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# the Montrose Mirror

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## 2023 MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR & RODEO: SHOWCASING THE TALENTS OF THE COMMUNITY

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose's vibrant Fourth of July celebration may be just a memory now, but the summer fun continues. In two weeks (July 21-29) the Montrose County Fair & Rodeo returns to the Fairgrounds for a community celebration with deep local roots.

The theme for the 2023 Montrose County Fair & Rodeo is, "Where good things are growing."

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New for 2023, the Fair Board has added some community partners, with the Montrose Center for Art running the Art Show, and the Black Canyon Quilters in charge of the Quilting Show.

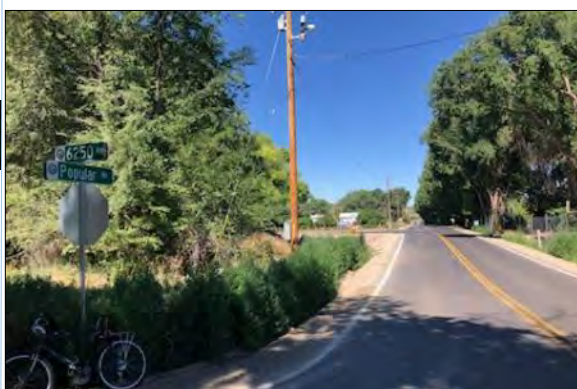
The Dog Show has increased in popularity each year, Montrose County Fairgrounds & Event Center Director Stoney Field said, with Obedience & Rally taking place

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The 2023 Fair will showcase the talents of local community members, Fairgrounds & Event Center Director Stoney Field said. Above, a young competitor at the 2022 Montrose County Fair & Rodeo. Courtesy photo.

## BOCC APPROVES FAIR PERMIT, PROCLAIMS JULY TO BE PARK & RECREATION MONTH



On July 5 Commissioners approved Resolution No. 29-2023 to Item 10, a resolution to change the posted speed limit on Popular Road from 30 mph to 35 mph from Old Paradox Road to Spring Canyon Road and from 30 mph to 45 mph from Spring Canyon Road to 6250 Road (pictured above). Photo by B. Switzer.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-At 930am on July 5, Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Chair Sue Hansen called the [regular meeting](#) to order. All commissioners were present.

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delivering the invocation was Pastor John DeSario of Summit Church. "...We are thankful for the independence we celebrated yesterday, and the 247 years since our Declaration of Independence, and the freedom that we have in our country," DeSario said. "...Thank you for these individuals that help our county and that help our town...there is more that unites us than that does divide us, we are created in your image...may there be just a spirit of finding common ground...thank you so much for the blessings that we enjoy here in Montrose..."

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were heard from

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at 4pm on Friday, July 21 and Showmanship & Agility set for Tuesday, July 25 at Noon.

Open Show and Livestock competitions will run throughout the week, with Community Night starting at 5:30pm on Tuesday, July 25.

Expect a few changes to Community Night, Field said. The Kiddie tractor Pull will be held in the outside arena this year, and local band Neon Sky will perform at 7:30pm.

Field said that there is some uncertainty as to the actual age (138? 139?) of the Montrose County Fair. Still, whether the Fair began in 1884 or 1885, there's no question that it's going strong today. Main draws like the rodeo and bull riding events sell out every year, and attendance for those has done nothing but increase. "In 2021, I had to turn away 250 people," Field said. "The next year, I had people lining up at 4:30pm."

While the Montrose County Fair does draw a high level of interest for its sold-out professional events, the heart of the fair has always been the amateurs of all ages who take part, he said.

"We want to showcase the talents of the community," Field said.



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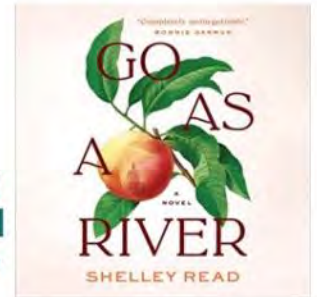
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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Editor:

Thank you to the community for your support of Rock the Block presented by Habitat for Humanity of San Juans. This event was created to help achieve our mission of creating community. We wanted it to be an inclusive place for all and a true representation of our community here in Montrose. This includes the people we serve, donors and volunteers and partners across many organizations. Proceeds raised from sponsorship and support go directly to construction which help create affordable housing opportunities in 5 counties on the Western Slope.

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the public on non-Agenda items.

## COUNTY MANAGER

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners voted to approve Consent Agenda items, assigning Resolution No. 29 -2023 to Item 10, a resolution to change the posted speed limit on Popular Road from 30 mph to 35 mph from Old Paradox Road to Spring Canyon Road and from 30 mph to 45 mph from Spring Canyon Road to 6250 Road. The change is based on a traffic study following the recent paving of the road, which found that designed and constructed vertical curves on the section

of Popular located from Old Paradox Road east to Spring Canyon Road allow for a posted limit of 35 mph, while a speed study performed after paving and paint striping was completed revealed an 85 percent speed of 46.7 mph between Spring Canyon Road and 6250 Road. A curve in the Popular Road near the Chipeta Water District filling station was removed, County Engineer Keith Laube said.

## MONTROSE COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

Commissioners left regular session to reconvene as the Montrose County Local Liquor Licensing Authority, and following a

public hearing voted to approve the Chair's signature on a Special Events Permit for the Montrose County Fair Board at Montrose County Fairgrounds on July 28 and July 29, 2023 based on Findings.

## GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Commissioners voted to adopt a proclamation declaring July 2023 as Park and Recreation Month. The proclamation was read into the record by Jeremy Master of the Montrose Recreation District.

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Commissioners voted to approve seven minor subdivisions as presented by Planning & Development Director Tallmadge Richmond.

### Approved were:

The Culver View Minor Subdivision [MI23-005] proposal to divide a 15.2 acre lot into three lots at Parcel 376509102002, 5800 Rd & Jig Rd;

The Basten Minor Subdivision [MI23-004] proposal to divide 10.744 acres into three lots at Parcel 376508401001;

The Double De Minor Subdivision [MI23-006] proposal to divide 8.36 acres into three lots at Parcel 376919402002;

The Happy Time Minor Subdivision [MI23-010] proposal to divide three lots from a 66.5 acre parcel at Parcel 399313100021;

The North Montrose Minor Subdivision [MI23-011] proposal to divide 4.428 acres into two lots at Parcel 372336300020 60987 HWY 50; and

The Mertens Farm Minor Subdivision [MI23-013] proposal to divide 6.15 acres into two lots at Parcel 399302218001, 16170 6700 RD.

With no further business, commissioners voted to adjourn.



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## MATERIALS ON ORDER FOR WEST SIDE SINKHOLE FIX



### Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-A sinkhole that has developed near Willerup and West South Third Street should be fixed once ordered materials arrive. The City of Montrose has been working on sewer line projects, and a hole appeared in the pavement of this west side roadway recently. The area has been coned off while crews await the arrival of materials to repair the breach. "It shouldn't be much longer," Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said Thursday.

## MONTROSE WOMEN'S GIVING CLUB TO MEET AUG. 7

### Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose Women's Giving Club meets on Monday, Aug. 7 at 5:30 at the Bridges Golf and Country Club. More than \$300K has been awarded to local non-profits. Always open to women, ALL women who have an interest in learning and giving to our community. \$100 plus a \$10 hospitality fee for a 1.5-hour meeting that guarantees to be time well spent. For Information call Phoebe 209-9598.



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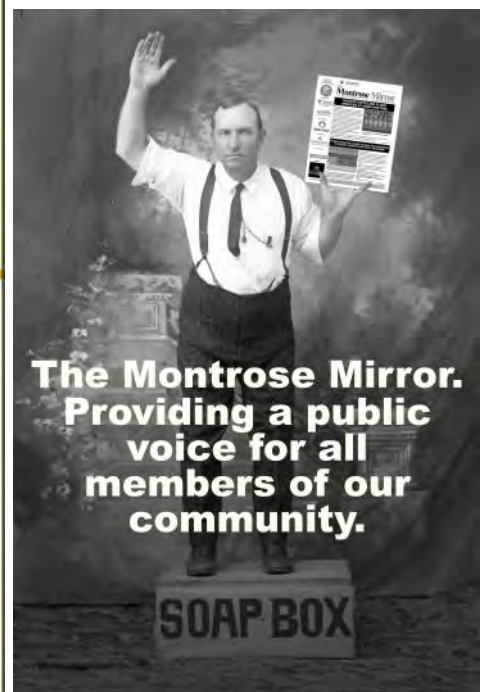
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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?

Dear Editor,

My wife, Donna and I have lived in Montrose for the last three years. We spend our summers here and our winters in Savannah GA. Each spring we look forward to returning to this beautiful part of the country and renewing friendships and meeting new, interesting neighbors. Recently, I was shocked to see a banner

posted near the intersection of Hillcrest and Main St. that said, "JOE & THE HOE GOTTA GO."

This type of crudeness has no place in our community. I understand people will have political differences, but to slander the Vice President of the United States shows a lack of common decency.

I wonder how many mothers and fathers

with young children are going to have to explain what a "hoe" is. What an embarrassment to the good people in our town. How much meanness will this type of slogan generate?

