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STUDENTS CONCERNED OVER FUTURE OF NJROTC



Montrose High School NJROTC Student Cameron Culver raised concerns about the future of the program at the Board of Education meeting on June 20.

Bv Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-On June 20, for the second week in a row, Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education President Sarah Fishering called the regular meeting to order at district offices. Also present were Board Vice President Eric Kelley, District A Director Erik Westesen, District B Director Jacob Suppes, District G Director Stephen Bush, and District C Director Alice Murphy; District D Director Tom West joined the meeting online from Pueblo. All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance; directors voted to approve the meeting agenda.

STUDENT AND STAFF SPOOTLIGHT

"We've got some great stuff going on this summer," District Public Information Officer Matt Jenkins said as he presented the student and staff spotlight: "Colorado State University offered a drone training course this summer. Lori Roberts Continued pg 33 (MHS), Mike (Olathe), and Doug

BOCC APPROVES AIRPORT CHANGE ORDER AND AMBULANCE RENEWALS, HEARS PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

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 21. All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Jeremy Jensen of Crossroads Victory Church delivered the invocation.

"...Lord, I thank you for the immense love that you have for each person in this room," Jensen said. "I thank you for the calling that you've given every single one of us to be good stewards of what you've entrusted us with of your creation. To love our neighbors as ourselves...you, almighty God are the one who puts leaders into places of authority, so let them honor you today...for our citizens, for our county, Lord we pray..."

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

city holidays

There were no comments heard

Mayor says City of Montrose will

'consider' adding Juneteenth to list of

Continued pg 37



The Montrose Fire Protection District Renewal Application for license and permits for five Ambulances and License to operate in Montrose County was approved.

Community Celebrates as Three Wheeler E-Bikes-**Matthew Mattivi retires** Aging: get Good At it! after 22-year Navy Career **By Randy White**

San Juan High Country: A New Adventure! By Kate **Burke**

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The public is welcome to visit MCA and vote on their favorite for the new mural. The winning art piece will be announced mid-July and work on the mural should begin soon thereafter.

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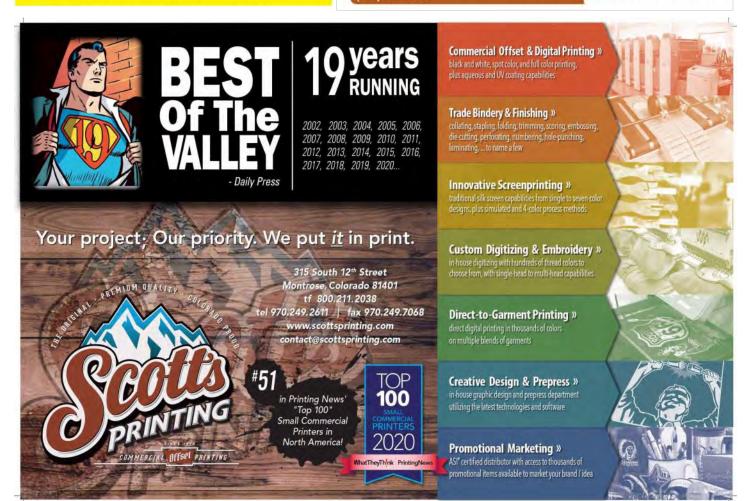
Local author, Judy Fairchild, will join us for a



discussion of The Old Eve Tree. This story, told through 7-year-old Tilly Harris' eyes, discovers prejudice against differences, truths that have to be hidden, cruelty disguised as righteousness, and strength in standing up for what is right.

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MATTIVI RETIRES AFTER 22-YEAR NAVY CAREER

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-A Montrose native, Navy Commander Matthew Mattivi is a 2000 Montrose High School (MHS) graduate. Mattivi graduated from the University of Colorado (2004) and the Colorado School of Mines (2015) and completed degrees in civil engineering and engineering and technology management.

He received his commission through Officer Candidate School (OCS) in 2004. In June 2023, after a 22-year naval career, Mattivi retired at the age of 41.

His last duty assignment was as the Public 1034 Highland St. Works Officer of Naval Base Coronado.

In an interview with the Mirror, Mattivi's wife Jennifer said, "He is looking forward to spending more time with his family (daughters 16-year-old Keilah and 13-year -old Leah.)

"We are moving to Naples Italy where I am a Navy Civilian employee and Matt intends to continue supporting the Navy as a Civilian Employee."

A community retirement celebration was held at Arrowhead on June 24.

Cards of congratulations can be sent to: Matthew Mattivi

Montrose, CO 81401



Navy Commander Matthew Mattivi, MHS class of 2000 and wife Jennifer Mattivi (Garduno), MHS class of 1999, attended this year's Seabee Ball in San Diego. After 22 years in the Navy, 41-year-old Commander Mattivi retired from the military in June of 2023. Courtesy photo.



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Navy Commander Matthew Mattivi as he celebrated his last day as Public Works Officer of Naval Base Coronado. On June 6, 2023, this highly decorated naval officer received his second Meritorious Service Award. Mattivi, a Montrose High School (MHS) 2000 graduate, was honored at a retirement reception held at Arrowhead on June 24. Courtesy photo.



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ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF MONTROSE WELCOMES YOU

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MONTROSE-Altrusa International of Montrose, CO members celebrated their 48th Birthday with cake and refreshments at their meeting on June 20th.

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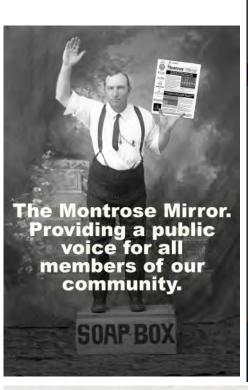
Altrusa International of Montrose, Colorado, is a non-profit that was organized in June 1975 and has implemented many successful programs, projects and fundraisers, through which our members have experienced the satisfaction and reward of providing service to others. We are a club of productive women and men who have a common bond in our commitment to community service.

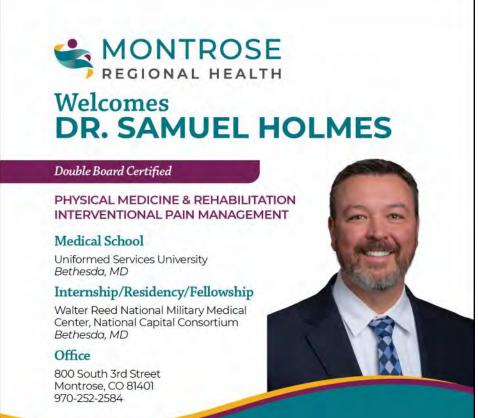
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contributions.

In addition, we also gave out over 2,200 books to Montrose and Olathe 1st graders, Haven House and Montrose County Health and Human Services as well as putting up three new lending libraries and stocking them.

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'MONTROSE WILL CONSIDER ADDING IT TO OUR CITY HOLIDAYS' Mayor Barbara Bynum responds to question about recognizing Juneteenth



With other governmental entities across the state and across the nation closed in honor of the new Federal Juneteenth Holiday, Montrose City Council gathered for a regularly scheduled work session on Monday, June 19. Meeting screen capture.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-With other governmental entities across the state and across the nation closed in honor of the new Federal Juneteenth Holiday, Montrose City Council gathered for a regularly scheduled work session on Monday, June 19, 2023. All councilors were present for the session. Mayor Barbara Bynum opened the session, "With work sessions we jump right into our work!"

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The first item discussed was an update from Project 7 Water Authority on the water authority's Resiliency Project. Utilities Manager David Bries introduced the discussion as well as members of the Project 7 team, including Project 7 Executive Director Adam Turner.

"...We've been doing these resiliency updates for several years now; wanted to come and just tell you what progress we've made," Turner said, "...the biggest point that's been in everybody's mind is how on earth do we pay for all this...how do we go about making it all work?" Project 7's Miles Graham delivered the presentation itself, which is included in the work session packet. Elements of the project will include:

-A new raw water transmission line installed between Ridgway Reservoir and the new facility

(approximately 5.5 miles of 24" pipe);

- A new drinking water transmission line

from the WTP site to serve all members via an adequately sized tie in point within Tri-County WCD (approximately 5.5 miles of 24" pipe);

- A new water treatment facility located at 35679 US-550, Montrose, Colorado 81403;

-Approximately six million gallons per day (6MGD) of surface water treatment (filtration) and softening Hydroelectric generation from raw water line.

The new treatment plant is expected to be online by late 2026, Graham said. Total estimated cost is \$158,897,979. Graham said the team is now working to bring costs down while factoring in the uncertainty and the market conditions, while documenting the need for and pursuing additional sources of funding. "The goal is to build a strong foundation for the future...this is a resiliency program to make sure we have backup water treatment for our essential needs...and in the future we want to have the flexibility to expand as needed."

Graham also discussed scenarios for water rate increases and projected retail rates. Project 7's Board will consider two future rate adjustments when the Board meets on June 22. "The goal really is to maximize every dollar that we contribute locally, and leverage that to bring in outside federal funding...the regional nature of this makes it a very strong candidate." Water infrastructure is vital to the eco-

nomic and overall health of the region, Graham said.

Mayor Bynum said that Project 7 would probably apply to Patrick Rondinelli of the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for grant funding, "...I actually sit on the board that approves or denies those grants, so I would have to recuse myself, I'm sure."

Council spent time asking questions. Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler noted that Project 7 has proposed significant increases, and that the increases are separate from any cost increases needed and imposed by the City of Montrose. "...It's really the start of incremental increases as we move through the project."

Mayor Bynum thanked Project 7 officials for the update, "...We'll make sure we get you on our schedule kind of regularly, because it seems like there could be significant updates even six months from now."

Council also considered proposed Municipal Code Updates. City Attorney Ben Morris introduced the discussion, and Public Safety Attorney Matthew Magliaro presented the specific proposed updates. A redlined version is included in the work session packet. The updates are intended to reflect changes to state law, Magliaro said.

The final <u>discussion item</u> was the Pallante Addition Annexation, presented by Planner II William Reis.

Background-The Pallante Addition is a proposed annexation approximately 0.76 acres in size. The parcel is located along Juniper Road, across from the intersection with El Camino Real Road. It is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, City of Montrose Sewer Service Area, and the Menoken Water Service Area. Annexation of this property will allow for connection to City utilities. An Annexation Agreement is required.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilor Dave Frank said that a constituent told him that there were almost too many fun things to do in Montrose the previous weekend. "Which is a really good problem to have," Frank said. "It's just really great to see all these fun, cultural events happening in Montrose--gives our residents an opportunity to play. Play

BYNUM RESPONDS TO QUESTION ABOUT RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH From previous pg

here, stay here. Great job guys."

Bynum reviewed upcoming calendar items

Due to the Fourth of July Holiday, the council work session and meeting on July 3 and 4 are cancelled.

"I believe later today there is a meeting for us to attend about the façade," she said.

As the public works façade meeting was not noticed ahead of time, only Bynum and Glaspell would attend. "With only two of us there we won't be out of compliance," Bynum said. The meeting, intended to gather input, would also include City department heads, Public Works Manager

Jim Scheid said.

Councilor Frank said that the City has issued a news release about the Fourth of July Holiday. "There's a lot of great events on the Fourth of July..."

Councilor Ulibarri said that he may need to leave town briefly due a death in the family. Mayor Bynum asked that he keep Council updated.

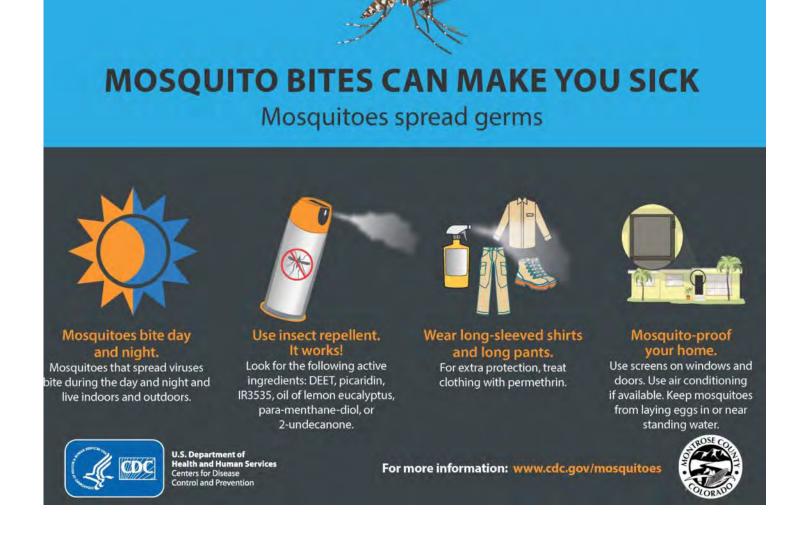
When contacted by phone following the work session to ask why the City has not recognized the new Federal Juneteenth Holiday (the City also did not Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Day during the regime of City Manager Bill Bell until 2020) or Pride Month, as other entities including

Montrose County have done, Mayor Bynum sent the following response: "Hi Ms. Switzer.

