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS THIS SUMMER WITH THE COLORADO SPIRITS TRAIL APP

*Special to Art & Sol*

DENVER-Thursday, June 8, 2023: The Colorado Distillers Guild (CDG) has announced the official launch of its [Colorado Spirits Trail app](#). The app features more than 40 Colorado distilleries and a robust passport program.

For each unique distillery check-in, an app user receives one passport stamp. Once a user has collected five stamps, they'll receive a virtual passport badge and one entry into a grand prize drawing that will take place in February 2024. The grand prize drawing includes a getaway to Buena Vista, Colo., featuring a two-night stay at the [Surf Hotel & Chateau](#), private tours at [Deerhammer Distillery](#) and [Woods High Mountain Distillery](#), whiskey-tasting flights at [The Slammer Saloon](#), and dinner for two at the [Boathouse Cantina](#).

"We're excited to offer spirit enthusiasts and adventure seekers an easy way to explore Colorado and sample local distilleries," says Meagan Miller, president of the CDG. "We hope the grand prize draw-

ing incentives people to go explore new distilleries and Colorado regions."

This app includes multiple interactive features including:

- Statewide passport program in which you earn prizes and achievement badges by visiting Colorado distilleries.
- Comprehensive distillery information including featured spirits, location and hours.
- Distillery visit planning functionality with built-in maps.
- Location-based tool to identify nearby distilleries.
- Activity check-in integration to rate and share adventures with your friends.
- Distillery event listings, deals and product highlights.

The app is available to download for free on the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#). The trail was originally launched in 2019 as a paper map. During COVID-19, the trail took a backseat while the industry found other creative ways to thrive.

The app was developed by [Local Explorers](#)



and soft-launched in 2022, with the help of the Colorado Tourism Office's [CARES Act Recovery Assistance for Tourism](#) grant.

"We hope that the Colorado Spirits Trail app gives Colorado residents and visitors a fun reason to get out and explore the state, while also increasing their awareness of the variety of distilleries that call Colorado home," Meagan said.

**On Display, Saturday, June 17. 10 am - 2 pm. Garden Party at 134 S. 2nd St., Montrose**  
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947 South Fifth Street Montrose  
(970) 249-2421 **VFC PROVIDER**  
[thepediatricassociates.com](http://thepediatricassociates.com)

**NORTHSIDE HEALTH CENTER**

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

**CEDAR POINT HEALTH**

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

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

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[umclinic.org](http://umclinic.org) **340B PARTICIPANT**

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

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[pic.place](http://pic.place)

**MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT**

510 29 1/2 Rd Grand Junction  
(970) 248-6900 **VFC PROVIDER**  
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**VFC (VACCINES FOR CHILDREN)**

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

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



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Tdap	Rabies
Meningococcus	Polio
Chickenpox	Japanese Encephalitis
Hep A	Hep B
	COVID-19

**WALGREENS**

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

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

**CVS (IN TARGET)**

3530 Wolverine Dr Montrose  
(970) 497-8981  
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Flu	MMR
Hep A	Tdap
Hep B	Varicella
Hep A/Hep B	Pneumococcal
HPV	Meningococcal
Shingles	Hep A/Hep B
Typhoid	Japanese Encephalitis
Polio, adult	COVID-19 (Pfizer & Jj)

**CITY MARKET NORTH**

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

**SAFEWAY**

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

**WALMART**

16750 South Townsend Ave Montrose  
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Shingles	IPV
Tdap	Varicella
Td	Pneumococcal
MMR	Meningococcal
	COVID-19 (Moderna & Jj)

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112 Village Square West Ridgway  
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Flu	Pneumonia
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# COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS: REAL ESTATE

## WORLD-FAMOUS PARELLI RANCH UP FOR AUCTION

*Special to Art & Sol*

PAGOSA SPRINGS – [Parelli Ranch](#), the famed home of Parelli Natural Horsemanship, is up for auction June 30 in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. This world-renowned property was owned by legendary horse trainer Pat Parelli.