For the "poet" who came up with this slogan, let me offer one of my own - How Low can You Go?

*Michael Ambrose, Montrose*

### FENCE SIGN SHOWS DISREGARD FOR COMMON DECENCY

Editor:

I'm writing to protest a sign on the fence of a property at the intersection of Hillcrest and Highway 50 that says, "Joe and the Ho have to go".

I'm assuming this residence is Republican, but I have not verified that fact.

I'm asking Republicans and anyone who is offended by this sign to encourage the resident to take it down.

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Sincerely

*Jo Clugg, Montrose*



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### BANNER AT HILLCREST & EAST MAIN HAS UNDERLYING TONES OF RACISM, MISOGYNY AND ENCOURAGES HATRED

*Editor:*

The banner on the corner of Hillcrest and East Main Street is deplorable and offensive. I have the upmost respect for partisanship but this goes beyond partisanship. This banner has underlying tones of racism, misogyny and encourages hatred. This banner sits across the street from the Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club. Is this what our community wants to teach our children plus have to explain to them what HO means? To the person who hung this banner I hope you will consider removing it. I don't believe any decent person in any political party would approve of your banner. You are entitled to your own personal opinion and how you vote but please ask yourself if encouraging hate, racism, misogyny and divide is what our country and community needs.

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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## BLM SOUTHWEST DISTRICT RAC SHEEP GRAZING SUB-COMMITTEE TO MEET JULY 18

### Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – The Bureau of Land Management Southwest District Resource Advisory Council will hold the fifth meeting of a sub-committee formed to study domestic sheep grazing in bighorn sheep habitat on July 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The discussion will focus on best management practices and public outreach tools related to livestock grazing and bighorn sheep on BLM-administered lands. The sub-committee will convene at the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, 2465 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO. The meeting is open to the public.

A thirty-minute public comment period will be provided from 12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Individuals who wish to speak are

encouraged to submit a written copy of their statement for the administrative record. Interested parties unable to attend the meeting in person are invited to join online via Zoom (registration required): <https://blm.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltcemqqjksGfgNBWuWpE-HfFgQlpC1jRQ>.

“During our fifth meeting, we plan to discuss best management practices and public outreach tools related to domestic sheep grazing and bighorn sheep,” said **District Manager Stephanie Connolly**.

“Following the July meeting, the sub-committee will meet one more time in August prior to formulating its recommendations to the full RAC.”

The Southwest District Resource Advisory

Council advises the BLM Colorado Southwest District, which includes the Gunnison, Uncompahgre, and Tres Rios field offices. The sub-committee consists of five members who have demonstrated their interest and experience related to sheep grazing. The sub-committee will aim to present their conclusions to the full Resource Advisory Council for their consideration in fall 2023. The meeting agenda is available online at: <https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2023-07/AGENDA%20Meeting%205%20July%2018%202023.pdf>. The meeting may be recorded. For more information or to register to speak during the public comment period, please contact Maggie Magee at (970) 240-5323 or [dmagee@blm.gov](mailto:dmagee@blm.gov).

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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS BEGIN JULY 10 IN BLM TRES RIOS FIELD OFFICE

*Special to the Mirror*

**DOLORES** – Stage 1 fire restrictions go into effect July 10 for all public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tres Rios Field Office within the boundaries of Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, and Montezuma counties, as well as the northwest portion of Montrose County and western half of San Miguel County, including Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. The restrictions align with local orders and guidelines to protect the public's safety during high fire danger.

"Increasingly dry conditions and high fire danger require the Tres Rios Field Office to implement Stage 1 fire restrictions," said Tres Rios Field Manager Derek Padilla. "We ask the public to please abide by these restrictions and remember that fireworks are always prohibited on public lands."

Under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, the following acts are prohibited:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire except within agency-provided fire grates at developed recrea-

tion sites. Devices using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are permitted.

- Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

- Operating a chainsaw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed and working, a chemical fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight, and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches.
- Using a welder, either arc or gas, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame, except in cleared areas of at least 10 feet in diameter with a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity.

- Using exploding targets.

Stage 1 fire restrictions on these lands become effective at 12:01 a.m., MDT, July 10, 2023, and will be in place until further notice.

Violation of federal fire restrictions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months or both. In addition, those found responsible for starting wildfires will also face restitution costs of suppressing the fire.

More information about fire prevention is available online at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/get-involved/fire-prevention>. Current fire prevention notices for the BLM Southwest District are posted online at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-information/colorado/southwest-district>.



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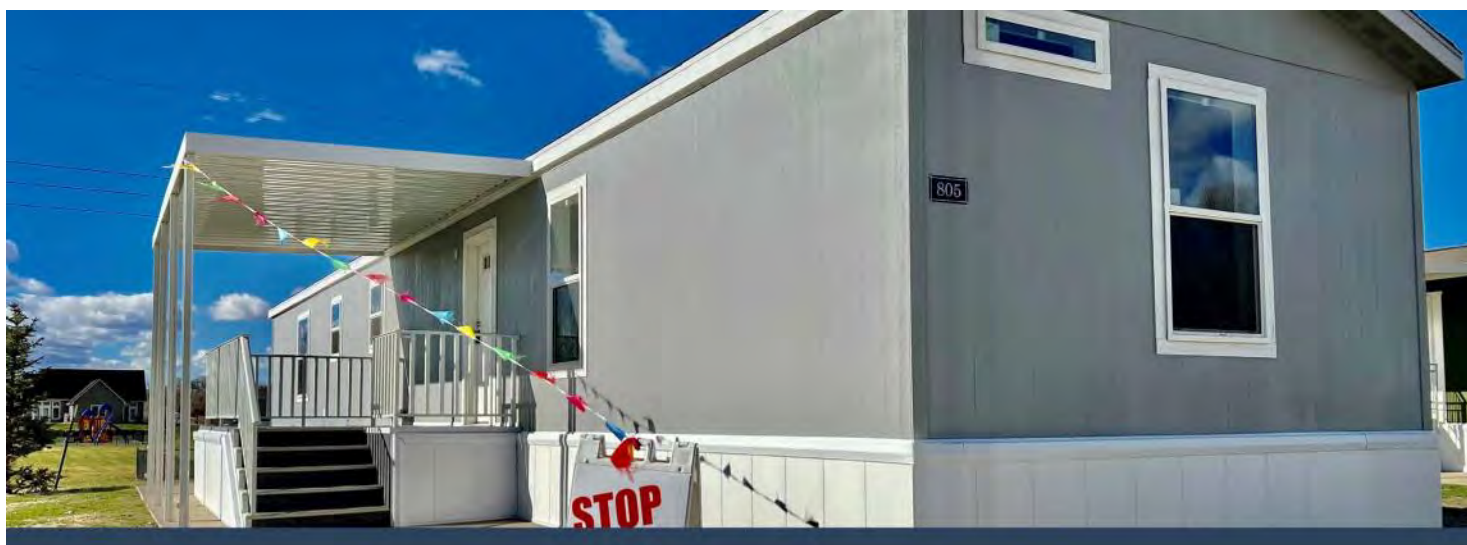
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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## 'BIDENOMICS' MEANS TREASONOUS SCHEMES TO ENRICH BIDEN FAMILY

*Editor:*

Skyrocketing inflation, record high gas prices, and trillions in reckless inflationary spending on leftist pet projects are just a few of the ways the Biden administration has punished the American middle class. When the vast majority of Americans realize Biden's economic policies --- which can charitably be summed up as "borrow and spend, tax and regulate" --- are a disaster, Biden's handlers react with a familiar strategy: Lie. Use rhetoric and smoke and mirrors to hide the results. When voters finally wake up and hate what you are doing, don't change. Just market it differently, and call it "Bidenomics".

Biden just declared that his economic policies are doing wonders for the nation's economy. 1) He declared that the U.S. has had the highest economic growth rate in the world since the pandemic. Blatant lie. We rank 146th in real GDP growth so far this year, and 151st place last year. 2) He declared "We created 13.4 million new jobs". Also false. Fully 10 million of those jobs were people returning to their previous jobs before the pandemic. Post-pandemic job returns are not job creation. The number of new jobs is considerably less than 4 million --- which is nothing to brag about, given the working age population has grown by almost 7 million since Biden took office. 3) Biden declared that "Americans are back to work who have been on the sidelines ...". Another falsehood. There are almost 10 million people who've dropped out of the labor force, which is 2.7 million higher than it was just

before all the COVID lockdowns. 4) "Just in my first two years in office, my team and I have reduced the deficit by \$1.7 trillion." Biggest lie yet. The CBO report released at the start of this year showed that "Biden sharply increased the deficit last year, this year, and next year, and he has set the country on course to add a total of \$5.45 trillion to the federal deficit over the following decade."

Democrats cannot disguise the underlying reality: Not only has Biden presided over a sharp decline in real hourly earnings, his policies resulted in the loss of purchasing power and a decline in the standard of living for working Americans. The only thing Biden said that was truthful is that "Bidenomics is working." If you accept that his goal is to damage the working class, he is correct.