Thank you for your voicemails this morning. Proclamations are usually citizen initiated and brought to all of council for their consideration. No organization or individual asked council to consider a proclamation to recognize Pride

month. Juneteenth was recognized as a Federal holiday in 2021 and a Colorado holiday in 2022 and this is the fist (sic) new federal holiday in 38 years. Montrose will consider adding it to our City holidays. *Thank you*,

Barbara Bynum"



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR SECONDARY BIG GAME DRAW

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - Hunters have another opportunity to apply for limited big game hunting licenses with the secondary draw. Hunters can check online for a <u>list of available hunt codes</u> and must submit an application by June 30 at 8 p.m. MT.

The secondary draw is open to everyone, whether they applied for the primary draw or not.

Available licenses will include deer, elk, pronghorn and bear licenses not issued, or not paid for during the primary draw.

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- -Hunters can apply whether they missed the primary draw or not.
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- -A <u>qualifying license</u> is required to apply.
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- -No group hunts.

You cannot apply as a group in the secondary draw.

-List A and list B limitations still apply. Details can be found in the 2023 big game brochure on pages 20, 35, 53, 58, 62.

Any licenses remaining after the secondary draw (except for Ranching for Wildlife licenses) will be placed on the leftover list and be available for purchase starting Aug.

1 at 9 a.m. MT.

Applications for both the primary and secondary draws can only be submitted online or by phone at 1-800-244-5613.

Plan your hunt

If you have questions about setting up your accounts, planning your hunts or applying for licenses, Colorado Parks and Wildlife call center agents and hunt planners are available Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. MT at 303-297-1192. Hunting resources are available at:

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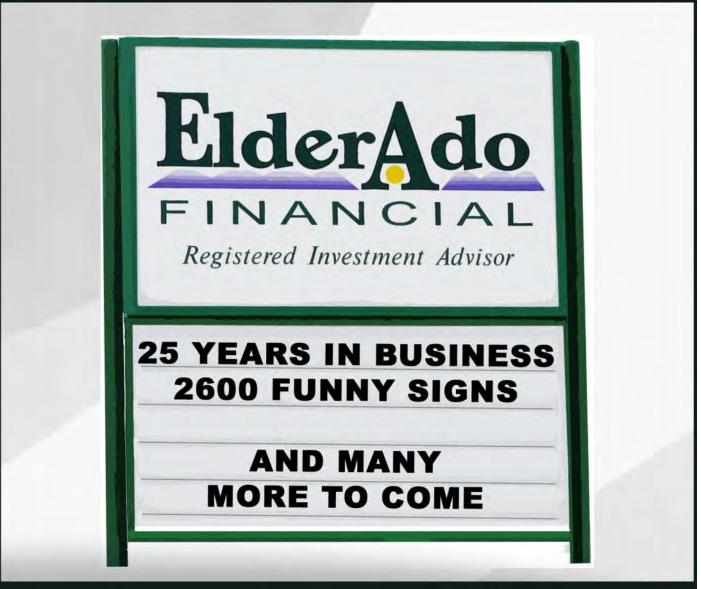
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REP. LAUREN BOEBERT INITIATES IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS

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UNITED STATES-On June 13, Congress-woman Lauren Boebert initiated impeachment proceedings against President Joe Biden, with all House Republicans voting for Rep. Boebert's bill to proceed through the traditional, institutional process.

Boebert (CO-03) stated, "Joe Biden's un-

Boebert (CO-03) stated, "Joe Biden's unconstitutional dereliction of his Article II duty to take care that the laws be faithfully

executed warrants impeachment. He has willfully created a border crisis that has enabled the horrific trafficking of children. As a mother, it breaks my heart to watch Joe Biden turn a blind eye to victims of child sex trafficking. Biden's Border Crisis has allowed millions of illegal aliens to pour into our country, threatened our national security, and killed more than 100,000 Americans from fentanyl—

including more than 1,800 Coloradans. I am pleased that House leadership worked with me on my impeachment bill to protect our constitutional republic. As demonstrated in this victory, I will continue to use every available procedural tool to hold Joe Biden accountable and advance impeachment proceedings."

Procedural Background:

On June 13, Congresswoman Boebert introduced articles of impeachment against Joe Biden for his unconstitutional dereliction of duty at the southern border. On June 20, Congresswoman Boebert called up her articles of impeachment on the House Floor under Rule 9 raising a question of privilege to force a vote on the matter within two legislative days.

On June 21, the House Rules Committee took action on Congresswoman Boebert's articles of impeachment and drafted a rule for the House to vote to begin impeachment proceedings against President Biden for his dereliction of duty at the southern border. Congresswoman Boebert's successful effort resulted in the House passing a resolution to begin impeachment proceedings against President Biden. The rule passed by all House Republicans on the House floor allows Congresswoman Boebert's bill and impeachment proceedings to proceed through the traditional, institutional channels—by building a body of evidence at the committee level through the Committees on Homeland Security and the Judiciary, reporting out impeachment based on that evidence, and then the House adopting a resolution so that when a trial occurs in the Senate, there is an existing evidentiary record to rely upon when holding Joe Biden accountable.

Congressman Matt Gaetz (FL-01), Congressman Eli Crane (AZ-02), Congressman Andy Biggs (AZ-05), and Congressman Cory Mills (FL-07) cosponsored Congresswoman Boebert's articles of impeachment.

Congresswoman Boebert's articles of impeachment are available <u>here</u>.





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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

TRUMP FOUND INNOCENT OF INVOLVEMENT IN 'RUSSIAN COLLUSION'

Editor;

Whoa there Ms. Zanol, just sit down, relax, and concentrate on reading my letter again so you can figure out what it says. You asked me to challenge you and I am happy to do that. Your letter is full of false accusations and untruths. I will help you understand what it said. So in reading my letter again you will realize I never said anything about analyzing the abilities of "gay" soldiers to serve "bravely" to liberate Europe. In fact I never said anything about "gays" even being in Normandy! But I wonder how you would know if there were any gays taking part on "D" day? Is this just your drama queen narrative? And more importantly, if there were, how would you know how well they fought compared to their "heterosexual counterparts"? (your comparison, not mine). And is this more of your drama gueen narrative? I don't doubt they fought if they were there, but I question your insistence on assuming they served, "just as bravely". How can you say they fought "bravely?" Is this more of your drama queen narrative? Did you witness them? You said they had to serve in "silence". How do you know if they were silent or not? You said they didn't have all the "freedoms" others had. How would you know if they didn't have equal freedoms? Were you there or is this more of your drama queen narrative? Changing my narrative and the meaning of what I wrote or said is the typical cynical tactic of the radical progressive Leftists. My only point on that subject is that you're wrongly singling out just one minority group of people for celebration of D day and not the entire group of armed forces who bled and died in the actual fighting. You know, it's shameful the colors of God's rainbow are being used to glorify a lifestyle God has declared corrupt. We've allowed God's rainbow to be hi-jacked by the LGBTQ+? movement. The crucial disconnect between the American flag and the rainbow flag is that one represents selfindulgence and the other represents selfgovernance and the two cannot peacefully coexist. And the percentage of the LGBTQ+? population is in the lower single digits, but you would think they were in the majority judging from all the political attention they garner from our corrupt Democrat misleadership in Washington who staggers around lost and gets picked up by secret service men

after arranging his legs under him when he falls. And the pathetic lame scream media won't report any of this.

Your crowing about being an Air Force studies instructor and standing on alert with a loaded aircraft doesn't qualify you to be an expert on fighting a war. Did you help load the aircraft with all its lethal armaments? Were you a trained and experienced pilot on that aircraft? Or did you even have a position on that aircraft responsible for completing its mission? Or were you standing on the tarmac waving goodbye when the plane taxied away? Have you ever experienced combat? Your reference to the Air Force seems silly and self-serving.

You falsely said Biden's "predecessor" (why didn't you just say President Trump?) "allegedly" called our war dead "losers" and "suckers". If you had paid attention at the time you would honestly know that claim was false as proved by everyone there within listening distance who said they didn't hear Trump say any such thing.(nice try!) If you're used to associating with Leftists then you would naturally want to believe their lies. Some radical Leftists must have thrown that lie in there to see if that hateful accusation would stick and apparently it did stick with some people who have the Trump derangement syndrome and will believe anything as long as it's a hateful comment about President Trump. You said Biden lost a son "likely" due to service to our country. Biden constantly harps and lies about his son getting killed in Irag. No, his son was never killed in combat or in Iraq or due to service to our country like Biden incoherently claims. Beau Biden joined the National Guard in 2003 and was in Iraq from Oct. 2008 to Sept. 2009 with a desk job and he died from cancer in May of 2015 at Walter Reed hospital in Maryland. No one knows how, why, or when he was afflicted with cancer. You complain no one in Trump's family has served in the military, but what about Hunter Biden who joined the Navy but they didn't want him and was kicked our for being a drug addict? Hmmm? Or Hunter lying on a gun purchase application saying he WAS-N'T a drug addict after being kicked out of the Navy for drug use? At least we can be sure if any of Trump's family had served in the military they would have served honorably. And now Hunter Biden lands a sweetheart deal

from his daddy's injustice system that cancels out his many felonious and misdemeanor crimes. Professional opinions have remarked that this Biden administration is the most corrupt in America's history! There is one law for them and one for the thousands of Jan. 6 protesters at the Capitol many who were peacefully let in by law enforcement or in there for just minutes only observing. And many of those are still in jail waiting and being beat up by guards dying waiting for court dates and the Leftist Demorats boast there are going to be maybe a thousand more arrested. This is straight out of communist China's and North Korea's play book..

Then you say Joe Biden doesn't fit the definition of a traitor!! HUH?? An unbelievable statement! The list of his treasonous acts is endless, but high on the list is his erasing the southern border making Biden and his donkeys the number one drug cartel in the world, cancelling America's sovereignty, the labeling of parents as terrorists, taking \$millions in bribes from foreign adversaries like China, giving \$80 BILLION worth of our best and most advanced military equipment to the Taliban in Afghanistan. Now their military are rated at the top in selling our military equipment to China and other adversaries, allowing our #1 enemy, China, to float a spy balloon over the entire U.S. territory where it hovered over sensitive and vital military installations. And then Biden defends China by saying China probably "didn't know" the balloon was there!! Despicable self-imposed stupidity!! The list of treason is endless. You said a traitor is the "guy" who asked Russia to interfere in our elections. You're right that is a traitor only it wasn't just a "guy". It was Hillary Clinton, Obama and Biden with their FISA warrants based on complete unverified lies. Remember when \$30 million were spent investigating those lies and Trump was found completely innocent of any involvement in any "Russian collusion?" Hmmmmm? It was Hillary Clinton who was the one who was in bed with Russia with Obama and Biden waiting their turn. And so it's soooooo pathetic, the "can do no wrong" Demorat cartel of corruption say you are supposed to believe men can be women and women can be men and at the same time they claim they are worried about "disinformation!!!"

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose



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In his letter to District 2 County Commissioner Lance Waring apprising the County of the award, DOLA's Rick Garcia noted that the competition for EIAF grants is vigorous.

"Your project was reviewed based on a variety of factors such as its connection to energy impact, degree of need, measurable outcomes, amount of request, relationship to community goals, level of local match and community support, management capacity, resilience and readiness to

go," Garcia wrote. "Competition for these limited funds is intense and we are seeing great demand."

County Parks & Open Space Director Janet Kask said it was exciting to be awarded the DOLA EIAF funding.