For decades, people have come from across the globe to visit this renowned ranch, truly a horse lover's destination that offers an opportunity for horsemanship and education from Pat Parelli. Since moving to the property in 1995, Parelli has remodeled the house, installed roads, and constructed several buildings, arenas, corals, and more. Pat's hard work is evident when one sees the property and the ranch is a testament to his dedication, making it a perfect fit for a seasoned horseman or equestrian enthusiast.

Born in 1954 in Livermore, California, Parelli developed a passion for horsemanship in his youth and began participating in the rodeo circuit. In the '70s and early '80s, Parelli challenged himself to begin training mules and rose to public prominence. His success in professional rodeos led to a mentorship with Troy Henry, where he was taught to be not just a horse trainer, but a horseman. Since, Parelli has traveled the world to conduct clinics in front of millions, even including

President Ronald Reagan, Tom Selleck, Tony Robbins, and the Queen of England. Eventually, Parelli found the perfect home for Parelli Natural Horsemanship and settled into the now-famed ranch in Pagosa Springs.

The ranch consists of 318± acres of deeded land and 328± acres of state-leased land (transferable, but subject to approval), leaving the possibilities wide open. It features rolling grass meadows and wooded hillsides bordering the San Juan National Forest. With plenty of pasture for grazing cattle, the sub-irrigated meadows in the valley could also be put back into hay production if desired. The property has multiple spring-fed ponds, depending on the season, and the property includes horse and livestock-friendly "saw buck" fencing. The property has the potential to easily host multiple events simultaneously while attendees can stay on-site in one of the guest cabins, RV sites, or camping areas. The ranch includes numerous outdoor stalls, round pens, tack rooms, wash bays, training areas, two full-size arenas, one covered warm-up or training arena, a 12-stall horse barn with a tack room, and two lean-to horse stalls beside the covered arena. The main home on the ranch is log-sided with quality finishes including tiled floors and solid granite slab kitchen coun-

ters. A peaceful covered patio with a fire pit and outdoor furniture on the south side provides the perfect place to spend the evenings as the sun goes down over the scenic landscape.

One of the greatest features of the ranch is also its close proximity to Pagosa Springs. In just five minutes, you can go from riding your horses on miles of mountainous trails to sitting on the patio of a restaurant lining the quaint main street.

*"This property offers excellent opportunities for anyone looking for a summer trophy ranch with breathtaking views or someone wanting to operate an equine operation,"* says United Country Western Land & Lifestyle Properties owner/broker Robert Gash

*"This is one of those special pieces of property that when you get on it, you just feel the energy here, you can see the views, you can feel the wilderness. It really does have everything you need,"* says Pat Parelli about the ranch.

Learn more about Parelli Ranch at [ParelliRanchAuction.com](#).

Parelli Ranch is being offered at auction by United Country Real Estate | Western Land & Lifestyle Properties. To view the property or receive more information, contact Robert Gash at 970-986-2955 or visit [ParelliRanchAuction.com](#).

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970-787-9021



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**Pahgre's**  
970-249-6442



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970-323-6215



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970-964-7570



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970-249-7427



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970-240-8899



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970-249-0616



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### RIDGWAY TRUE GRIT WALKING TOUR

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**SATURDAY: FREE TRAIN RIDES:** Free rides every Saturday through mid-October, 9 am - 3 pm, at the Ridgway Railroad Museum, 200 N. Railroad St, Ridgway.

**MONTROSE CENTER FOR ARTS-**The DeJulio Retrospective is available to view at Montrose Center for Arts through the end of June during normal operating hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 10am until 4pm. 11 S. Park.

**MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET-**Summer market every Saturday May-October from 9 am to 1 pm in Downtown Montrose. Fresh produce, local meats and eggs, baked goods, beautiful artisan crafts, live music, kids' activities. South Uncompahgre Avenue, Centennial Plaza and South First Street.