The entire Democrat Party platform is now predicated on fear-mongering and based on easily verifiable lies, particularly about Republicans. I could list a dozen examples, but here are just a few:

\*Republicans only want to give tax breaks to the wealthy. Fact: IRS data verified that the Trump tax cuts disproportionately benefited those earning less than \$50,000 per year. Under Trump's tax plan the more money a person earned, the higher their income was taxed. \*Republicans are banning books and refusing to teach about slavery. Fact: Florida Governor DeSantis removed books from classrooms that contained pornographic content and other types of violent and inappropriate behavior. Florida statutes actually require Florida

schools to teach African American history. Teaching students about slavery is different than segregating a classroom along racial lines into groups of evil white "oppressors" and "the oppressed", while telling seven-year-olds that America remains an irredeemably racist country.

\*Republican-led states like Georgia want to make it harder for minorities to vote. Fact: The Peach state just set a record for voter turnout in the midterms. It's hardly racist to require every American to provide a valid ID to vote. What is racist is to imply that black people somehow don't have the ability to get a driver's license or other form of ID. \*Republicans want to deprive Americans from receiving healthcare. Fact: Socialized medicine is a disaster that will cause millions of Americans to lose their healthcare plans, while dramatically lowering the quality of that care.

A logical question to ask is "Which groups have benefited from Democrat policies?" No amount of subterfuge can hide the fact that outside of Democrat special interest groups, the Biden family including Biden's corrupt son, and our chief adversaries around the world, it is hard to think of anyone. It is certainly not the American working class. Here is a more accurate definition of "Bidenomics": Treasonous schemes to enrich the Biden family by leveraging Biden's position as VP and President to illegally funnel tens of millions of dollars from Ukraine, China, and Russia to already filthy rich Biden family members.

*Ed Henrie, Montrose*

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### PALISADE PLUNGE OPEN FOR THE SEASON

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GRAND JUNCTION — The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests in partnership with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association (COPMOBA) announce the popular Palisade Plunge Trail is open for the 2023 season.

The Palisade Plunge is a 32-mile trail that features a unique 6,000 foot descent for mountain bikes and other nonmotorized recreation from the top of the Grand Mesa to the Town of Palisade. Access to the trail begins at the Mesa Top Trailhead along Highway 65 or from other approved access points along the trail such as Shirttail Point Trailhead or the Wild Rose Picnic area off

Land's End Road or the Palisade Plunge—Palisade Rim Trailhead off Highway 6.

Recreation managers urge users to use caution and be aware of brushy and overgrown areas, loose rocks, trail erosion, downed trees and creek crossings with high flowing water.

GMUG trail crews have been working to unblock drainage structures, clear trees and debris and brush the corridor of the trail. Trail crews will continue to survey conditions and work to clear the remainder of the trail as weather permits. Shuttle companies are in operation with available drop-off locations at Shirttail Point Trailhead. For up-to-date information on the Palisade Plunge and a list of shuttle providers, visit

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



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### MONTROSE RECREATION DISTRICT SIGNS RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO HELP SOLVE LOCAL CHILDCARE SHORTAGE

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE— The Montrose Recreation District has passed a unanimous resolution in support of the Unify Montrose project to help solve the local childcare shortage.

In Montrose, there are three times more children than there are available, licensed childcare spots. According to the 2021 Montrose County Childcare Needs Assessment that was published, Montrose County is classified as a 'childcare desert'. The local childcare shortage affects multiple aspects of daily life in Montrose, including the economy.

Unify America is driven to help Montrose residents find a solution through the Unify Montrose project. Unify Montrose is hosting a process starting this summer to review the childcare shortage issue and build solutions — led by residents. A large panel of Montrose neighbors, who represent all parts of the community, will review the facts, discuss the pros and cons of different solutions, and build an action plan.

"The serious shortage of childcare in Montrose impacts everything from public safety and healthcare to education and economic development. We are so appreciative of the support, endorsement, and contributions of the Montrose Recreation District to help solve the problem of this 'childcare desert.' Together, with leaders and neighbors from all parts of Montrose, we can protect our community and its next generation," says Sara Drury, a representative of the Unify Montrose project and Unify America's Executive Vice President of Deliberations and Community Problem-Solving.

To safeguard our community and our youngest generation, the Montrose Recreation District Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution stating they support, endorse, and will contribute to the Unify Montrose efforts.

"The Montrose Recreation District is central to the vitality of our community, and as such plays a key role in the leadership toward forming solutions to continuously

improve Montrose. Childcare, collaboration, and community focus are things we do well, and the Board and staff are enthused to play a role in this initiative that indeed will have long-ranging, generational impacts," says Mari Steinbach, Executive Director of the MRD.

Local residents from all walks of life are encouraged to apply to be randomly cho-

sen for the 64-member Community Panel. Applications can be submitted online at [unifymontrose.org](https://unifymontrose.org) or via a direct mail piece that should arrive in mailboxes in July. The deadline to receive applications for the Community Panel is July 31.

Selected panelists will be notified in August and paid for their time serving as a participant.

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### MISSING IN COLORADO EVENT SET FOR AUG. 5, 2023

*Special to the Mirror*

LAKEWOOD-The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) will host its annual Missing in Colorado event on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

Families and friends of those missing for more than one year in the state are invited to join us from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lowry Conference Center, 1061 Akron Way, Bldg. 697, in Denver. The event is free and open to the public.

Missing in Colorado gives families the

opportunity to speak with other victims, victim advocates, and others as part of this important event. The event also provides resources to family members who face the unimaginable impacts of having someone they love go missing. As part of the event, law enforcement, forensics professionals and non-profits will be on hand to provide families with information and resources.

A private family support group will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Space is limited

so reservations are required to attend the support group.

Spanish speakers will be available at the event.

For families of the missing who are unable to attend the event, the CBI offers a comprehensive website listing a variety of missing person resources.

For more information on the Missing in Colorado event, call Audrey Simkins at 303-239-5764 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/MissingInColorado>.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### OXEYE DAISY CAN SNEAK INTO YOUR GARDEN

*Special to the Mirror*

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY — San Miguel County Vegetation Control & Management manager, Julie Kolb has an update on how one noxious weed can sneak into your garden. The Oxeye Daisy is often sold in seed packets under the common names marguerite, dog daisy, field daisy, moon daisy, moon-penny, poor-land penny, poverty daisy, and white daisy. This daisy now infests the areas surrounding Telluride, Mountain Village, and Ophir. The daisy originates from Europe and Asia and is an invasive and destructive noxious weed that has shallow roots and leads to expedited erosion!

- How to identify Oxeye daisy:
- Seeds germinate during summer or fall
- Has spoon-shaped lower leaves and linear leaves on upper stem
- Stems are hairless
- Flowers 1-2 inches wide
- Is a perennial (grows back year after year)
- Peak bud production June-September
- One flower per branch
- Produces about 200 seeds (or more) per

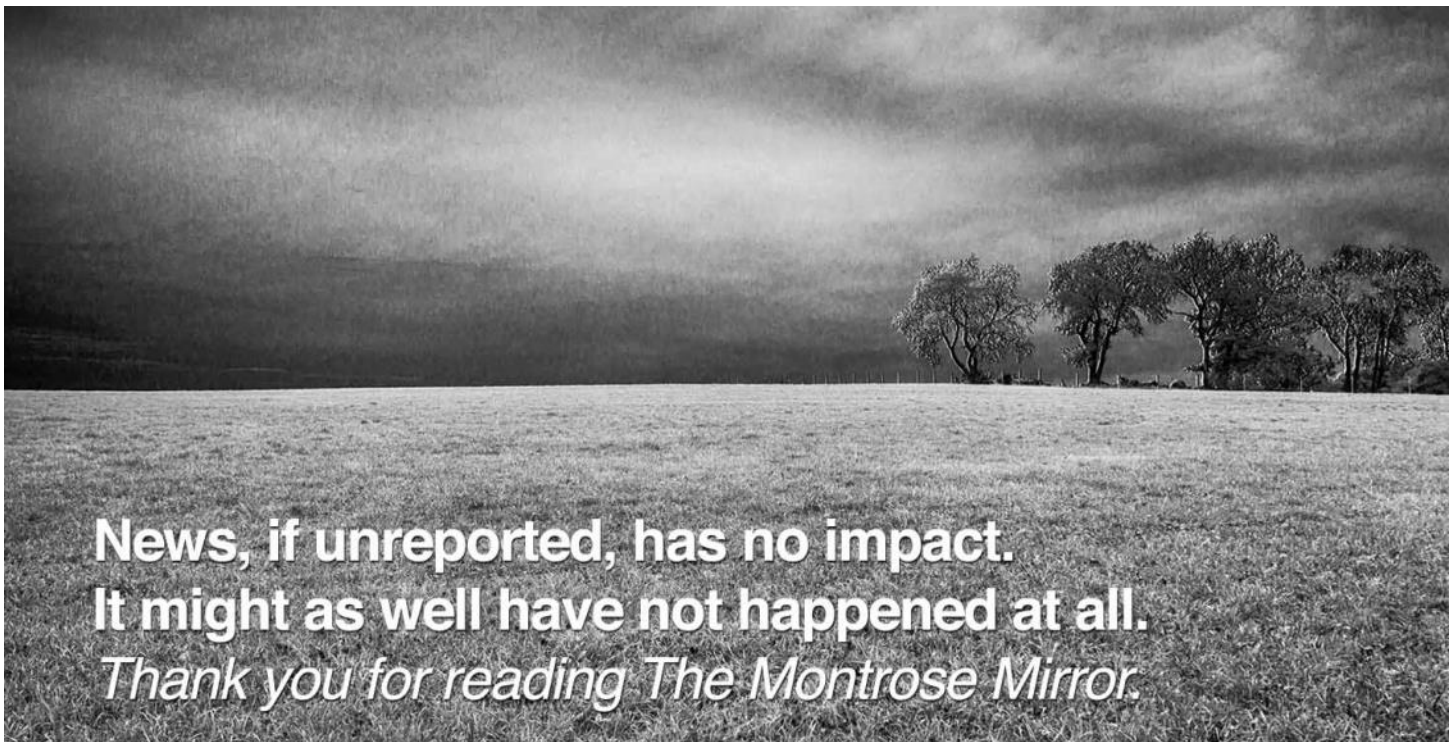


*Oxeye Daisy flower and foliage. Courtesy photos.*

- flower
  - Seeds viable about 39 years
  - Seeds are spread through wind, and by animals.
- San Miguel County Vegetation Control & Management urges all County residents to manage any Oxeye daisy infestations with elimination in mind.