"This funding will specifically enable us to replace the perimeter fence and related cross fencing, which will add to the safety component of being able to contain animals and livestock year-round and especially during the annual San Miguel Basin Fair and Rodeo," she said. "The County Fairgrounds & Regional Park also serves as a temporary emergency shelter for large animals and livestock and this new fencing will assist with containment of such during those events as well."

District 3 Commissioner, Kris Holstrom, is pleased to see the fairgrounds in Norwood getting the funding and attention it deserves.

"We are so pleased to have been awarded this grant for fair-

ground improvements," Holstrom said.
"The fairground setting is great venue
where people of all ages come together to
learn skills, show off skills and enjoy fantastic rodeos and many other events.
These improvements will add to the useability of the venue, and we are grateful to
DOLA for the funding. Here's to a great
summer season for all at the SMC fairgrounds!"

The 2023 San Miguel Basin Fair takes place July 15 through July 22 and the San Miguel Basin Rodeo is scheduled for July 28 and July 29. Funds for the DOLA EIAF program come from the state severance tax on energy and mineral production and from a portion of the state's share of royalties paid to the federal government for mining and drilling of minerals and mineral fuels on federally-owned land.



This home on a cul-de-sac in Brown Ranch is 2200 square feet of luxurious living. The stucco home has a large, open living area with soft hues of grey, charcoal, and neutral that give a relaxing feel. The main bedroom suite features a soaker tub and dual walk-in closets. Designed with a split floor plan, the guest rooms and bath are opposite the common areas. A spacious dining room and covered patio are just waiting for you to start living and relaxing. Welcome Home!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION APPROVES STANDARDIZING REGULATIONS FOR PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES ON STATE WILDLIFE AREAS

Special to the Mirror

ALAMOSA - At its June 22 meeting in Alamosa, the Parks and Wildlife Commission unanimously approved changes to regulations that standardized and clarified language for permissible activities on State Wildlife Areas. This is the next phase of work that began in 2020 to address impacts to State Wildlife Areas due to increased visitation and the impacts to wildlife habitat.

"These revisions will help CPW protect critical wildlife habitat across the state for

current and future generations," said CPW Director Jeff Davis.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife manages about 350 State Wildlife Areas. SWAs are paid for primarily by sportspersons and managed for the benefit of wildlife. These areas may also offer wildlife-related recreation and potentially opportunities for other forms of recreation when not in conflict with wildlife or wildlife recreation.

In December 2019, the Area Wildlife Managers, in consultation with CPW staff man-

aging the SWAs, began analyzing what negative impacts were occurring and coming up with ideas and solutions to these problems.

To help manage increasing recreation at SWAs, CPW began requiring either a valid hunting or fishing license, or an <u>SWA access pass</u>, for anyone 16 or older accessing most SWAs.

Additionally, a working group of CPW staff and stakeholders proposed updates to the SWA general provisions (regulations applicable to all SWAs) and property-specific regulations. General provisions are regulations that are applicable to all SWAs, except for State Trust Lands (or if explicitly allowed or disallowed in property-specific regulations).

The public was also invited to submit comments on the proposed changes before adoption by the Parks and Wildlife Commission. The comment period was open for a six week period from April 12 through May 24, 2023.

You can refer to the <u>regulation changes</u> document to view all of the changes (beginning on page 6) and learn more about how the changes affect SWAs near you (property specific provisions begin on page 13).

While the general provision changes include new restrictions, some restrictions may not apply to all SWAs (e.g., allowing camping at certain properties).

These new regulatory changes will go into effect on August 1, but Lamb said CPW wildlife officers would be implementing an education campaign for the first year to ensure everyone is aware of how new regulations may be affecting their favorite SWA before handing out citations for any violations of new regulations.

"Making these updates to our regulations was the culmination of a lot of hard work by staff, stakeholders and with key input from the public throughout the process," said Lamb.

The 2023 Colorado State Recreation Lands Brochure has all the updated regulations for SWAs and will be available online and in CPW offices in early August.



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CITY ISSUES PROCLAMATION FOR IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH, APPROVES LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SHELTER DISTILLING AIRPORT COCKTAIL BAR

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All councilors were present for the <u>regular Montrose City Council</u> <u>meeting</u> of Tuesday, June 20. Mayor Barbara Bynum called the meeting to order and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance, "Please stand and join me."

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

PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF IMMI-GRANT HERITAGE MONTH

Bynum said, "We have a proclamation tonight for Immigrant Heritage Month...do we have someone here to receive the proclamation?"

Maria Valadez of Tr-County Health Network joined Bynum to accept the proclamation, which Bynum read into the record.

Valadez then read a statement as well. "On behalf of Tri-County Health Network we want to thank you for honoring immigrants and recognizing this month," she said.

"And we want to thank you, council members, and the other organizations in our community that are working to create more equity and inclusion for our immigrant community members."

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of the June 5, 2023, special City Council meeting, and the June 6, 2023 regular City Council meeting;
- A Fireworks Display Permit for the City of Montrose Fireworks Display on July 4, 2023;
- Donation of a raft owned by the City of Montrose to Montrose Surf & Cycle in exchange for the upkeep of the raft and providing river inspection as needed.

NEW TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICA-TION

Following a brief presentation by Applicant Jason Senior and his attorney, Council voted unanimously to approve a new Tav-

ern liquor license at 2100 Airport Road for Shelter Distilling, Inc., doing business as Shelter Distilling, for consumption on the licensed premises.

"I believe the city and airport needs a good quality cocktail bar—beer, wine, and grab and go food on the second story of the airport," Senior said.

Attorney Dan Carr spoke on behalf of the applicant. The cocktail bar will employ eight to ten individuals and is expected to open between mid-July and September.

ORDINANCE 2628 - SECOND READING

As previously discussed in work session and on first reading, Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2628 on second 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 Existing Building Code; The International Property Maintenance Code; The International Fire Code; and The International Energy Conservation Code; and providing penalties for violations.

ORDINANCE 2629 - SECOND READING

Also unanimously approved was Ordinance 2629 on second reading, disconnecting a portion of Parcel #376716320003.

WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION FEE ABATEMENT

As discussed previously in work session, Council voted to abate the actual cost of water and sewer connection fees, estimated at \$275,214, for the CASA of the 7th Judicial District and Region 10 Area Agency on Aging Village at San Juan project.

STAFF REPORTS

Sales Tax Accountant Becky Scriffiny presented the <u>Sales, Use & Excise</u> Tax Report. Mayor Bynum said, "Usually the Public Safety Sales Tax mirrors the overall...so citywide, construction use tax was down, almost 80 percent, but the amount that we use for public safety is up 62 percent. I'm just confused why those are so different."

Scriffiny said, "Part of it's because of the MURA. All of that building that's going out down there and all of those agreements that we have. That's where that difference lies. It's because of the city construction tax and of the PSST."

Bynum said, "Okay because within the URA, that is not collected by the city, that is passed on to the URA."

"Correct," Scriffiny said.

"Okay," Mayor Bynum said. "So, the construction that's happening in the URA, the City gave that three percent to URA. But we did not...because voters voted for that .58 percent to go to public safety, we could not give that over to the URA. So that's retained by the city to spend on public safety, so therefore it shows up in that positive way."

City Manager Bill Bell said that the city cannot give funds to the URA that are obligated toward other projects. He said that the city participates in fee waivers throughout the city. "There are other projects that are business development projects outside the URA...we only have authority to waive the city's portion, which is the city construction use, the plan check fee, and the permit review fee...It's not just in the URA, it's also on other business development projects..." Bell said. Bynum said that if citizens are listening, they can contact the Finance Department. "We have a great staff over in the City Finance Department, and they love to talk about numbers. And so anybody can call them and ask a question, so please feel free if you ever want to know more about city finance, they're really knowledgea-

Councilor Frank said he was named Montrose Rotary Rotarian of the Year. He said that information on the Fourth of July events is on social media and elsewhere. "It's just a great opportunity for everybody to get out and play in Montrose." Local veterans will be serving and pouring the beer to raise money toward the Veterans' Memorial, Bynum said.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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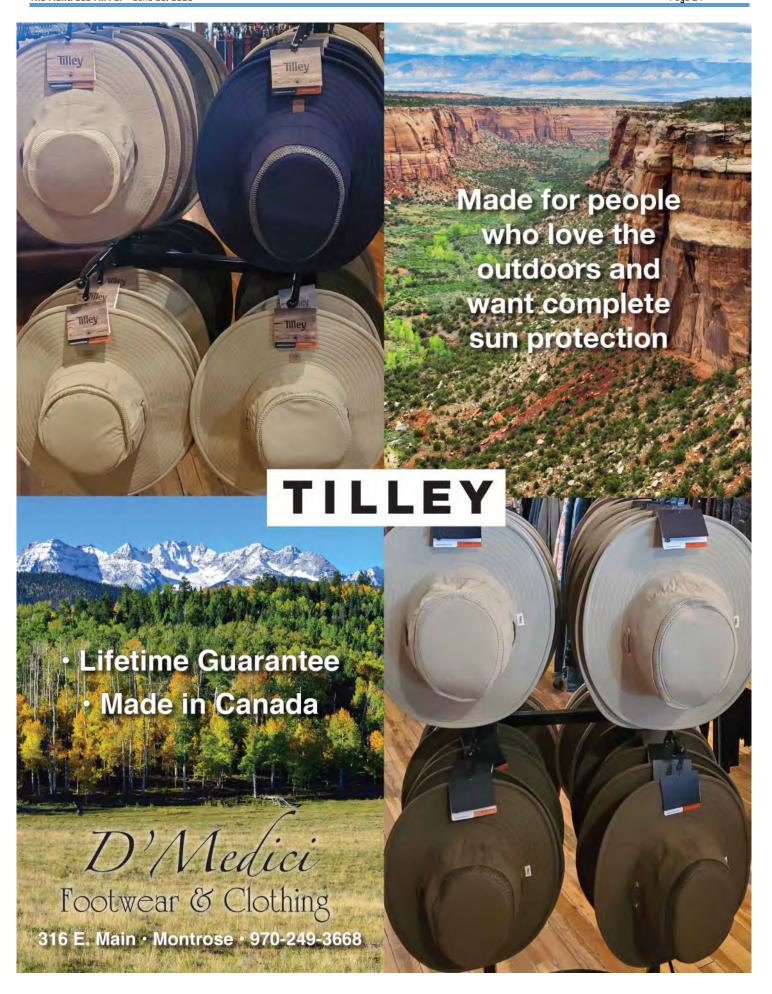
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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION WELCOMES MICHELIN GUIDE

Special to the Mirror

DENVER – The Colorado Restaurant Association (CRA) is thrilled to welcome the Michelin Guide to Colorado, following its announcement last week that the Centennial State is now the eighth Michelin Guide destination in North America and the sixth in the United States.

"In 2022, the Michelin Guide conducted a destination study in Colorado, and we spoke with Michelin about the excellence of the Colorado restaurant industry," said Sonia Riggs, CRA president and CEO. "The Michelin team was pleased with the inspectors' initial findings, and since then, the Colorado Tourism Office, led by director Tim Wolfe, has solidified the partnership. We couldn't be happier for our industry."

The CRA is excited that the Michelin Guide's independent, anonymous inspec-

tors have been dining at restaurants across Colorado's culinary hotspots: Denver, Boulder, Aspen, Snowmass Village, Vail, and Beaver Creek Resort. The inaugural edition of the Michelin Guide Colorado will be announced later this year, including Starred, Bib Gourmand, and Recommended restaurants. Green Stars, awarded for outstanding sustainability practices, are a possibility as well. "When the Michelin Guide enters a market, it increases public awareness of the culinary talent in the region, encourages development, and helps with restaurantindustry hiring, too," said Riggs. "After everything Colorado restaurants have endured over the past few years, including the ongoing labor shortage, Michelin's announcement couldn't come at a better time."

"I've been working in the restaurant industry for decades and know from experience

that the impact of Michelin coming to Colorado cannot be understated," said Bobby Stuckey, Master Sommelier and founder of Frasca Hospitality Group, which owns Frasca Food and Wine and Pizzeria Alberico in Boulder and Tavernetta and Sunday Vinyl in Denver. "People travel around the world to visit Michelin-Starred restaurants, and the benefit to our dining scene and Colorado's economy will be enormous."