**BOSOM BUDDIES BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP,** Wednesdays noon-12:45, 645 S. 5th Street

**GROUP MINDFUL MEDITATION SESSION** to help you sustain and grow your practice with others. Every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm at New Leaf Studio 220 N Stough Ave in Montrose.

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

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

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

**NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP-**Breastfeeding Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. An infant scale will also be available to check your baby's weight. Breastfeeding Support Group (Bring your questions and your family!) Montrose County Event Center (1036 North 7th Street Room 3) 10am - 12pm. Questions? Please call 970-252-5015.

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

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

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

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

**MONTROSE 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

**June 12-**430-630pm. In-person meeting of the Citizens' Climate Lobby at Montrose library meeting rm. Action items regarding reduced electricity efficiency, weatherization locally presented at Montrose Farmers Market Saturdays 9-1. Non-partisan, National Nonprofit, Environmental, All welcome info at 970-765-9095

**June 15-**DMEA's 2023 annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2023, from 4:30 – 8 p.m. at Cedaredge High School (575 SE Deer Creek Drive, Cedaredge)

**June 15-**Thursday, June 15, 1 – 2:30 p.m. – Presentation on "Taking Care of the Uncompahgre River Valley", Montrose Library Meeting Room, 320 S 2nd Street. Leaders of three organizations working to preserve and improve water conditions in the Uncompahgre River Watershed will share their organization's missions and activities and describe conditions being addressed to ensure long-term watershed health in the valley. Presenters: Tanya Ishikawa, Executive Director of Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership; Mendy Stewart, Education and Outreach Coordinator of Shavano Conservation District; and Melanie Rees, Board President of Friends of the River Uncompahgre. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Uncompahgre Valley. Free event open to everyone. For more information go to [lww-uv.org](http://lww-uv.org)

**June 16-**Montrose Republican Women 2023 Scholarship Awards. On Friday, June 16 at Hampton Inn Montrose. We will be celebrating our 2023 High School Scholarship Recipients.

**June 17-**Tortoise and The Hare Common To Exotic Pets-June 17 will be our one-year anniversary!! As a thank you we are celebrating our anniversary with amazing sales, drawings, and giveaways. Free face painting from Toadstool Face Painting. Please join us Saturday June 17 from 10am to 6pm for all day deals (face painting from 10am to 3pm.) 523 E Main Montrose Co. 970-275-7150

**June 17-**Saturday, June 17, 11 AM, Summer Community Drum Circle begins. Everyone welcome. Info – 970-252-0908.

**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](http://www.blackcanyontickets.com) and at the gate Saturday, June 17th, 2023.

**June 24-**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Ridgway RiverFest, Sat., June 24, 2023, Noon to 5 p.m., Rollans Park, Ridgway. Free festival fun: live music, river races, food trucks, margaritas and local brews, watershed education, and more! Sponsors, volunteers, river racers, Junk of the Unc competitors, and festival goers needed! INFO: <https://ridgwayriverfest.org/>

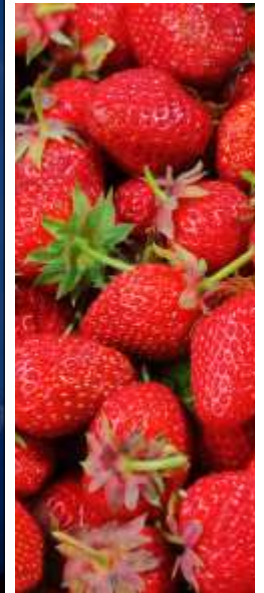
**June 24-**Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans will host their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Sings USA Concert in Montrose on June 24, 2023. This benefit concert will help fund the continuation of Freedom Sings USA Colorado, who will open for county music headliner HunterGirl at the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater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

**June 27-**11am. Free Educational End of Life Care Event-Centennial Towers, 430 South 12th Street, Montrose

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