Weed control is a community effort! Please do your part to keep San Miguel County vegetation native, and protect wildlife and livestock. For more information about Oxeye daisy and other noxious weeds in San Miguel County please contact Julie Kolb, Manager, Vegetation Control & Management at [juliek@sanmiguelcountyco.gov](mailto:juliek@sanmiguelcountyco.gov)



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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## CPW'S SOUTHWEST REGION INVITES ANGLERS AND HUNTERS TO JOIN MEETING JULY 11

### Special to the Mirror

DURANGO— Anglers and hunters are invited to attend the upcoming Colorado Parks and Wildlife Southwest Region Sportspersons Caucus with Regional Manager Cory Chick and CPW staff to discuss topics of concern within the region.

The meeting will be conducted virtually from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 11. It will be streamed live on [CPW's YouTube channel](#) and [Zoom](#).

Mia Anstine and Roger Cesario, representatives of the Southwest Region of CPW to the statewide [Sportsperson's Roundtable](#), have highlighted topics to be covered during the meeting and will lead a roundtable discussion of other matters of importance to the sportspersons community.

"We look forward to this discussion with our caucus representatives," Chick said. "Hunters, anglers and landowners bring a unique perspective on many of the major topics we work on at CPW, and it is important for us to hear and understand what they're seeing out in the field."

An update will be provided following the public outreach phase of [Big Game Season Structure planning](#) for the 2025-29 hunting seasons.

Also on the agenda is a conversation regarding elk hunting licenses around the Grand Mesa, archery hunting licenses on private land and the impacts to wildlife

created by recreation and renewable energy development.

To see the full meeting agenda, go to the [CPW website](#).

To watch the meeting on Zoom and participate in the live chat to ask questions, register at [cpw.info/SWSportspersons](#). The passcode to join the Zoom is 352854.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

### THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE?



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By Kevin Martin

Syndicated by *PeaceVoice*

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND—Unless you are a peace activist, or work for the Pentagon or a weapons contractor, you are likely (blissfully) unaware Congress is about to take up the National Defense Authorization Act, the massive policy bill on Pentagon spending and related military and foreign policy functions. It will likely get nearly \$900 billion this year while social programs get short shrift.

Among more than 1500 proposed amendments to the bill on various issues are some that seem a bit oriented toward peace, including ending US support for the Saudi-led war in Yemen (and fully supporting the nascent peace process), assessing nuclear weapons systems and policy, and limiting US weapons transfers.

An amendment offered by US Rep. Warren Davidson (R-OH) could offer a way out of the disastrous war in Ukraine, for the

Biden Administration, Russia, and Ukraine itself.

The amendment is relatively modest and straight-forward, requiring the Biden Administration to report to Congress on its strategy, objectives, projected costs, and perhaps most importantly, its diplomatic engagement (or lack thereof) to hasten the end of the war.

The timing of Davidson's amendment may be fortuitous, coming on the heels of a July 6 NBC News report on previously secret, "track two" talks between former US government officials and Russians including Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. It is also very likely official, "track one" government-to-government talks are also ongoing but not publicly acknowledged. At the least, the amendment is a good governance, Congressional oversight, checks and balances measure on the Executive Branch, which wields enormous power over military and foreign policy.

It could be more than that, if it passes Congress, becomes law, and gets the attention it deserves. Russia's invasion of Ukraine is illegal, and a calamity for both countries.

The U.S. and other outside powers, while they are far from neutral, disinterested parties, may be needed to bring their influence to bear on ending the war. Over the last several decades, Congress, representing the American people, has become

entirely too deferential to presidential power on war and peace issues. This amendment would add to a growing trend to correct that imbalance.

The Biden Administration, for its part, has to know the US cannot endlessly write blank checks to Ukraine for weaponry. Congress at some point will tighten the purse strings. Also, President Biden presumably would like to run for re-election free of this headache, understandably preferring to focus on the economy and improving the lives of people in this country.

I won't attempt to speculate on the motivations or self-interest of the Ukrainian or Russian governments. But for the people of those two countries, so closely linked by history and culture, this war, which looks to be an intractable stalemate, can't end soon enough, with negotiations to settle all manner of issues to be determined by the parties with whatever outside help is required.

Every day, people dying on both sides is a needless tragedy. The Davidson Amendment could be a turning point to end this madness. It deserves strong, bipartisan support.

Kevin Martin, syndicated by *PeaceVoice*, is President of *Peace Action Education Fund*, the country's largest grassroots peace and disarmament organization with more than 200,000 supporters nationwide.

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DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is asking the public for their input on the importation of crayfish into the state. The [public comment period](#) is open through July 30, 2023. Recently, CPW has become aware of a significant market for live crayfish that are primarily imported into Colorado from outside of the state. CPW believes that the major species being imported is the red swamp crayfish, a species that is currently not allowed to be imported or possessed in Colorado. Regulations prohibiting the import, transport, and possession of most live crayfish into Colorado have been in place for decades in an effort to protect Colorado's natural aquatic ecosystems and native species. [Rusty crayfish](#) in particular have been a top invasive concern for CPW since their detection in the state in 2009. In response to this emerging market for red swamp crayfish, CPW is reviewing current crayfish regulations, and seeking input from the public on importing red swamp crayfish into Colorado.

### Public Input Process

Members of the public can learn more about the regulation review process and share their feedback at [EngageCPW.org](#) through July 30, 2023. Crayfish regulations are tentatively scheduled to be discussed at the July 17, 2023 Fish Health Board (FHB) Meeting and the August 24-25, 2023 Parks and Wildlife Commission (PWC) meeting. More information on these meetings will be available on the [FHB page](#) and the [PWC meetings page](#).

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**Above, local favorites the Brown Family Band (Tia, Jody and Levi Brown) performed in Cerise Park on the 4th of July. Photo by Gunnison Clamp.**



**Above, Erik Stucky played during the Summer Music Series on July 7. Photo B. Switzer.**



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## PRESCRIBED BURNS PLANNED DEPENDING ON CONDITIONS

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MONTROSE — Fire Management Officials from the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Ouray Ranger District had planned to conduct the 25 Mesa prescribed burn July 6, but the burn was cancelled due to a shift in the forecast conditions.

After the 25 Mesa prescribed burn is completed and if conditions remain favorable, fire managers will then conduct the Sawmill Mesa prescribed burn.

The prescribed burns are located approximately 25 miles west of Delta, Colorado on 25 Mesa road—National Forest System Road #503. Up to 2600 acres are planned to be burned to increase the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, protect adjacent private property from the spread of unplanned wildfires, improve wildlife habitat and reduce slash from mechanical treatments.

Fuel moisture, weather and soil moisture conditions differ at elevations. Both projects are located above 8,300 feet in elevation where vegetation is still in the green up process and fuel and soil moisture content is higher compared to lower elevations. Below normal temperatures, combined with above average precipitation this spring, provided ideal conditions for burning at higher elevations. Currently, the Rocky Mountain Region is at a Preparedness Level 2, meaning geographic areas are able to manage fire activity without requesting many wildland fire suppression resources from other areas. The Preparedness Level and the predicted moderated fire weather factors into the extensive planning process for these projects.

Prescribed burning is a tool that reintroduces fire into the ecosystem to promote and regenerate healthy trees and habitat conditions. Before conducting a

prescribed burn, extensive planning takes place to establish proper parameters such as weather, fuel conditions, smoke dispersion, staffing and other agency coordination. Significant coordinating efforts occur with local landowners, protection partners and other cooperating agencies to ensure the burn is conducted safely.

The prescribed burns will be accomplished using joint-agency fire resources utilizing aerial and hand ignitions and will be closely monitored to ensure that they remain within the designated boundaries. In an effort to provide additional resources to the projects, a special Prescribed Fire Incident Management Team will be deployed specifically for these projects and weather stations will be established to monitor and predict wind and humidity conditions at the project sites. Extra patrols will also monitor the prescribed fires and mop-up the perimeter fire lines.