"Through the Michelin Guide Colorado, diners across the globe will discover what we've always known: The Colorado dining scene is dynamic, delicious, and growing by the day," Riggs said. "We are confident that our local restaurants will rise to this occasion, impressing Michelin inspectors and proving that the Centennial State is worthy of Stars, Bib Gourmand awards, and much

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DELTA-On Thursday, June 22, 2023 -- Lella, a real-life poster child of Donate Life Colorado, had a full-circle moment when she went to the Delta driver license office to get her instruction permit and was asked the same question that saved her life — would you like to be an organ, eye and tissue donor?

"I said yes," Lella Young said.

Lella was born with a rare condition called biliary artresia that affected her liver. Placed on the liver transplant list at only six months old, Lella received a new liver a month later.

"I always said I wanted to be a donor and I know the importance," she said.

At 6-years-old, Lella Young was featured in nonprofit Donate Life Colorado's marketing campaign. Donate Life Colorado has a long-standing partnership with the Division of Motor Vehicles; every person who walks into a driver license office is asked if they would like to be an organ, eye and tissue donor when getting an instruction permit, identification card or driver license. Those who say yes have a heart with a "Y" to symbolize the person is on the donor registry. Lella's liver came from a 17-year-old who died in a car crash in lowa.

"We're close with the donor's family," Lella's mom, Lyndall Young said. "The family knew she wanted to donate even though she was only 17 because she had the heart on her driver license."

Through Donate Life Colorado, Lella and her mom have met many transplant recipients and have always been grateful for the gift it's given her.

"I wouldn't be here without it — it's truly a gift of life," Lella said.

Colorado has the nation's highest Donor Designation Rates (DDR). In 2022, 66% of Coloradans said yes to being an organ, eye and tissue donor when getting their driver license or ID. That's 1,028,474 Coloradans who said yes to donating life. To put that in perspective, the national average for DDR is 50%.

The Colorado DMV helped make a record number of life-saving organ transplants possible across the U.S. in 2022 through donor registration, according to Donate Life America. In Colorado, 278 organ donors provided 829 life-saving transplants in 2022. Additionally, 1,911 tissue donors saved and healed lives through their gifts of life.

Despite the progress that has been made, there are still around 1,500 people in Colorado on the transplant waiting list. Saying Yes when obtaining or renewing a driver license or state ID supports the mission to save the lives of our neighbors through organ, eye and tissue donation. Learn more about Lella's story and visit DonateLifeColorado.org for more infor-

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS COLORADO AUTO THEFT LAWS ARE CHANGING

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COLORADO— On June 2, 2023, Governor Jared Polis signed Senate Bill 2023-097 which goes into effect July 1. The Colorado Revised Statutes concerning Motor Vehicle Theft (MVT) experienced a significant overhaul this past legislative session to further reduce Colorado's Motor Vehicle Theft rates.

Beginning late in 2022, Colorado's month-tomonth motor vehicle theft incidents showed a slight decrease that has become substantially more pronounced over the last few months. With Colorado already down 22% in auto thefts from January 1 – April 30 2023 compared to 2022, the effects of SB23-097 will help further reduce our communities' vehicle theft rate.

SB23-097 is a sweeping act that significantly changes how MVT crimes are classified, including a focus on repeat and prolific offenders. Previously the severity of MVT crimes was directly tied to the value of the stolen vehicle. Vehicles of low value had misdemeanor or low-level felony charges tied to them, whereas high-value vehicles led to more severe felony classifications. Colorado has now entirely moved away from this valuetied crime structure in favor of a more equitable classification.

The new classification will create a new MVT in the 3rd Degree charge and Unauthorized use of a Motor Vehicle charge. The Unauthorized use of a Motor Vehicle is explicitly for the situation where a vehicle is not used in the commission of any crime barring traffic offenses, is returned to the owner within 24 hours, and is not damaged in the process of this unauthorized use. Unauthorized use is a class 1 Misdemeanor with an aggravator to a Class 5 Felony for any second or subsequent offenses.

All other incidents of MVT will either be MVT in the 2nd or 1st degree, which are Class 4 and Class 3 felonies, respectively. Prolific offenders with two or more convictions or adjudications for MVT will be charged with MVT in the 1st degree. MVT in the 2nd degree will be for someone who obtains, receives, or exercises control over a stolen motor vehicle and knew or should have reasonably known such. This includes retaining the vehicle for a period of greater than 24 hours, damage of the vehicle, the use of the vehicle in a crime other than a traffic offense, except for eluding, the purposeful act of altering a vehicle VIN, plate, or sticker, the concealment of the vehicle through physical alteration, and the use of license plates on the vehicle that are not belonging to that vehicle.

"For far too many years, auto theft was per-

ceived as a victimless crime when the perceived value of a vehicle was low. In reality, it had a tremendous impact on the livelihoods of the vehicle owners and other community members when these vehicles were used to commit additional crimes," stated Col. Mathew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "This law acknowledges every victim and will deter repeat offenders."

With the passage of this legislation and other bills like SB23-257 that provides additional grant funding to law enforcement agencies, District Attorneys, prevention programs, intelligence systems, and victims' resources. All contributing to the intense focus Colorado is placing on stopping motor vehicle theft.

"Overhauling the penalties associated with auto theft is an important part of changing Colorado's auto theft landscape, but nothing can replace your role in protecting your vehicle," explained Col. Packard.

What can you do? Keep taking the proper

steps to secure your vehicle.

- -Lock your car and take your keys, every time.
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Help law enforcement help you by making your vehicle a challenging target for thieves. Learn more about how to take these steps on lockdownyourcar.org

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR DELTA HEALTH BLOOD DRAWS AND HEALTH FAIR

Special to the Mirror

DELTA- Registration is now open for the Delta Health Blood Draws and Health Fair happening on August 8th - 11th by going online to https://my.itstartswithme.com/ HealthFair/1811523. Appointments are required, but walk-ins are welcome during 531 Palmer Street the Health Fair on Friday, August 11.

This year the blood draws are being held in three locations at Cedaredge, Hotchkiss, and Delta.

August 8 from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Cedaredge Community Center 140 NW 2nd Street

Cedaredge, CO 81413

August 9 from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at

Heritage Hall in Hotchkiss

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August 10 from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Del-

Delta, Colorado 81416

The Health Fair with local vendors and blood draws is happening on Friday, August 26 from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center located at 531 Palmer Street in Delta, Colorado. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted; Delta Health will not be able to bill insurance companies. Fasting for 12 hours

is required for all health screens requiring blood draws. Participants are encouraged to drink plenty of water, one cup of black coffee is permitted, and medications can be taken as usual.

Many participants will opt-in for their results to be sent to the Quality Health Network (QHN) where their Primary Care Provider will have access to the results and be able to review them with their providers at their next appointment. Delta Health is excited to host this annual health event in multiple locations for the community. It is a chance for community members to receive comprehensive lab work at a potentially lower cost.

"We are encouraging everyone to come to our Health Fair on the 11th, even if they've already had their blood drawn at an earlier event because it's a great way to connect with local healthcare vendors from around Delta County," said Jacqueline Davis, Director of Marketing and Communications for Delta Health. "Delta Health clinics and departments will be present, and it's an excellent opportunity to visit booths and to take advantage of the free screenings offered."

For more information on this year's blood draws and health fair, visit deltahealthco.org/health-fair/.

"A healthier community starts with you," said Davis. "We look forward to seeing you again this year at the Delta Health community Blood Draws and Health Fair." About Delta Health - Delta Health (DH) is a nonprofit, county-wide healthcare system with a 49-bed hospital and at locations throughout the southwestern region of Colorado. DH's mission is to inspire hope in a healing environment by providing remarkable care. Established in 1913, Delta County Memorial Hospital, now doing business as Delta Health, has been serving the region for over 100 years. DH continues to provide compassionate, quality healthcare that the community can trust. For more information go to deltahealthco.org, like our Facebook page and follow us on Instagram and Twitter @DeltaHealthCo.

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STUDENTS CONCERNED OVER FUTURE OF NJROTC From pg 1

Eccher (Peak) each took five students to the program. It was funded by an FAA grant...Olathe will be attending in late July...The CSU drone center typically charges \$550 per person for the class. It costs \$175 to take the test (even if you fail) ...The students were put up in the dorms and fed plus they received \$600 each for attending. In all MCSD had 15 students and three teachers who attended."

The KREX Golden Apple award for June was presented to Montrose High School Career Options Teacher Kathy Gaber and RE-1J Postsecondary Coordinator John Steele, both of whom were present to accept the award:

"John and Kathy's outstanding dedication and exemplary work in developing career pathways and fostering workplace readiness for our students deserve recognition and commendation. John Steele has been instrumental in establishing and expanding postsecondary opportunities within our district. His tireless efforts in collaborating with local colleges, technical institutions, and industry partners have created valuable pathways for our students to pursue their career aspirations. Through his guidance and expertise, countless students have gained access to higher education and gained the necessary skills to excel in their chosen career fields. Kathy Gaber, as the Career Options teacher at Montrose High School, has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to preparing our students for the workforce. Her innovative teaching methods, hands-on activities, and practical training have equipped our students with the necessary skills, knowledge, and confidence to succeed in the professional world. Kathy's dedication to fostering workplace readiness has resulted in numerous success stories, with students transitioning seamlessly from the classroom to meaningful careers. Together, John Steele and Kathy Gaber have worked in perfect synergy, bridging the gap between education and the workforce. Their collaborative efforts have created a seamless transition for our students, allowing them to explore various career options, gain real-world experiences, and make informed decisions about their future.

Their impact extends far beyond the class-

room, as they actively engage with local businesses, community organizations, and industry professionals to ensure our students have access to internships, mentorship opportunities, and relevant career guidance. Their commitment to empowering our students with the skills and knowledge needed for success is truly commendable."

BOARD AVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES

District C Director Alice Murphy gave a shout out to teachers Gary Hokit (MHS) and Ellen Angeles (now at Northside). "They started in 2018 planning this trip to Greece and Italy, and then the pandemic hit, and it kept getting put off," Murphy said. "The kids that were 15, 16, 17 at that time now are 20, 21, 22, so it was an older group that we took, about half the kids that had signed up for that trip...that's where I was last week, touring Greece and Italy...it was fun other than losing my luggage...I found out you can get along very well with just a few things. You don't need everything you packed. Fun trip."

COMMUNITY INPUT

Student Cameron Culver spoke during the time for community input, addressing the state of the Montrose Olathe NJROTC program. He was joined by another student. "Recently our commander has left...so the group has been kind of stranded...this program has really changed my life for the better. It has led me to many opportunities that I otherwise would not have had, and I am sure it's done the same for our near 80 cadets within the school district." Culver asked whether the district has a plan to hire new teachers for the program. "Is this something the board is concerned about, or no?"

Fishering said the board would not answer questions at this point.

"This program is amazing," Culver said.
"It's been a staple of the community for almost 50 years. Many of our cadets go on to join the armed forces of the United States. It's huge. We have dozens of hours of community service offered to our cadets, we have many programs that further them in life, throughout our academics and our robotics and military ordeals, per se, that allow many of the cadets to further their interest in almost every topic." Fishering said, "Thank you for coming to speak to us gentlemen, we really do ap-

preciate it."

OLD BUSINESS

The Board of Education approved the following policies as presented:

- -<u>ADD-E, Safe Schools</u> revised to include information on the Department of Education's data standardization process;
- -GBGF, Federally-mandated Family & Medical Leave, revised to clarify permitted reasons for FMLA leave;
- <u>-GBJ, Personnel Records and Files</u> revised privacy protection for personnel;
- -JKA-E1, Student Restraint Incident Report Form - added notification to parents of restraint method;
- -JKA-E2, Complaint Procedures and Regulations Regarding the Use of Restraint or Seclusion added decision notification and legal reference;
- -JLCDC-R, Authorizing Private Health-Care Specialists to Provide Medically Necessary Treatment in School Setting add regulation per HB22-1260 bill passed. This is the regulation to support policy JLCDC.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 6, the <u>Personnel Report</u>, was pulled for further discussion as it was not attached to the agenda; directors voted to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Superintendent Stephenson spoke about the NJROTC situation, noting that for the prior school year the program had just one teacher, who has now left and moved out of state. There are supposed to be two teachers. "There have been zero applicants," Stephenson said. Money is not the issue, as the cost of the program is shared with the Navy.

"The high school is figuring out how to at least have a color guard as an extracurricular or club option...but they are moving in a different direction for the class because there is not a future...it's really just not a feasible situation to move forward with," Stephenson said.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Report.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board voted to approve revised <u>Board</u> <u>policy GCO-R, Evaluation of Licensed Personnel</u>.

The board considered two revised board policies on first reading:

-EF, School Nutrition Program - added

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legal references, added the mention of the Healthy School Meals for All Program and removed board approval of pricing -<u>EF-E2, Civil Rights Complaint Procedure</u> for School Nutrition Program - edited anti-discrimination statement to align with the USDA's requirements and added legal references.

As previously discussed and reviewed in detail by Finance Director Emily Imus, the Board voted to adopt the <u>2023-24 Budget</u> and related resolutions as presented.

Also, the Board voted to adopt the following Resolutions for the 2022-23 Budget: $\underline{04-2023}$ Amended Budget Adoption 2022-2023 and $\underline{05-2023}$ Appropriation Emergency Reserve and $\underline{06-2023}$ Authorizing Use of a Portion of Beginning Balance for 2022-23.

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Superintendent's contract.

With no further business, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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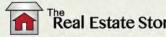




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from the public on non-agenda items. **COUNTY MANAGER**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items, with Resolution No. 26-2023 assigned to Consent Agenda Item 11, and Resolution No. 27-2023 assigned to Consent Agenda Item 14.

MONTROSE COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LI-CENSING AUTHORITY

Commissioners left regular session to reconvene as the Montrose County Local Liquor Licensing Authority, voting to approve renewal of the Retail Liquor Store license for Cydney Louise Siri, doing business as Pleasant Valley, 84100 E. US Highway 50, Cimarron, Colorado.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Commissioners returned to regular session as the BOCC.

Montrose Regional Airport Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold presented for consideration Change Order COR-249B with FCI Constructors, Inc for the terminal construction to encompass all costs associated with the changes made per WCPR-18 for modifications to the door hardware and access control measures throughout the terminal in order to conform to proper life safety standards and TSA requirements. This represents a total cost of \$203,614.

Arnold said, "This should have been a design element in Jacobs' scope, under professional services section 2.1, however it was inadvertently omitted by them, and so we have this change order coming forward."

The changes are needed to obtain a certificate of occupancy, he said.

Commissioners spent time in discussion. Arnold recommended approval and negotiations with Jacobs Engineering for reimbursement. The BOCC voted to approve Change Order COR-249B.

Emergency Manager Scott Hawkins presented for consideration a service contract with Synergy Disaster Recovery LLC. for the update to the Montrose County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as reviewed by Counsel. The contract represented for the contract represented f

sents an unbudgeted expense of \$58,000 which will be funded by an awarded FEMA grant.

Hansen asked if there is crossover with the county's wildfire plan; Hawkins affirmed that there is. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve.

Hawkins presented for approval three ambulance district renewals, which were approved in one vote. The BOCC voted to approve renewal of:

-Montrose Fire Protection District Renewal Application for license and permits for (5) Ambulances and District License to operate within Montrose County as reviewed by Counsel, effective June 21, 2023 through June 30, 2024. All Insurance, Certifications, Medical Director's Affidavit and Inspections have been completed, reviewed in good standings and submitted;

-Olathe Fire Protection District Renewal Application for license and permits for (5) Ambulances and District License to operate in Montrose County; as reviewed by Counsel and effective June 21, 2023 through June 30, 2024. All Insurance, Certifications, Medical Director's Affidavits and Inspections have been completed, reviewed in good standings and submitted;

- Nucla Naturita Fire Protection District Renewal Application for license and permits for (4) Ambulances and District License to operate in Montrose County; as reviewed by Counsel and effective June 21, 2023 through June 30, 2024. All Insurance, Certifications, Medical Director's Affidavits and Inspections have been completed, reviewed in good standings and submitted.

MONTROSE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH Commissioners left regular session to reconvene as the Montrose County Board of Health.

Montrose County Public Health Director Jim Austin updated commissioners on the status of the Western Slope Cyclospora outbreak. As of June 15, there were 84 cases reported statewide, with 66 of those in Western Colorado. Approximately 58 people who are likely associated with the outbreak dined at the same restaurant, Tacos del GNAR, in Ridgway.

Still, the outbreak is the result of a supplier issue rather than the restaurant, Austin said. "This is a very popular restaurant," Austin said. "... These are imported foods." A June 16 news release from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) states," Cyclospora outbreaks are typically the result of contaminated product — usually produce — in the supply chain rather than a result of food handling and/or cleaning practices at the restaurant. Tacos del GNAR is partnering with CDPHE in all aspects of the investigation. When informed of the outbreak, Tacos del GNAR disposed of and replaced all produce within the facility with different products.

"Anyone who dined at Tacos del GNAR since May 1, 2023, and experienced or is still experiencing symptoms such as watery diarrhea should contact a health care provider as soon as possible to get tested for Cyclospora, which is typically treated with antibiotics. People who ate at the restaurant since May 1, 2023, whether they became ill or not, are asked to complete an online survey to help public health with the investigation into the cause of this outbreak.

"Cyclospora is spread by people eating or drinking something — such as food or water — that was contaminated with the parasite. Cyclospora is generally not passed directly from one person to another.

"The time between eating or drinking Cyclospora and becoming sick is usually about one week but can be more than two weeks. Cyclospora infects the small intestine and usually causes watery diarrhea, with frequent, sometimes severe, bowel movements. Other common symptoms include loss of appetite, weight loss, stomach cramps/pain, bloating, increased gas, nausea, fatigue, vomiting, body aches, headache, fever, and other flu-like symptoms. Some people who are infected with Cyclospora do not have any symptoms. "CDPHE will provide additional updates if new information becomes available over the course of the investigation." Austin also said that River Valley Health has agreed to provide Tuberculosis tests for those who ask, a solution to a

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longstanding need.

Montrose County will receive another \$10K toward WIC expenses. Austin said, Yergensen is doing a superb job on West Nile virus outreach. A video featuring a patient who survived the virus will be released soon.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Commissioners voted to approve the Mountain View South Subdivision Final Plat [MA22-007] proposal Final Plat to adding that Media Relations Director Katie create nine residential lots and one outlot at Parcel 403901204005.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Commissioner Keith Caddy said that he attended a meeting of the Montrose County Fair Board the previous night.

"That group of Fair Board members are doing an excellent job of balancing everybody's wants and needs in the community, and doing the job the fair to make sure it comes off right...they're doing an amazing job." He reminded the community to come to the Montrose County Fair, July 21 -29. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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PATRIOTIC FESTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE 4TH







Above, scenes from the Montrose 2022 Fourth of July fireworks display. Mirror file photos.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — Each summer, City of Montrose staff look forward to Independence Day celebrations. This year, city event planners are pleased to announce an entire day of patriotic celebration, from a community breakfast in the morning to a thunderous fireworks display at dusk.

Beginning at 8 a.m., Tuesday, July 4, a pancake breakfast will be served at the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans located at 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way.

The annual Independence Day parade begins at 10 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Pythian Avenue, traveling west along Main Street through Downtown Montrose.

In 2022 the city received more than 70 applications for float entries, and this year the city is expecting even more as representatives of the Uncompahgre Valley's agricultural community will join the festivities to celebrate Montrose's legacy as a farming and ranching community.

"One of the best things we do at the City

of Montrose is planning our annual 4th of July festivities," said City of Montrose Pavilion and Community Events Manager Katie Schroer. "If you are in the Montrose area this year, you will not want to miss this year's celebration."

At 3 p.m., please join us as the community gathers in Cerise Park for hours of "Fun in the Park" as food trucks, a beer garden, and games for kids will commence before live music begins at 5:30 p.m with the Montrose Community Band set to perform a wide array of tunes for about 90 minutes. At 7 p.m. Montrose's excellent Brown Family Band will perform.

The annual Independence Day fireworks display, one of the community's most anticipated summertime traditions, will begin at dusk with hundreds of thunderous fireworks electronically timed to deliver an awe-inspiring display. Each year the Montrose City Council sets aside funds for the annual fireworks show, making this summertime tradition a top priority every

"What's new this year about the fire-

works show, is that the fireworks themselves will be set off using an electronic system," Schroer said. "Not only does this cut down on lag time in between firework explosions, but it will also make the entire show look and feel seamless."

The Montrose Police Department would like everyone to have a fun and safe Independence Day by celebrating responsibility and avoiding drinking and driving.

"Make a plan ahead of time to have a sober, designated driver," said Montrose Deputy Chief Matt Smith. "Having a designated driver will help everyone get home safe and avoid spending a night in the county jail." For more information about

www.cityofmontrose.org/626/ Independence-Day

4th of July festivities visit:

Anyone wanting to participate in the annual parade should contact Community Events Manager Katie Schroer at kschroer@cityofmontrose.org or 970.252.4880. For information about the City of Montrose, visit CityofMontrose.org.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUMMIT SET FOR OCTOBER 6

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-In 2021, the Covid pandemic and its aftermath rendered knockout blows to many nodes of social and business networks. Lock downs and social distancing shuttered thousands of acutely important programs, events, and gatherings.

The Montrose-based Family Caregiver Summit, first staged at the United Methodist Church in 2015, was one of the casualties. In its short four-year life, the event had become an important date for caregivers and health care professionals. Its disappearance created a huge void in the six-county community it serves.

"We had many people call in, who wanted the Summit back and were very disappointed. But with COVID, we just lost the momentum," said Eva Veitch, Region 10 Area Agency for Aging, Community Living Services Director. After only four years the event included caregivers from all six counties as well as from far away locales like Dallas, Texas.

The Summit may have been in intensive care, but the idea never died. Now after a five-year absence the new Family Caregiver Summit is back and scheduled for 1 to 4:30 pm, October 6 at the Montrose Pavilion. The event will be a half-day gathering staged by the Caregiver Support Foundation and Region 10, Area Agency on Aging. Veitch said that her office is very busy, even without the summit. She also commented that she was not sure they could ever bring back what it had grown to be. Enter the Caregiver Support Foundation. "We just don't have the bandwidth to put on something like that now. So, I'm really glad that the Caregiver Support Foundation is willing to step up and rejuvenate the Summit and go back to more of a grassroots approach," she said.

"We fondly remember the Summit and were quite disappointed when it went down," commented Laird Landon, Chair of the Caregiver Support Foundation. "As we put together our new foundation to help caregivers, I always thought that we might be able to help bring it back. Our board is excited about making the Summit part of the caregiver scene again."

It is hard to quantify the importance of something like the Family Caregiver Summit. No one has a fully accurate count of how many family caregivers there are, even in less densely populated regions like Western Colorado. But people like Veitch and Landon will tell you in a heartbeat that the number is staggering and growing.

"Caregiver support is one of the things that we really put a lot of energy and funding into because we have a lot of caregivers in the six counties. And we know that they are, by and large, pretty stressed and burned out. They have a lot to deal with," Veitch said.

Veitch has been in her position for ten years. Her Agency on Aging has spent the last decade building a network of caregiver support.

"Our caregivers support network runs the gamut of ages and illnesses. We deal with caregivers on many levels, caregivers who are dealing with Alzheimer's and dementia, Parkinson's, strokes, and all kinds of debilitating issues," Veitch explains.

Always looking for more avenues to make contact and help caregivers, Veitch took a step to build a bridge between caregivers in need of help and the resources available to them. It was the Caregiver Summit, an ambitious effort to bring caregivers and the support infrastructure face-to-face in a half-day event.

"We wanted to bring those caregivers out of isolation and prove to them that they were not alone and that they don't have to tackle a caregiving task without resources," Veitch said, explaining the mission that her already busy staff and a few volunteers launched in the Spring of 2014. Veitch said that the first summit was really aimed at honoring caregivers, who she

and her staff saw as isolated and unheralded, with the toughest job you can imagine. Given the number of people who spend their lives caring for loved ones afflicted with brain failure and as much as the support network offers, there are still many caregivers who survive in isolation going it alone.

Veitch explained, "People are always really surprised when they get together, whether it be a small support group or whether it be a big event like a caregiver summit, when they realize that there are so many other people in the same boat because they seem to get into a little silo where they feel like they're all alone and there's nobody else who understands." The reaction to the Summit from the community, and caregivers in particular, was especially heartening.