As part of the team, an Air Resource Advisor will also be assigned to the prescribed burns and air quality will be closely monitored to mitigate smoke related impacts to communities. Smoke may be visible in Norwood, Telluride, Montrose and Ridgway communities for several days and may impact Sanborn Park area residents.

The safety of firefighters and the public are the most important factors considered when planning prescribed fires. Fire managers have obtained smoke permits from the State of Colorado and will comply with Colorado State air quality regulations. For more information on how prescribed fire smoke may affect your health, please visit: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

The public is reminded not to call 911 or emergency services if smoke is visible in specific burn areas. Prescribed burn updates will be posted on the [GMUG Fire Info page](#). For information on prescribed burns, pile burns, wildfires and fire restrictions on National Forest System lands visit [www.westslopefireinformation.com](http://www.westslopefireinformation.com).

For more information on Wildland Fire Preparedness Levels visit <https://www.nifc.gov/fire-information#current-levels>.

For information and updates on current fire restrictions, conditions, and recreation opportunities on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests visit the [forest website](#). Connect with us on social media ([Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)).

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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## AVALANCHE CONTROL PROJECT ON US 550 RED MOUNTAIN PASS TO BEGIN



**Gazex avalanche control unit used to mitigate snow slides on US 50 Monarch Pass, in Chaffee County. Courtesy photo.**

### *Special to the Mirror*

**SOUTHWEST COLORADO** — On July 10, the Colorado Department of Transportation will begin the installation of new avalanche control equipment above US Highway 550 over Red Mountain Pass, between Silverton and Ouray. The project will consist of installing remote avalanche control systems at three known snow slide path locations. Work will take place near the pass summit above the highway, at the Blue Point and Blue Willow slide paths (Mile Point 81), and near the Alpine Loop start at the Mother Cline slide path (MP 89). Geovert of Broomfield, CO, is the prime contractor on this project. The project involves the installation of Gazex and O'bellx fixed avalanche control systems and construction of their concrete bases and control shelters. The systems operate by mixing oxygen and propane, or hydrogen gas, in exploder nozzles at the top of high-risk zones. When the gas mixture explodes, the force of the explosion is directed down toward the snow, producing a controlled avalanche.

"These are the first fixed systems to be installed on US 550, and the units are being set at the most ideal locations to more effectively trigger these known slide paths," CDOT Southwest Region Transportation Director Julie Constan said. "As in other



**Each winter CDOT crews reset O'bellx units onto fixed and permanent bases on US 160 Wolf Creek Pass, in Mineral County. Courtesy photo.**

locations across our state's mountain passes, the remote-controlled systems will enable more efficient avalanche control, making the areas safer for CDOT crews and travelers."

Two Gazex systems will be permanently installed at Blue Point/Blue Willow locations, remaining in place year-round. Three O'bellx systems will be placed at Mother Cline. The O'bellx base features are fixed and permanent, while the portable units holding the gasses will require resetting on site each winter with a helicopter.

The units are remotely controlled, which will reduce the amount of time spent on avalanche control missions. The new systems will also boost safety for crews who handle explosives, with methods like the Avalaunchers and the Howitzers used in other locations.

"Mother Cline and Blue Point/Blue Willow are our most active avalanche slide paths on US 550, and the Blue Point area is also a very popular spot for back-country skiers," CDOT Maintenance Area Supervisor Vance Kelso said. "With these remote systems, we can more effectively bring snow down during peak conditions, often at night, before the sun hits the paths and hardens the snow surface. Then, we can clear the debris on the highway before morning and have

things opened back up for the traveling public."

Every winter CDOT and its sister agency, the Colorado Avalanche Information Center, regularly monitor and control some 278 of 522 known avalanche paths located above Colorado highways. The monitoring and mitigation help prevent natural avalanches from impacting public travel. When there is a high risk of avalanche danger, CDOT will close highways at the locations of the avalanche paths in order to conduct avalanche control operations. While the road is closed to any traffic, avalanches are triggered. Maintenance crews with heavy equipment then clear the highway of any snow and debris that reached the road. The highway can then be re-opened for safer public travel.

### *Travel Impacts:*

It is anticipated that travel impacts will occur primarily in the first two weeks as equipment is being mobilized to the site. Then travel will be impacted periodically, as necessary, for rockfall mitigation or other work-site activities.

### *Anticipated initial travel impacts:*

All work will be done from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (some weekend work may be scheduled)

Tuesday, July 11: At MP 81, there will be full traffic holds that could last up to 20 minutes, then traffic queues will be cleared in each direction before the next hold  
Wednesday-Friday, July 12-14: Periods of single-lane, alternating traffic; and full traffic holds of up to 20 minutes are possible

Monday, July 17: At MP 81, full traffic holds of up to 20 minutes during morning hours; then full traffic holds at MP 89 (9 miles north of the summit) in the afternoon  
Travelers should consult [cotrip.org](http://cotrip.org) for weekly updates on traffic impacts resulting from this work. Those interested may also contact the project team to receive weekly email updates.

### *Project Contact Information*

For additional information about this project, contact the project team.

Project webpage: [www.codot.gov/projects/us550redmtnavalanchecontrol](http://www.codot.gov/projects/us550redmtnavalanchecontrol)  
Project information hotline: 970-708-2559  
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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

## SUMMER ROAD CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS IN FULL SWING – WHERE'S THE CITY OF MONTROSE PUTTING OUR TAX MONEY?



*Fairfield Inn, with horizontal improvements paid for by taxpayers. Courtesy photo.*



*Another example of your tax money not only going to special interests but also to government employees was the purchase last year of a new Ford Expedition Limited Max with the Stealth Performance Package for City Manager Bill Bell's use. This SUV, as equipped, sticks out at a retail price of almost \$90,000. Courtesy photo.*

By David White, Montrose

MONTROSE-Anyone traveling east or south of Montrose will encounter travel delays due to road construction on US Highways 50 and 550. Both are maintained by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) using the tax dollars obtained from us at the pump, through our vehicle registration fees and other sources. Road widening. Asphalt overlays. Safety improvements. All are visible signs of your tax dollars doing what they're intended to do.

Montrose County has, for the last 16 years, been the beneficiary of a voter approved 1% sales tax that funds many of the road and bridge maintenance and improvement projects we see taking place throughout Montrose County. As examples of this year's projects, the County recently completed an overlay project on High Mesa Road from Ida Road to Highway 348 – (4.5 miles) as well as paving of Gunnison Road from South River Road to Highway 50. Both are in the Olathe area. These projects were contracted to private companies who did beautiful work on these roads. Again, visible signs of your tax dollars at work with several more taking place countywide.

The City of Montrose too has road improvement and maintenance projects on deck. The biggest and most visible one currently in progress is the extension of 6700 Road from Sunnyside Road to Miami Road on the east side of the city. This project has been on the books since 1997 and

is just now being built! Yes, there were issues related to property and rights of way acquisition (most of which the city already had), but 26 years to get this done? I guess better late than never is all that can be said.

In addition, several curb and gutter projects are underway along with sidewalk replacements. However, rather than using precious tax dollars to repair roads that are in terrible shape such as Park Avenue from East Main Street to North 9th Street or Nevada Avenue north of East Main Street as well as many other key streets in need of repaving or other work (potholes come to mind), the City Council and City Manager pushed forward a scheme to close South 3rd Street between S. Townsend Avenue & Cascade Avenue to create another "pedestrian mall" and small parking lot for the use and benefit of the 300 or so Montrose Campus Colorado Mesa University students thereby closing yet another east-west street in the downtown area.

\$700,000 for this project was budgeted in 2023. Bids came in higher. It was then scaled back with additions to come later in order to meet the \$700,000 budget. That's a lot of road repair money wasted on a special interest project folks. This is on top of the recent private sale of the Historic City Hall to finance a \$2,000,000 endowment fund for CMU students and a culinary arts program to be housed in that building. (See a previous *Mirror* article on this sweetheart deal.)

It doesn't stop there. Over \$2 million of your tax dollars are going to the new Basecamp Apartment complex and the Fairfield Inn by Marriott for "horizontal improvements" (parking lot construction, asphaltting, lighting, striping, landscaping, irrigation systems, etc.) (See photos of the construction in progress). Add to these projects over \$200,000 in new commercial kitchens installed at taxpayer expense in the recently relocated (to the Colorado Outdoors project) Trattoria di Sofia Italian restaurant and the new Pomona Brewing Co. restaurant located at N. Townsend & N. 9th Street.

Shelter Distilling of Mammoth Lakes, CA (they're building a new facility in the Colorado Outdoors project) just received a \$120,000 "gift" of your tax dollars for a wastewater pretreatment system that is typically paid for by the owner of a business. Your money was spent on this improvement to a private business under the guise of trying to not load up the City's wastewater plant with a potential 10% increase in industrial/organic waste all the while the City is in the midst of a \$67,000 study to determine how much they're going to raise our sewer rates to expand the wastewater plant! And Shelter has already received \$700,000 in additional funding (your money) for "horizontal" improvements like the Basecamp Apartments and Fairfield Inn!