"It was pretty cool. And for people who were maybe too frail for an event like that, it was just too much. So, we provided in-home respite for those people. We wanted to remove any barriers for caregivers to being able to come attend this event. And I think those components were important. We needed to make sure the caregivers could really relax. We also wanted to make sure that the patients, who they cared for and who attended the event, could have a good time, too." The Family Caregiver Summit is set for October 6 and will be a half-day event," according to Landon. "We will have most of the components from the earlier summits, but in a slightly condensed time frame. We'll have vendor displays and speakers, who will answer questions," he explains.

Landon and Veitch both want to express the fact that the event will have a safe and comfortable atmosphere where the caregivers can learn and relax.

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COLORADO TO PARTNER WITH CMS IN MULTI-STATE INITIATIVE TO STRENGTHEN PRIMARY CARE

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - Recently, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that it will be partnering with Colorado to pilot a new primary care model to enhance access to and quality of primary care services.

Access to high-quality primary care is associated with better health outcomes and equity for people and communities. Colorado's collaboration with CMS on the Making Care Primary (MCP) Model will boost Colorado's current efforts to strengthen the state's primary care infrastructure, especially for safety -net and smaller or independent primary care organizations.

Strong relationships with primary care teams are essential for patients' overall health. Primary care clinicians provide preventive services, help manage chronic conditions, and coordinate care with other clinicians. By investing in behavioral and medical care integration and patient care support capabilities, primary care teams will be better equipped to address chronic disease, improve the health of Coloradans, and lessen the likelihood of avoidable emergency department visits and hospital care stays.

This ultimately improves patient satisfaction and patient health, while saving Coloradans and our employers money on health care. This model will also help improve health equity and reduce health disparities across Colorado.

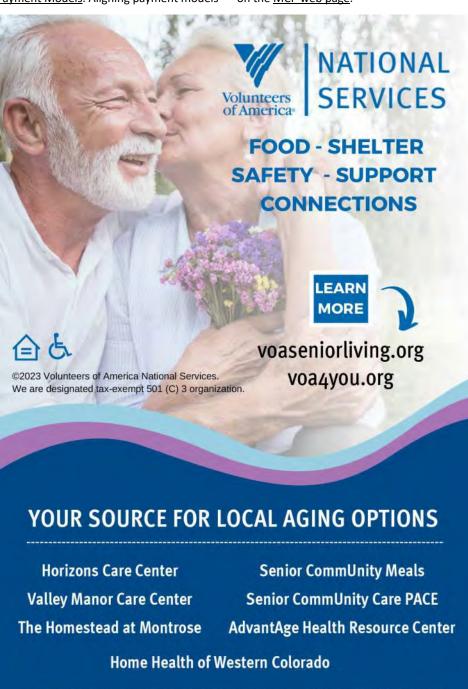
"Money talks. We want to financially reward primary care doctors who improve care quality, help their patients better manage their health, and save Coloradans money on health care. That's what this alternative payment methodology - or value-based payment - does," said Kim Bimestefer, executive director for the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing. "These more advanced payment methodologies also reward PCPs for reducing health disparities, which is a priority goal for our state."

Colorado is one of several states, including Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, and Washington, where CMS will be testing this advanced primary care model. The model's flexible multi-payer alignment strategy allows CMS to build on existing state innovations and for all patients served by participating primary care clinicians to benefit from improvements in care delivery, financial investments in primary care, and learning tools and supports. Colorado has a strong history of multi-payer alignment, and our partnership with CMS has played an important role

in that work. Many payers, including Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) are shifting towards value-based care. MCP will build off of the current APM 2 payment model with the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing and align with the Division of Insurance, as Colorado implements HB22-1325, Primary Care Alternative Payment Models. Aligning payment models

across markets, including Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial insurance, is a crucial step in improving health care quality, access, and outcomes for all Coloradoans.

Primary care organizations in Colorado that are interested in participating can find more information about the MCP model and applications, which will open later this summer, on the MCP web page.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

BALDY MOUNTAIN PROJECT PARTNERS ANNOUNCE CO-HOSTED OPEN HOUSE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests in collaboration with the National Forest Foundation, Bureau of Land Management—Uncompahgre Field Office, West Region Wildfire Council, Colorado State Forest Service and Ouray County announce an upcoming open house aimed at providing the public with valuable information about the Baldy Mountain Landscape Resiliency and Habitat Improvement Project. The open house will be held July 10 from 5-7 p.m. at the Ouray County Fairgrounds and Event Center, located at 22739 Hwy 550, Ridgway, Colorado.

Project specialists will be available to engage with attendees, answer questions and provide information to enhance public understanding of the project objectives.

Landowners interested in defensible space treatments on their property will have an opportunity to speak with subject matter experts who will provide valuable insight to help individuals safeguard their homes and create fire-adapted communities.

As part of the large-scale land management project, various fuels treatments are planned, including hand thinning of vegetation, mechanical vegetation removal and strategic prescribed fire. These methods are effective management tools for removing excess vegetation, stimulating plant growth and improving critical wildlife habitat.

The open house will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about these treatment strategies and their benefits for the Baldy Mountain area and local communities.

The Baldy Mountain project encompasses multiple jurisdictions including private and public lands. For project specific information visit: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58554. To request a free site visit with a wildfire mitigation specialist or learn about financial incentive opportunities for landowners visit: https://cowildfire.org/site-visit/.

Interested community members, landowners and stakeholders are encouraged to attend the open house event. This is an excellent opportunity to gain a

This is an excellent opportunity to gain a comprehensive understanding of the project and contribute to its success through active participation and open dialogue.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

REPUBLICAN WOMEN AWARD 2023 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



Paige Schulz, winner of a \$1500 scholarship from the Montrose Republican Women, poses with her family. Nathan and Staci are her parents and that's her brother Levi. She has another brother Ayden who was not present. Courtesy photo.

By Michael Cox Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Republican Women have added another \$3,000 to their total scholarship awards since the program began in 2011.

Home-schooled high school grad Paige Schulz and Olathe High alum Tanner Carroll each received \$1,500 scholarships from the organization. The awards were made at the recent monthly lunch meeting of the Montrose Republican Women

Schulz will be attending Colorado Mesa University (CMU). She completed her high school courses and received a 3.75 grade point average. Her early schooling took place at Olathe Elementary school through the fourth grade. However, she was challenged by a severe hearing deficiency and was schooled at home by her dedicated parents, Nathan and Staci, who also had the help of the Homeschool Co-op for the fifth through 12 grades.

With the help of her cochlear implants, Schulz plans on becoming a licensed special needs teacher and eventually an elementary school teacher. She loves working with youngsters.

"Through my work and volunteer experiences I have discovered the love of working with children and those with special needs," she said. Her work experience has been as a counselor and teacher at the Sonrise Mountain Ranch near Cimarron, where her father is the facilities director and her mother is assistant cook. Schulz has two brothers, Ayden and Levi.

Carroll is the second scholarship recipient for 2023. She is an aspiring graphic artist who will continue her education at CMU. "I want to have my own graphic design busi-



Olathe High grad Tanner Carroll takes time for a family portrait after Tanner (left) was award a Montrose Republican Women's scholarship. In the back row are Mom, Cindy; Dad, Jeremy; and brother, Landon. In front are brothers, Paden and Mason with Tanner. Courtesy photo.

ness," she told the Republican scholarship fund committee.

Carroll graduated this year from Olathe High school with a 4.056 grade point average. That is on top of being elected Olathe High's head girl, being a member of the National Honor Society, working as an active member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and playing varsity volleyball.

All the while, she was learning how to use the tools of a modern graphic artist (PhotoShop, Adobe Illustrator, and others). She is also a painter. If you have a horse, she can train it for you too.

She is the daughter of Jeremy and Cindy Carroll, and she has three brothers, Mason, Landon, and Paden.

In order to qualify for the Republican Women's scholarship each applicant must write a short essay about a constitutional amendment of their choice and an essay covering a piece of state or federal legislation that they think is important and impactful.

Carroll chose to discuss the Second Amendment and the Stop Higher Education Espionage Act.

"The Second Amendment would have to be the most significant amendment to me personally. The amendment is exceedingly controversial due to the rising activity involving domestic gun violence. However, if the amendment were to be revoked, the United States would be no different than any other country."

Carroll brings the matter right down to the farm where the presence of firearms makes controlling predators easier and safer than other methods.



State Rep Marc Catlin presented flag pins to Paige Schulz and Tanner Carroll during the Republican Women scholarship awards luncheon this past week. Courtesy photo.

Carroll's choice for a new law is the "Stop Higher Education Espionage and Theft Act." The bill aims to counteract the constant pressure by foreign entities to influence students of all ages. "This is a rightly declared breach in national security," Carroll said. The new act which was introduced in March of this year establishes a process for designating foreign actors as foreign intelligence threats to higher education.

"Those infiltrating the college system (primarily from China) are infringing on students' and educational freedoms to write and speak without the possibility of being reported as an enemy country later to be used against the United States," Carroll said. Schulz chose to discuss the 14th Amendment, often called the Right to Life Amendment. Of the amendment's impact, Schulz writes: "When government and law respect and honor the dignity and value of human life, the welfare of our country as a whole is encouraged."

The value of the 14th Amendment is the codification of the Declaration of Independence sentiment in the words, "Life liberty and pursuit of happiness." Schulz sees herself as a personal beneficiary of the words. "I am a personal beneficiary of the right to liberty by the fact that I am homeschooled and I did not attend public school. I know that not everyone has the liberty to do this, and I am glad I have this right." The legislation that impressed Schulz just happened to be the suicide prevention law, written and guided through the Colorado Legislature by District 58 Rep. Marc Catlin, R-Montrose. More than 1,300 suicides in Colorado in 2020 got Catlin's attention. The bill requires that suicide prevention contact information be placed on the back of every student ID card in the state's colleges and universities.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A TRUMP FAN TO SEE IT IS REALLY ABOUT THE EXTREME LEFT CONCENTRATING POLITICAL POWER

Editor:

What is happening to Trump is about a weaponized government planning to make any opposition a crime. Despite Reich trying to make us believe it is all about Trump, you don't have to be a Trump fan to see it is really about the extreme left concentrating political power. The truth is a funny thing. It can be hard to find, but it's always there, and like a vine it always finds a way to pop through all the subterfuge. There are only two earth shattering stories in American politics today: 1) the corruption of our system of justice by Democrats, and 2) Joe Biden's treasonous crimes.

The Obama administration in the years leading up to the 2012 election weaponized the IRS to go after his political opponents. In spite of his subversive criminal conduct, Obama escaped accountability. Hillary Clinton illegally used a private server to conduct business during her time as secretary of state. The DOJ ignored her purposeful destruction of subpoenaed evidence and obstruction of justice that would have carried a long prison sentence for anyone not under the DOJ's political protection. Biden's presidency allowed for a return to Obama-era corruption. The Justice Department and FBI are actively

scandal involving the sitting president, while aggressively trying to imprison the administration's top political opponent --for allegedly committing the same crime the DOJ was uninterested in when Joe Biden was involved.

Reich has the audacity to mention the rule of law. Trump did not, as the Bidens did, set up a criminal family syndicate to leverage millions from Ukraine, Russia, and China. Trump family members did not, as did nine members of Biden's family receive payments totaling millions of dollars from foreign interests. There is no more innocent explanation for this spider web of payoffs than there is of Hunter's laughable \$83,000 a month position on Burisma's board of directors. Trump did not, as did Biden, remove presidential papers – without authority to declassify them - and leave them scattered and unsecured in a garage and various residences and offices.

George Soros fully understands that when the rule of law breaks down, the country will spiral into anarchy. Any good Marxist will tell you how to install a dictatorship. The breakdown of the rule of law and destruction of the economy are first steps in creating anarchy. When anarchy reigns,

covering up, among other things, a bribery the populace is more than happy to accept a dictatorship – thinking that a police state is better than the suffering and anarchy they are experiencing. Like most liberals, Reich is so obsessed with Trump that he is blinded to the truth. The left is doing everything possible to destroy our republic in order to install a one-party dictatorship. What other explanation is there for the fact that absolutely everything Biden has done in the last two plus years is destructive to this country and its citizens? Reich asked the question "Will we go to civil war over Trump?", suggesting that it would be Trump's unwillingness to go along with the deep state, rather than the deep state's subversion, that would cause a civil war. Most conservatives understand that a violent reaction on their part is exactly what the left hopes for, knowing that would be used by the left to justify more gestapo tactics. What the left fails to comprehend is that somewhere along the spectrum from a free democratic republic, to chaos and anarchy, and then to a Marxist dictatorship, the free people of this once-great nation will indeed react and put an end to this nonsense. If and when that occurs, no one on the left will be happy with the results.

Ed Henrie, Montrose

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

EMMA FAYE WILSON *July 5, 1933-June 10, 2023*

EMMA FAYE WILSON, 89, passed away on June 10, 2023 at her daughter Carol's house in Montrose, CO. Emma was born to Fred and Gladys (Mattix) Hasty in a farmhouse near Fredonia, Kansas on July 5, 1933

Emma went to Beauty College, but after being a beautician for a short while, decided it wasn't for her. She returned to school and got her teaching certificate and taught eight grades in a little country school for two years. During this time, she met her husband Dale, and they were married on October 5, 1958.

Emma and Dale had two children, Carol and Crystal, while in Kansas. They moved their little family to Paonia, Colorado in June of 1966, where they purchased and ran Wilson's Rest Home for the next five years. When state legislation made it impossible to operate privately owned homes for senior citizens, they sold the home and moved to Montrose, CO.

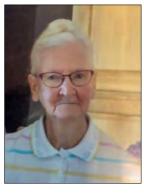
Two more children, Rocky and Carla, were She is survived added to the family in Colorado. by her daugh-

Emma started work for Russell Stover Candies when her children were older and worked there for seventeen years. She later worked as a home health aide and for the Montrose Daily Press as an ad inserter. Her work ethic was well known and she worked until the age of 77. She retired when she no longer felt comfortable driving to and from work.

Emma was an excellent cook and devoted wife and mother. She had a love for God that was evidenced by her humble heart and faithful life. She enjoyed fellowship in an undenominational church, that met in the home, for 56 years of her life.

Emma was preceded in death by her husband Dale, daughter Carla Peck, her parents, Fred and Gladys Hasty, her brother Robert Hasty, sisters Julie Ann Hasty, and Laura Ruth (Hasty) Nace, and half-sister, Ella Mae (Mattix) Clifford.

She is survived by her daughters, Carol Davis, Crystal (Bryan) Quinlan, and son, Rocky Wilson all of Montrose, grandchildren Cody (April) Gowen, Montrose, CO, Wesley (Savannah) Gow-



en, Delta, CO, Randy Gowen, Delta, CO, Cosha (John) Simms, Delores, CO, Devin Okeson, Delta, CO, Denise Okeson, Grand Junction, CO, Dalton Peck, Chinook, MT, and ten great grandchildren.

Following cremation, services for Emma will be held on July 11, 2023 at 11 am, 30490 Hwy. 92, Hotchkiss, CO. There will be a 'cold dish' potluck after the service. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family (970) 249-2121.

NATHANAEL D. VALENCIA September 29, 1991-June 18, 2023



In loving memory of Nathanael D. Valencia. He was a loving son and a good friend. He fell asleep in death on Sunday June 18, 2023. He leaves behind his mother Angelina, his brother Andrew, his niece Camila and his fiancé Michael, and a big loving family.

He was born on September 29, 1991. He will be missed by everyone that knew him. A celebration of Nathanael's life will be held at 1 PM on Friday June 30, 2023, at Crippin Funeral Home Chapel



COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

DOLLY SAUNDERS November 12, 1940-June 19, 2023



DOLLY SAUNDERS passed away on Monday June 19, 2023 at her home in Montrose, CO. Dolly was preceded in death by her son Keith Saunders and brother Ray William Ruybalid. She is survived by her husband Gene Saunders of Montrose, daughter Char Saunders of Vevay, Indiana

and daughter Marla Saunders of Denver, Colorado. Her grandchildren Andrew (Morgan) Ball, Samantha (Robert) Pearl, Cooper Gillies, Ericson Deines, Mallory Deines, and McKenna (Cody) Archibeque, and six great grandchildren. Dolly was born November 12, 1940, to Tito and Mary (Quintana) Ruybalid in Ortiz, CO. She spent some of her childhood in the San Luis Valley before moving to the Montrose/Olathe area. There she attended Nucla and Montrose high schools. She married Bob Larimer in 1958 but divorced in 1960. Dolly and Gene were married on September 2, 1961, divorced in 1973, and remarried on December 23, 1979. Dolly worked as a bartender and waitress, then started bookkeeping for her parents' restaurant and grocery store in Olathe, CO.

She went on to become the payroll supervisor for Colorado Ute Electric Association in Montrose and later an accounting clerk for Hamacher Trucking. After retiring, she spent most of her time helping run her grandchildren to and from sports practice, watching their games and meets. She was an avid reader and always had a book in her hand. She volunteered at Colorow Care Center and for Montrose Little League. In later years, you could find her at home putting a puzzle together or watching crime shows. She had a spicy sense of humor and no filter. She said what she meant and meant what she said. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Dolly's name to Hope West Hospice of Montrose. Crippin Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family. 970-249-2121.

TODD NEIL DAVIES January 12, 1965- June 14, 2023

TODD NEIL DAVIES, also known as Torch, took his last ride to be with his dad Ralph on June 14, 2023. Todd was born in Gunnison, CO on January 12, 1965, to Sandra & Ralph Davies. He married the love of his life on August 1, 2008.

Everyone who knew Todd knew his love for his family, motorcycles, and loud music. If Todd wasn't going for a ride while blaring music with a smile on his face, he was at home with his family or in his garage listening to music. Todd is survived by his mommy Sandra Foster, his sister Nita (Chad) Jansen, his wife Karma Davies, his children Cody, Jeremy, Alexis, Alicia, Thomas (Tierra) and Destiny, his grandchildren Peyton, Aaliyah, Kammbrielle, Mckenna, Brody, Patton, and Abi, along with aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family.





COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

DEBRA (DEBBIE) SUE PERCIVAL June 8, 1957-June 16, 2023

DEBRA (DEBBIE) SUE PERCIVAL passed away at her home in Olathe, Colorado surrounded by her family on June 16, 2023, following a short illness. She was 66 years old.

Debbie was born on June 8, 1957, in Delta
Colorado to parents Charles "Jack" Shipley
and Dorothy (Hiler) Shipley. Debbie spent
her childhood in the Montrose/Olathe
area and graduated from Olathe High
School in 1975. On February 14, 1976, she
married her high school sweetheart Joseph Percival in Montrose Colorado, they
celebrated 47 years of marriage. After
living in Craig Colorado, Debbie and Joe
made their home in Olathe, where they
raised their four daughters. Debbie was a
devoted wife and mother, she was a
homemaker until all the girls were in
school, and then went to work for Com-

munity Options. She spent the next 25 years working as a medical clerk for Community Options until her retirement.

Debbie was a natural born caregiver, she loved her family unconditionally, especially her grandkids.

Debbie loved the outdoors, riding four wheelers, camping, fishing, hunting, and traveling with her family.

Debbie was preceded in death by her parents Jack and Dorothy Shipley. She is survived by her husband Joe Percival; three brothers: Virgil Shipley, Wesley Shipley and Dennis Shipley; Daughters: Jennifer Ahlberg (Cesar Hernandez), Rebecca Spencer, Claudia St. Peter (Aaron), and Shannon Carmack (Bill), her 11 grandchildren: Kaley, Triston, Alesha, Angel, Jae, Abi, Morgan, Kaitlin, Jack, Bree, Beau and one great granddaughter and another one

on the way, along with countless others who counted her as an "honorary" Mother and Grandmother. Services will be held at 2 pm Monday June 26 at Crippin



Funeral Home, with interment at Olathe Cemetery to follow. A viewing will be held at Crippin Funeral Home on Sunday June 25th from 5pm to 7pm. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope West Hospice of Delta.

Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose is assisting the family.

ELIZABETH (BETTY) BRILL February 1, 1931 -June 15, 2023



ELIZABETH (BETTY) BRILL finished her journey to Heaven to be with the Lord on June 15, 2023 at her home surrounded by her family. Betty was born February 1, 1931 in Olathe to Martin and Anna Distel. She was the youngest of eleven children born to German immigrant parents who came to America from Russia. She spent her childhood in the Olathe area and graduated from Olathe High School in 1949. She married David Lloyd Brill on July 27, 1954 and they settled in Montrose. They were married for 51 years until the death of Lloyd in 2005. Betty worked at a local bank as a teller, bookkeeper, and in the safe deposit area. She was also a devout member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Gardening was a hobby that Betty excelled at and her beautiful flower beds were greatly admired by anyone who saw them. Family and friends looked forward to her homemade noodles and pizelle cookies at Christmas. She loved playing pinochle and belonged to a club for many years. Betty was the family

member and friend that everyone would love to have. She was always there in time of need and enjoyed doing special things for someone's birthday or if they were sick.

Betty is survived by her Daughter Cyndy Vrabec (Randy Burchett) and her Son Shawn Brill (Mayumi). She is the proud Grandmother of six Grandchildren. Eric Nokes (Sarah), Chris (Deceased)(Amanda), Brian Nokes (Jennifer), Sean Nokes (Chelsea), Zach Brill (Christa), and Arielle Hewitt (Michael). She has thirteen Great-grandchildren. Bowen, Tyler, Broderick, Alexandria, Taylor, MacKenzie, Nico, Yasmine, Vince, Caspar, Ada, Millie, and Bailey.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on July 18,2023 at 10am. Arrangements are being handled by Crippin Funeral Home.



SAN JUAN HIGH COUNTRY - A NEW ADVENTURE



Columbine and wildflowers. @Roger Young.

By Kathryn R. Burke What's so different about a trip to the high country this year? Amazing abundance. No matter how many times you've been up there, or if this is just your first

time to do altitude, you will be impressed at how much you will see and experience. A plethora of wildflowers and waterfalls awaits. Arriving so much later in the season means both are a lot more prolific. All that lingering cold, wet, weather and late snow blanketing and nurturing seeds means...more! More water cascading down canyons, some where none flowed last year. More colorful flowers—painting the mountainsides with nature's paintbrush. And now, with the oh-so-welcome arrival of warmer, dryer weather, more mountain trails opening.

It's time for that long-awaited highcountry adventure. Get a group together. Head out as a twosome. Bring the kids. Bring the dog! Grab your favorite photo device and head for the high country for an unforgettable adventure. Rent a Jeep® or UTV, and if you're a newbie to the high country, (or just want to sit back and enjoy the scenery or learn more about the area's mining history), go with a guided tour. coloradowestutvandjeeps.com/

If you venture out in a rental, be sure to pick up a map and understand the high country's basic travel rules.

My favorite way to experience the San Juan Mountains high country is to go with Colorado West out of Ouray. It is the area's oldest, continuously operating rental and tour company and licensed to operate in three counties. Founded in 1984 by a group of local Ouray businessmen to fulfill the demand for tours in the San Juan Mountains, Colorado West has been serving renters and riders for nearly half a cen-

Local Bob Burdick was originally hired as a tour driver, then in 1992 he purchased what was then called Colorado West Jeep Rentals, Inc. In 2012, after a life-changing accident, Bob sold Colorado West to his sister, Judy Lindberg and her son, Jeff Lindberg. In 2019, Judy and her husband Gary, stepped back. Today, Jeff and his wife Kathy, with the help of family members, sometimes including Judy, run the business, which now offers all-custom guided tours as well as Jeep® and UTV Rentals. Many of their tour drivers have been with the company for ten years or more, so if you're a repeat adventurer, you will see a lot of familiar faces.

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High Country Travel Rules. Up-hillers always have the right of way. Pack it in-pack it out; leave nothing behind but footsteps. Don't count on service stops for gas, food, restrooms—there aren't any. Bring lots of water: high country hydration is vital. Dress in layers, the weather can go from freezing cold to broiling hot in seconds. Cover your head with something that won't blow away in the wind and will protect your neck and nose from sunburn. Wear and carry sunscreen. Sandals are iffy; if you cut your feet on a rock, there are no first-aid stations up here. Don't drink and drive; you can pop a top or imbibe a cocktail when you get back to town.