Another example of your tax money not only going to special interests but also to



## WHERE'S THE CITY OF MONTROSE PUTTING OUR TAX MONEY?

*From previous pg*

government employees was the purchase last year of a new Ford Expedition Limited Max with the Stealth Performance Package for City Manager Bill Bell's use (this SUV, as equipped, stickers out at a retail price of almost \$90,000!!). This vehicle is for his personal and City use 24/7 (including vacations or other personal needs). No doubt we're paying to insure it and to cover his family or other occupants in the event of an accident. Add this to the annual pay raises, bonuses, medical insurance for he and his family, pension plan, etc. that he receives yearly (typically after the City Council conducts their "closed door performance reviews" of him and updates his contract) and you have an incredibly lucrative package of benefits. No wonder he's outstayed almost every City Manager in Montrose history! And if all this public largesse isn't enough as the Democratic Socialists running this City ignore our crum-

bling public assets, it was recently discovered that a piece of City owned infrastructure (the dam in the Otter Pond subdivision) has begun to fail and the City told the residents in the subdivision that they were on their own to fix it in spite of public records clearly showing the City's ownership of it (since deeded to the city 29 years ago) as well as the road atop of the dam and the water and sewer lines buried in the dam (which no doubt have contributed to the failure). The City's token response to "help" out the taxpaying residents in the subdivision was to throw \$100,000 of Federal money they received for COVID-19 relief through the American Rescue Plan Act toward the estimated \$700,000 repair bill and to move their utilities at no cost to the homeowner's. How generous. I smell a lawsuit coming their way. On and on it goes with this City Administration and elected officials bankrolling private

businesses by offering huge incentives to non-manufacturing hospitality types of employers whose lower paying jobs don't make living in a community where average rents are now in the \$1,500-\$2,000 per month range very easy to manage. Businesses who depend upon tourists and wealthier residents won't survive a recession when a worker's discretionary income evaporates with the inflationary increases in the cost of living and the inability of employers to keep wages on par with those increases.

As I've editorialized before, this insanity needs to stop.

We, the taxpayers of the City of Montrose, come first.

Not the special interests. Not the sweetheart deals with eateries and drinking establishments. Not with the good ole boys. Stand up and tell them to stop it before they run out of your money!



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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### **HARLAN RALPH BINGHAM** ***October 13, 1942- July 2, 2023***



HARLAN RALPH BINGHAM was born on October 13, 1942, in Longmont Colorado to Conrad (Art) and Irene (Tarr) Bingham. He passed from this life on earth and went to rest on July 2nd, 2023, with his wife by his side at his longtime residence in Olathe.

At a very young age Harlan moved to

Montrose then to Olathe where he spent the rest of his life.

He married Sharon Kay Failing on June 3rd, 1962, and they had two daughters, Tina Greenhalgh and Sandy Flowers. He worked for the Water Users during the day. On nights and weekends, he worked at the Stock Yards in Montrose which was considered at that time the sheep shipping capital of the United States. Harlan was proud to have worked on both Morrow Point and Silver Jack dams, where he was the first man in a boat on Silver Jack. He went on to work in construction and later became a self-employed truck driver.

Harlan had a lifelong love for being a cowboy. He loved riding, branding, team roping and shared this with family and friends. He gained many everlasting friendships in the roping arena. Harlan spent his last day here on earth at a Junior Rodeo watching his great grandchildren participate.

The highlight of that day was watching the team roping.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years,

Sharon. Daughters: Tina (Bart) Greenhalgh and Sandy (Jack) Flowers Sisters: Ruthann Ellis, Lorraine Sturgeon and Jean Scott; Grandchildren, Wade Greenhalgh and his daughters Morgan and Moriah, Jessica (Lane) Varner and son Reece, Berdell (Lacey) Greenhalgh and children Macklynn, Kash and Klaytzee, Amber (Bo) Wertz and children Brazen, Bristol and Britten and grandson Harlan Watkins. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Larry and Tommy Bingham.

In lieu of flowers Papa requested that you make a donation to support a youth rodeo or agriculture organization.

Please join us to celebrate the life of Harlan Ralph Bingham, Tuesday July 11, 2023, 10 am at Harlan and Sharon's residence, 4821 6000 rd. Olathe CO. Papa's request was to have an arena service and BBQ so please come as you are and bring your chair for the meal.

Crippin Funeral Home, Montrose is assisting the family.

*Now more than ever...*

*Thank you for reading*

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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### ROBERTO MENDES SUARES



ROBERTO MENDES SUARES passed away at 51 years of age peacefully at home surrounded by his family on June 24, 2023, following a courageous battle with cancer. Roberto was known for his outgoing personality, helpful attitude, and love for his family and God. He enjoyed reading, listening to music, spending time with his family or outdoors, and serving as a leader

in his church.

Roberto was a generous man who cared deeply about others and never hesitated to offer help. He will be dearly missed but his family is forever grateful for being blessed with his presence for some time in this world. Roberto was the eldest in his family and leaves behind not only his wife, Diana Cano Hernandez, two daughters, Melissa Mendes and Damaris Mendes, but also a large extended family including his parents, José Maria Mendez Ledesma and Ma Merced Suarez Torres, two brothers, five sisters, and many nieces/nephews and cousins.

J ROBERTO MENDES SUARES falleció a los 51 años de edad tranquilamente en su casa rodeado de su familia el 24 de junio de 2023, después de una valiente batalla contra el cáncer. Roberto era conocido por

su personalidad extrovertida, actitud servicial y amor por su familia y Dios. Le gustaba leer, escuchar música, pasar tiempo con su familia o al aire libre y servir como líder en su iglesia.

Roberto era un hombre generoso que se preocupaba profundamente por los demás y nunca dudó en ofrecer ayuda. Lo extrañaremos mucho, pero su familia estará eternamente agradecida por haber sido bendecida con su presencia durante algún tiempo en este mundo. Roberto era el mayor de su familia y deja no solo a su esposa, Diana Cano Hernandez, dos hijas, Melissa Mendes y Damaris Mendes, sino también a una gran familia que incluye a sus padres, José Maria Mendez Ledesma y Ma Merced Suarez Torres, dos hermanos, cinco hermanas y muchos sobrinos/ sobrinas y primos.

### JOYCE BUTCHER

***September 27, 1929 – June 30, 2023***

JOYCE BUTCHER went to be with the Lord on June 30, 2023, with family and loving caregivers beside her.

Joyce was born on September 27, 1929, in Barnsdall, Oklahoma. She was the youngest of three children born to Bob and Florence Ross.

After high school graduation, she married her high school sweetheart, Bill Butcher, on July 3, 1947. They remained in Oklahoma where Bill became an ordained minister, pastoring churches in Oklahoma and Texas with the Church of the Nazarene. They had two children, Treva and Dennis. They discovered early on that they loved to sing together and traveled to many locations performing concerts and evangelistic services. She would accompany them on either the piano or organ. In 1963, they moved to Denver, Colorado where Joyce obtained her bachelor's degree from the University of Denver and became an elementary school teacher. She taught school for 25 years and enjoyed it immensely. After retirement, they moved to Montrose in 1994. She would still anticipate the start of the school year in September and wanted to go back to the classroom.

She loved painting landscapes and was a member of the Montrose Art Guild along with giving private lessons. She also enjoyed traveling and the many trips they took in their RV.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Butcher, and her daughter, Treva Messer. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Marvin and Howard, and her son, Dennis. She is the proud grandmother of four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Crippin Funeral Home on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 3 PM. , interment will follow at Grand View Cemetery.



## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### JOYCE MARIE HOGUE

***January 2, 1949 - June 24, 2023***

Air Force - Technician Sergeant Helicopter Maintenance Craftsman Joyce Hogue passed away peacefully at her home in Montrose, Colorado after a brief encounter with cancer. Born Jan. 2, 1949, to Raymond and Theresa Coventon in Winthrop Massachusetts. The middle child of four. She had two girls, Lori and Shani Matteson before entering into a career with the Air Force 1974-1994. During her career she received several commendation medals for her service, and her time in Desert Storm. She was very proud to say she was an Air Force helicopter mechanic. One of her favorite helicopters to maintain was the Sikorsky HH3E "The Jolley Green Giant." Her life was full of adventure! From her many deployments around the world to her six husbands. She was well known for her free spirit and gambling trips to Wendover Nevada. Joyce will be deeply missed by all that knew her and loved her. She will be remembered for her kind soul, her hospitality, and the ease she had in making new friends.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting with details.



### CONNIE RAE LACROIX

***January 19, 1950- June 26, 2023***

CONNIE RAE LACROIX of Montrose, Colorado passed away peacefully in her sleep at the age of 73 on Monday, June 26, 2023, after a short illness. Connie was born on January 19, 1950, in Cortez, Colorado and spent her early years nearby in Dove Creek. Her family moved to Montrose her senior year of high school. After graduating high school, she joined the Navy, started a family, and returned to Montrose to raise her two sons. Later in

life, she moved to Castle Rock, Colorado where she attended university and earned her bachelor's degree in Criminal Science. She then worked in probation before retiring and moving back to Montrose. There she enjoyed early morning nature walks with her dogs and spending time relaxing in her back yard. Connie is survived by her two sons, Lee (Angela) LaCroix Jr. and Jonathan LaCroix (James Greengrass), her brother Steve (Lazola) Hixson, four grand-

sons, cousins, nephews, a niece, her two dogs Alice and Helton, her cat Sage, and the Legend of Big Foot. She was preceded in death by her parents, Carlton and Dorothy Hixson, and her brothers, Warren and Richard Hixson, and her dog Jasper.