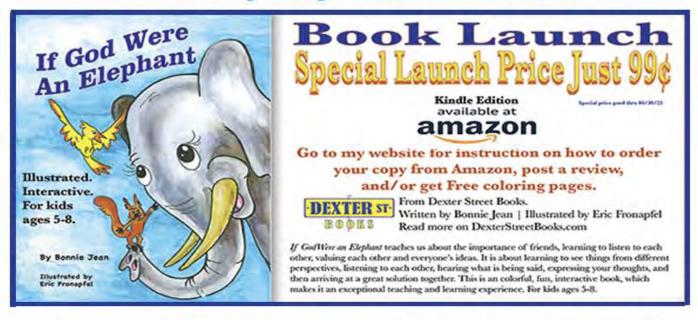


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Affiliation: Presbyterian

Address: 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO.

81401 **Office Hours:** M-Thu 9AM - 12PM **Contact**: 970-249-4732, <u>in-</u>

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Denomination affiliation: United Church

of Christ

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on life's journey. Church demogra

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all ages to worship with

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

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

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Denomination Affiliation: United

Methodist

Address: 19 S. Park Avenue Montrose CO.

81401

Office Hours: M-Thu, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact Information: 970-249-3716,
office@montroseumc.org, mont-

roseumc.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 email: office@rosemontbaptist.org Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

Denomination affiliation: Independent

Interfaith

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

Home Office – 970-252-0908

Contact information: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Mac-

donald, 970-252-0908, arlyn@spiritaware.org, www.spiritaware.org

Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn

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

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

come. The Spiritual Awareness Center is an interfaith spiritual community welcoming spiritual seekers and people of all faiths, providing a safe place to explore and nurture the individual's unique connection to the Divine through Unity services, classes, family and community projects, including the Great Community Giveaway 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:<u>summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com</u> website: <u>www.summitchurchmontrose.org</u>

Name of current Senior Pastor: John De-

Sario

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

www.summitchurchmontrose.org/ events for more information.

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

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

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

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

6874; email at info@vbcmontrose.org;

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

Denomination Affiliation: Independent

Baptist

Address: 2890 N Townsend Ave., Mont-

rose, CO 81401

Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-12pm Contact Information: Phone (970) 249-

MONTROSE-As a way of serving the faith

community in Montrose, the Montrose

Mirror is in the process of establishing a

fellowship would like to be included in

Church Directory. If your congregation or

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 in-

clude childcare)

information to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

website: vbcmontrose.org

Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number,

email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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.

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?



DineOutMontrose.com

New Larger Homepage Listing



Tacos and Beer 3410 Williams Drive Montrose, CO 970-964-4448





Tacos and Beer
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Montrose, CO
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"Subtle flavors that excite the taste buds." That is how Martin, the owner and cook of Tacos and Beer describes his authentic Mexican dishes. Martin is the third generation of his family to be in the restaurant business. His thirty years of experience is evident in every meal. Ask about Martin's Quesabirra Tacos and our homemade spiked Agua Frescas.

More: Menu, Pictures, Map & Links



New Popup: Slide Show Address, About, Link



Camp Robber

1515 Ogden Road Montrose, CO 970-240-1590

Business Listing: Name About Location Map Slide Show Website Link Menu

Remingtons At The Bridges

2500 Bridges Circle Montrose, CO 970-252-1119 - 970-240-1590

Additional Links: FaceBook, Trip Advisor, Yelp

Stone House

1415 Hawk Parkway Across from Walmart Montrose, CO

Dine Out Montrose has a weekly ad in The Montrose Mirror, local news with delivery to over 17,500 email boxes weekly!



PEAK PROFESSIONALS

1550 Niagara Road Montrose (970) 497-4921 peakpros.org

PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES

947 South Fifth Street Montrose (970) 249-2421 **VFC PROVIDER** thepediatricassociates.com

NORTHSIDE HEALTH CENTER

528 North Uncompanyere Ave Montrose (970) 240-6438 **VFC PROVIDER** pfb.com/northsidechildhealthcenter

CEDAR POINT HEALTH

300 South Nevada Ave Montrose (970) 249-7751 cedarpointhealth.com

BASIN CLINIC

421 Adams Street Naturita (970) 865-2665 **VFC PROVIDER (RHC)** basinclinic.org

UNCOMPAHGRE MEDICAL CENTER

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

DELTA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

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

RIVER VALLEY FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS

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

THE PIC PLACE

87 Merchant Drive Montrose (970) 252-8896 pic.place

MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

510 29 1/2 Rd Grand Junction (970) 248-6900 **VFC PROVIDER** health.mesacounty.us/services/family/imm unizations

VFC (VACCINES FOR CHILDREN)

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

340b

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

CITY MARKET SOUTH

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

Flu Shingles
Pneumonia MMR
Tdap Rabies
Meningococcus Polio

Chickenpox Japanese Encephalitis

Hep A Hep B COVID-19

WALGREENS

2351 South Townsend Ave Montrose

(970) 252-1743 Register Online

Flu Shingles
Pneumonia HPV
Tdap MMR
Td or DT Rabies
Meningitis Polio

Varicella Japanese Encephalitis

Hep B Typhoid Hep B Hep A/Hep B

COVID-19 (Moderna)

CVS (IN TARGET)

3530 Wolverine Dr Montrose

(970) 497-8981 Register online

Flu MMR
Hep A Tdap
Hep B Varicella
Hep A/Hep B Pnemococcal
HPV Meningooccal
Shingles Hep A/Hep B

Typhoid Japanese Encephalitis Polio, adult COVID-19 (Pfizer & JJ)

CITY MARKET NORTH

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

Register Online

Flu Shingles
Pneumonia MMR
Tdap Rabies
Meningococcus Polio

Chickenpox Japanese Encephalitis

Hep A Hep B COVID-19

SAFEWAY

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

Register online

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

WALMART

16750 South Townsend Ave Montrose

(970) 249-7742 Walk-in's welcome

Flu Hep A & Hep B

Shingles IPV
Tdap Varicella
Td Pneumococcal
MMR Meningococcal

COVID-19 (Moderna & JJ)

STACIE'S APOTHECARY SHOPPE

112 Village Square West Ridgway

(970) 626-7100

Flu Pneumonia

Shingles Tdap



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



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THREE-WHEELER EBIKES-AGING: GET GOOD AT IT!







Riders recently seen on town streets and bike paths include Cindy, Gary and Nicki, with Cindy on a conventional configuration eTrike, Gary and Nicki Parsons on recumbents. Photos by Randy White.

By Randy White Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-How do they do it? A husband and wife, 88 and 92 years old, cycling daily 18 miles or more. Both have balance impairments! eTrikes have become an advancing active adult trend among those who refuse to surrender to the down spiral of aging unwell. Curt and his wife Ruth had cycled the USA and Europe for many decades. When a fall left Curt both hearing and balance impaired, they did not give in. A cochlear implant restored his hearing and an eTrike restored their sport together. This and other similar stories capture the 'new old' determination & innovation spirit of many seniors today. Aging does not mean decay anymore or exit from wellness benefits of sport and exercise.

Montrose is a prime domain for safe and effective cycling for wellness. Riverside bike paths, trails, and selected streets with bike lanes open our community to cycling

excellence. Points of interest, park benches, and café/coffee bars enable colorful convenient break spots. Bathrooms dot the routes as well.

best winter mid-day times. Cindy chooses
Cobble Creek streets and beyond for her and husband Shaun to enjoy rides together. Both made their bike selection with an

Trends are growing to enable senior wellness via eBikes and eTrikes. Colorado State is implementing incentive programs to promote these advancements. From \$1,100 to \$1,350 per person, bike incentives start in August for income-qualifying riders. A burgeoning innovation industry is advancing the offerings to accommodate any need you can imagine. These eTrikes are transportable inside both SUVs and on racks, for fun adventure trips nearby in Colorado & Utah.

Riders recently seen on town streets and bike paths include Cindy, Gary and Nicki. Cindy on a conventional configuration eTrike, Gary and Nicki Parsons on recumbents. All are avid regular riders and determined to optimize their lives by aging well. Nicki rides the region year-round with husband Gary or solo, picking those

best winter mid-day times. Cindy chooses Cobble Creek streets and beyond for her and husband Shaun to enjoy rides together. Both made their bike selection with an eye to accommodating their body changes while sustaining the health and wellness benefits of regular sport exercise. The health & wellness benefits of cardio exercise are well established. The mobility of these eTrikes is excellent once accommodations are made to vehicles. So the Parsons can day-trip to Grand Junction or even Glenwood Springs for the riverside rides there. Another unique advantage of trikes is the freedom from mount/start/dismounts at stops, -you just pause, then go.

Colorado eBikes in Grand Junction keeps a stock of several styles for custom fitting. Local Montrose shops stock a good selection of two-wheel eBikes. Links: https://youtu.be/5nYjqV8gmnE Utah eTrike custom shop. https://youtu.be/yCOOzioEnvk Montrose eTrike ride





The Montrose Community Band proudly presents

The American Legacy

July 2, 3:00 p.m. Montrose Pavilion July 4, 5:30 p.m. Montrose Rotary Amphitheater

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By Vance Couturier & Natalie Powers



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ONGOING-

RIDGWAY TRUE GRIT WALKING TOUR

Re-live the exciting days in 1968 when Ridgway was transformed into Fort Smith, Arkansas and John Wayne, Henry Hathaway, Robert Duval and Glen Campbell came for the filming of True Grit. A guide will escort you to downtown filming locations and share insights about Ridgway's film history and little-known facts and anecdotes about the Duke. The tour was recognized by True West as Readers Choice for Best Historic Town Tour. Meet at Ridgway's Hartwell Park gazebo. FREE! Details: 469.682.9710 (Donations are welcome.) 3 pm every Friday from June 2 to Sept 1; 11 am Monday, September 4, 2023; 12 pm and 2 pm Saturday, September 23, 2023

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 Uncompandere Avenue, Centennial Plaza and South First Street.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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 26--1 p.m. Sara Rinne, librarian at the Montrose Public Library will speak on "Researching Genealogy and History at the Montrose Library" at the Warrior Resource Center, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way. All are welcome to this event sponsored by the Montrose Genealogy Center.

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

July 2-3pm – Free Patriotic Concert, Montrose Community Band at the Pavilion. Strike up the band!! It is time for iconic American songs and a salute to all who have helped keep our country free. https://montroseband.com/concert-schedule

July 4--5:30pm - Opening band for the 4th of July Celebration at the Rotary Amphitheater in Cerise park.

July 10-Monday July 10 at 4:30-6:30 Citizens' Climate Lobby meets in person at Montrose library meeting rm., Non-partisan, national, environmental, All welcome. Also booth at Farmers Market July 7th- info at 970-765-9095.

July 10-Baldy Mountain Landscape Resiliency and Habitat Improvement Project open house will be held July 10 from 5-7 p.m. at the Ouray County Fairgrounds and Event Center, located at 22739 Hwy 550, Ridgway, Colorado.

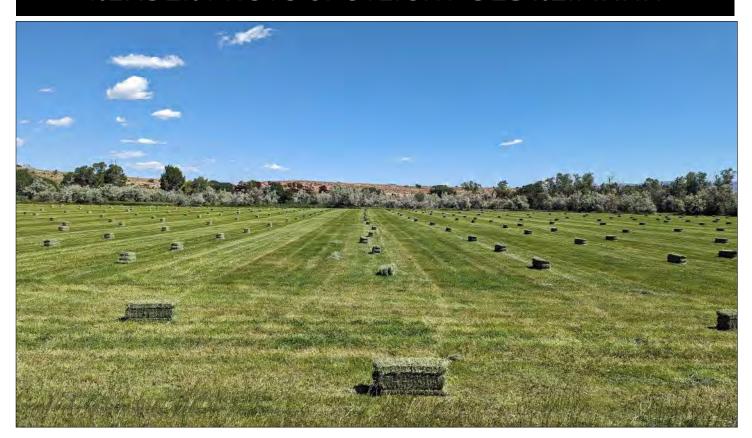
July 29-30-Colorado Mountain Club Western Slope Group is hosting two days of Wilderness First Aid, July 29 and 30 in Montrose. Details and registration at: https://www.cmc.org/groups-sections/cmc-state/course-templates/wilderness-medicine-school-wilderness-first-aid/copy6 of wilderness-first-aid-cmc-state-2023

Questions: WSGofCMC@gmail.com

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



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