Connie loved animals and she would appreciate donations in any amount to an animal rescue near you. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

### DALE MARTIN

Montrose, Colorado resident Dale Martin passed to his home with his Savior on June 29, 2023. He leaves behind his love for his wife and son and extended family. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting his family.

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## ART &amp; SOL



## SADLY, CHANG THAI VIET &amp; JAPANESE DISAPPOINTS

By Carole Ann McKelvey

MONTROSE – Chang Thai has always been one of my favorite haunts. So, my son Ian and I were curious to see what was happening at this local favorite after the restaurant added to the menu and is now offering Japanese and Vietnamese foods. Well, it's not pretty. Perhaps we just didn't order the best?

Ian ordered what should have been a safe dish, the Vietnamese Pho, a bowl of beef bone broth with herbs and a choice of brisket, ground beef, raw beef or meatball. His choice was brisket & meatballs. (Two meats, \$16.99; three meats, \$17.99) The dish was overflowing with noodles and the meat. No crunchy veggies. He said it was tasty, but not great, and was soon slurping. He's had better Pho. Now, I consider myself a pretty good judge of sushi, having had the best. Not here. I ordered the California roll, safe huh? The presentation was surprising, with very big slices of sushi with shredded crab, sweet egg, cucumber in mayo sauce topped with sesame seed. Mayo sauce? What? Yes, of course it came with wasabi and ginger, but no little bowl in which to mix the wasabi & soy sauce (which was on the table). I had never had sushi served with a mayo dipping sauce. I had to ask for a small dipping bowl to mix my own

dipping sauce. The place was packed with locals trying out the new Chang ThaiViet & Japanese offerings and the one waitress was running around as fast as she could. Come on! It took awhile to get the little dipping bowl. It wasn't her fault. I actually felt sorry for her.

When I finally was set up to enjoy the sushi, I have to say I was a little more than disappointed. The pieces were cut so big they were difficult to eat. I flagged down the person clearing tables and asked for a knife. I had to try to cut them into two pieces so I could eat. No one's mouth is large enough to gobble these in one bite. The fork wasn't adequate and when I did manage to get a piece of sushi in my mouth it was not pretty.

The only thing I enjoyed about this meal was a glass of Cabernet.

The California roll tasted like it had been made ahead of time and sat around for a while. Not very fresh tasting like you'd expect with sushi. The rice was crumbly and a bit stiff. Yikes, and not fresh tasting. Come on, Chang Thai, if you're changing the menu, why? You had a perfectly wonderful thing going with Thai food. These new offerings don't seem to be able to compete with perfectly fine other restaurant offerings of Vietnamese and Japanese food around Montrose. If you're trying to



compete it's just not working. I suggest if diners go to Chang ThaiViet & Japanese you stick with the Thai, which has always been wonderful. You might want to consider going elsewhere if you want other cuisine.

Now the offerings in the new Chang ThaiViet & Japanese are many:

**Thai Appetizers:**

Chicken dumplings; Fresh spring rolls; Thai spring rolls; fried tofu; chicken. Sweet and sour; Pra Ram long song; Cashew nut; Mixed vegetables; Fresh ginger; Spicy basil; Red, green, Massaman, yellow, Panang or Jungle curry; Pad Thai noodles; Pad Se-Eaw noodles; drunken noodles; basil fried rice; Thai fried rice; Thai

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## CHANG THAI VIET & JAPANESE DISAPPOINTS From previous pg

ramen; Thai garlic noodle and Pineapple fried rice. (\$ - \$20.99).

I'm sorry, neither the take-out menu nor the website has updated prices so I'm unable to give you the lowest appetizer price. The on-line menu has also not been updated with the Vietnamese or Japanese offerings.

### Thai soups:

Tom yum soup; Tom kha soup; Wonton soup (hot pot) – choice of chicken or tofu (bowl \$9.49, pot \$12.49; choice of shrimp \$7.49-pot \$14.49; choice of seafood, shrimp, scallops, calamari bowl, \$16.49. Wonton soup (hot pot) \$12.49. I'm not sure but I think Chang Thai has used this menu change opportunity to raise the original prices; I could be wrong, but the soups do seem a little pricy. The Thai

offerings have always proved worth it, however. When my sweetie Michael and I used to dine here (often) we always shared a hot pot of Tom yum soup and found it really wonderful.

### Thai Specialties:

Red curry duck; Thai curry salmon; Thai sesame; choice of salmon or boneless duck (all \$22.99)

### Thai Desserts:

Deep fried original cheesecake; Sweet sticky rice with fresh mango; Sweet sticky rice with Thai custard (\$6.99 - \$7.29)

### Vietnamese Entrée:

Vietnamese fried spring roll; Edamame; Pot Stick; Shrimp tempura; miso soup; chicken; seafood; rice plate (from 4.99 - \$21.99)

Pho with choice of two or three meats

(\$16.99 - \$17.99)

### Chang Japanese:

Shoyu ramen; Tonkotsu ramen; chicken cutlet; poke bowl; chirachi bowl; (\$15.99-\$22.99)

### Roll:

California roll; rainbow roll; caterpillar roll; Philadelphia roll; sushi combo; shrimp tempura roll; Yellowtail jalapeno roll; fire salmon roll; (\$12.99 - \$24.99)

### Maki:

Spicy tuna roll; spicy salmon; avocado roll; eel roll; yellowtail roll; (\$6.99-\$9.99)

### Nigiri: 2 pieces

Salmon; fire salmon; tuna; sweet egg; shrimp; yellowtail; eel (\$5.99-\$7.99)

Chang Thai Vietnamese and Japanese is located at 1015 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose. Call 970-240-4567.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### PAUL NAMED TO CSC'S SPRING DEAN'S LIST

*Special to Art & Sol*

CHADRON, NE-- Chadron State College has announced the names of students who qualified for the institution's Spring 2023 academic honors lists. Students met requirements for the Dean's List by earning at least a 3.5 grade point average. To qualify, students must have completed 45 credit hours, be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, be seeking their first bachelor's degree, and have no incomplete grades during the semester. Hometowns listed reflect the student's preferred home address.

Tavania Paul of Montrose was named to the Chadron State College Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester.

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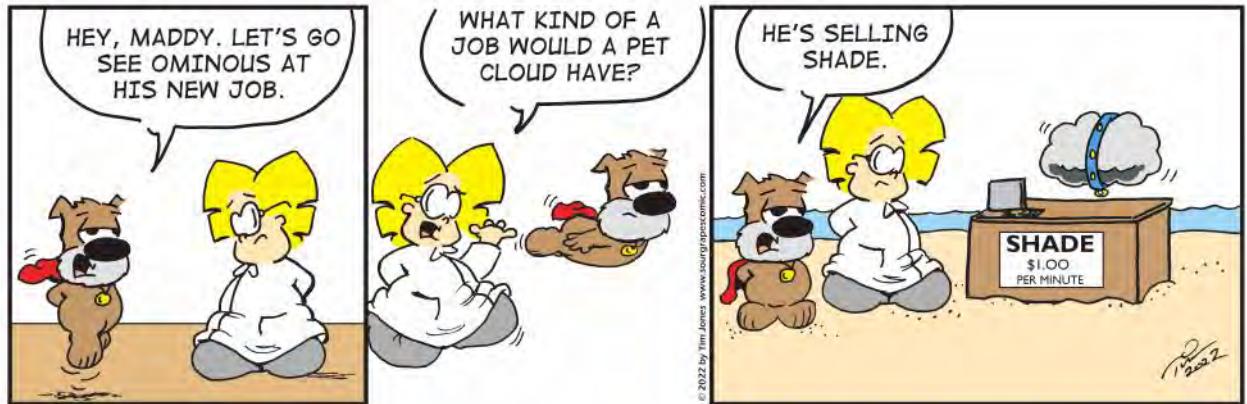
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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### WAXLER NAMED TO CSC PRESIDENT'S LIST

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CHADRON, NE -- Chadron State College has announced the names of students who qualified for the institution's Spring 2023 academic honors lists.

Alexandra Waxler of Montrose is among the students with a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. To qualify, students

must have completed 45 credit hours, be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, be seeking their first bachelor's degree, and have no incomplete grades during the semester.

Hometowns listed reflect the student's preferred home address. Chadron State College, which was founded in 1911, is the

only four-year, regionally-accredited college in the western half of Nebraska.

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# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

## ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Anglican Church in North America

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

**Office Hours:** Varies and by appointment

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

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

with prayers for healing.

Wednesday, Noon, Multi-denominational Community Prayer Hour. There are multiple Bible Studies during the week. All Saints Anglican Church is Biblical, Anglican and Orthodox. The Liturgy (order of service) is from the Anglican Church in North America Book of Common Prayer (2019). Music is a combination of traditional hymns, contemporary, and more modern songs. Children's Christian Education Program is conducted

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

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Pastor Gabe Skillo

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Sunday 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer 7 p.m.

## CELEBRATION CHURCH

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

**Address:** 2900 Sunnyside Road, Montrose, CO 81401

**Office Hours:** By appointment

**Phone:** (970) 497-4925

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

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

**Senior Pastor:**

Pastor Brandon Mathis

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

**Demographics:** Multi-generational

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

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

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

**Other Discipleship Opportunities:**

Youth Night: First & Third Wednesdays of month 6pm

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

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

Celebrate Recovery: Friday nights @ 6:30pm

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Denomination:** Christ Lutheran Montrose

**Affiliation:** Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

**Contact:** 970-633-0226

**Website:** [www.montroselutheran.org](http://www.montroselutheran.org)

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

**Pastor:** Tim Onnen

**Worship:** Sundays at 9 AM

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

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

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

## FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

**Denomination:** Church of the Nazarene

**Address:** 705 South 12th Street

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

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

**Pastor:** Buddy Cook

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

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

*disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.*

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

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

**Affiliation:** Presbyterian

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

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

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

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

*through spiritual growth, worship, and service in our community, country, and world. We also encourage children and youth to grow their relationship with Christ through our children and student ministries.*



# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

## HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Denomination affiliation:** United Church of Christ

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

**Office hours:** By appointment

**Contact information:**

Phone number: (970) 249-9047

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

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

**Current Pastor:** Rev. Wendy Kidd

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

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

on life's journey.

Church demographics: HCUCC welcomes all ages to worship with

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

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

## MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Denomination Affiliation:** United Methodist

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

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

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

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

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

**Worship service times:**

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual

9:45 a.m. Christian Education & Fellowship

11 a.m. Sanctuary

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

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

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

## ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

**Affiliation:** Southern Baptist

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

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

**Contact information:**

Phone: 970.249.4887

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

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

**Senior Pastor:** Rolland Kenneson

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

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

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

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

matter what stage of life they are in.

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

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

## SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

**Denomination affiliation:** Independent Interfaith

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

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

**Home Office** – 970-252-0908

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

**Denomination affiliation:**

Southern Baptist

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

**Office hours:** Varies

**Contact information:**

phone number: 970-275-7026

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

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

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

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

### VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

**Denomination Affiliation:** Independent Baptist

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

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

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

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

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

**Current Pastor:** Roland Kassales

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

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

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

#### Church Directory

#### Mirror Editorial Staff

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

#### information to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

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### COMMUNITY SUMMER DRUMMING CIRCLE

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MONTROSE-On July 15 at 11 a.m. Community Summer Drumming Circle, Lions Park, 602 N. Nevada (change of location). Bring drums, chair or blanket to sit on, and water. Fun for all ages, sponsored by the Open Heart Drum Circle. Bring harmony into your life. We have extra instruments. More info – 970-252-0908.



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5. Delta Bluff at Villa St.	:10
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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

# VIRGINIA BLACKSTOCK, GARY REED TO JUDGE ART SHOW AT MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR

### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Montrose Center for Arts is thrilled to announce that the judges selected for the Art Show at the Montrose County Fair include two of the most honored artists on the Western Slope: Virginia Blackstock and Gary Reed.

Virginia Blackstock's art has been published in eight watercolor books as well as shown in 65 solo month long featured exhibits in museums and art centers. Virginia achieved signature membership in 13 national watercolor societies and Master Painter. Virginia has taught workshops in four states and juried numerous competitions. In 2018, Virginia received the "Who's Who in Art" Lifetime Achievement Award.

Gary Reed followed his graduated from The Art Institute of Colorado with a commercial photography career until he joined Reed Art & Imaging where he worked side by side with many artists and creatives for over 32 years. Gary's work currently

shows in various shops, gallery exhibits and art fairs throughout Colorado. For the past eight years Gary has been experimenting with alternative printing techniques, photo transfers and mixed media photo encaustic artwork. Gary is an active member of the arts community having served on the boards of Denver's Art District on Santa Fe, The Colorado Photographic Arts Center and 40 West Arts District. Gary has juried numerous competitions on the Front Range.

Judging at the Art Show will be on Tuesday, July 25. All artists entering their work in the County Fair Art Show will be entered into a raffle. The winning artist will be announced on July 30 and will receive a 2024 Membership at Montrose Center for Arts. For the first time the art of Advanced and Professional Artists will be available for purchase during the Fair. To date JoAnne Rauschkolb, Bob LaRose, and Ginger Reddington have confirmed that their work will hang in the Art Show. En-

try Forms are available at MCA: the Advanced / Professional Division entries are due at MCA by July 21.

Professional MCA Artists will be demonstrating their skills during the County Fair. The Demonstration Schedule will be: Wednesday July 26-9am Susan Humphreys Digital Art demo, 1pm Jackson Ordean Watercolor demo

Thursday, July 27-10am Jana Adams Alcohol Ink demo, 1pm Marsha Norton Mixed Media demo

Friday, July 28-9am Joyce Baker Cold Wax demo, 1pm Mary Pat Ettinger Watercolor demo

Saturday, July 29-10a Jodine Broscovak Watercolor demo, 2pm Jackson Ordean Watercolor demo

To close the show - and encourage Fair visitors to meet Montrose's local artists, MCA is hosting a reception at 4pm on July 29. We encourage the public to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the art growing in Montrose.



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(970) 323-6141  
[rivervalleyfhc.com](http://rivervalleyfhc.com)  
**340B PARTICIPANT & VFC PROVIDER (FQHC)**

## THE PIC PLACE

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

## MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT

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

## VFC (VACCINES FOR CHILDREN)

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

## 340b

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



**CITY MARKET SOUTH**

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

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

**WALGREENS**

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

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

**CVS (IN TARGET)**

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

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

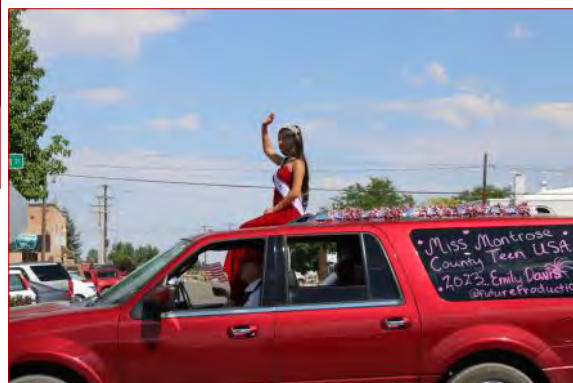
Flu	Pneumonia
Shingles	Tdap



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



## MONTROSE CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY -2023



*With a parade on Main Street, concerts in the parks, and fireworks on Sunset Mesa, Montrose turned out to celebrate Independent Day 2023.*



# SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

## ONGOING-

**FREE THINKERS** meet 1st Sunday of the month for information call 970 417-4183

**RIDGWAY FARMERS MARKET** at Hartwell Park, May 26-Oct. 13-Fridays from 10am to 2pm. Please note that during the second week of August, the market will be held on Thursday, August 10th not Friday, August 11th due to the Ridgway Rendezvous.

## 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 Uncompahgre 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](http://www.montrosehistory.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MONTHLY

**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 14-16**-Black Canyon Quilt Show, Montrose Pavilion 1800 Pavilion Drive, Montrose, CO. Friday and Saturday hours 9am-5pm, Sunday hours 10am-3:30pm. More information and to register for classes, lecture, or quilt appraisals, visit the website: <https://blackcanyonquiltshow>

**July 15**-11 a.m. Community Summer Drumming Circle, Lions Park, 602 N. Nevada (change of location). Bring drums, chair or blanket to sit on, and water. Fun for all ages, sponsored by the Open Heart Drum Circle. Bring harmony into your life. We have extra instruments. More info – 970-252-0908.

**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](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](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com)

**Aug 2- Sept 6**-Mindful Communication-A six-week class teaching you how to use mindfulness to communicate effectively and peacefully so that we can all be heard even if we think differently. Wednesdays 7-8pm \$100/6 week class. Contact: 719-293-4600 [newleafmindfulness.com/group-classes](http://newleafmindfulness.com/group-classes)

**Aug. 7**-Montrose Women's Giving Club meets on Monday, August 7 at 5:30 at the Bridges Golf and Country Club. More than \$300K has been awarded to local non-profits. Always open to women, ALL women who have an interest in learning and giving to our community. \$100 plus a \$10 hospitality fee for a 1.5-hour meeting that guarantees to be time well spent. For Information call Phoebe 209-9598.

**Aug. 12**-Granny's Attic (Large Yard Sale) Saturday, Aug. 12, 8 am to 1 p.m. Montrose United Methodist Church 19 S. Park Ave, Montrose, (970) 249-3716.

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



**READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT : DEB REIMANN**



*Photographer Deb Reimann snapped this photo several years ago, "...as we stumbled upon wildland firefighters extinguishing a lightning strike fire on Red Mountain. Thankfully, they succeeded quickly," she said. "Thinking of....and thankful for...the brave men and women risking their lives fighting current wildfires."*

*"Firefighters are our everyday heroes." – Anonymous*

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