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MABA UPDATE...THIS WEEK, ON YOUR BIKE



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By Jeff Rice

MONTROSE-MABA (Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance), which is a fully volunteer non-profit, would like to invite you to a couple bicycle related events this week. You may recognize our Bike to Work Day, Bucks for Biking, free bikes from the Bike Match program, and Cruiser Ride efforts.

We feel very fortunate to have such a flat town with sound biking infrastructure in the city limits. Many streets not named Townsend or Main are very enjoyable to bike for your transportation desires. We hope that you will get your bike out of the shed and join us at the following events!

6p on Wednesday: How to Fix a Flat Bike Tire (free clinic)

We hear from many riders that when they get a flat they do not know how to fix it and then stop riding their bike. Fortunately, this

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MADA TO HOST 2023 MONTE DE ROSAS FIESTA

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-He passed away in 2016, but the late Walter Smigiel left a legacy from his time in Montrose that continues to grow. In 1972, Smigiel--a Franciscan Priest and civil rights activist who came here after working in Mississippi--founded the Mexican American Development Association (MADA), to serve as a gathering place and resource for the neighboring community.

Today, MADA (17 North 6th Street) has an updated facility and a renewed focus on its original mission. The Facebook site states, "We are a community hub, gathering space, and commercial kitchen who provides resources, advocacy, and unity."

One way that MADA gathers the community together is with the annual Monte De Rosas Fiesta, a long-time local tradition that took place last year for the first time in more than a decade.

In honor of the 2022 Monte De Rosas Fiesta, Montrose native

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One way that MADA gathers the community together is with the annual Monte De Rosas Fiesta, a longtime local tradition. Pictured above a scene from the 2022 Monte De Rosas Fiesta. Mirror file photo.

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IF JOE BIDEN HAS NOTHING TO HIDE WHY NOT RELEASE ALL DOCUMENTS?

Editor:

If Joe Biden has nothing to hide why not release all documents to the House Committee and stop "stonewalling" their investigation? Considering what they did to Donald Trump, the evidence here is certainly getting more compelling and that would seem like a wise move for Biden to do. EQUAL JUSTICE!

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and Artist Juan Espinosa recreated his iconic wall mural from 1973 (the original was destroyed during asbestos abatement).

On Saturday, Aug. 19, MADA will mark 51 years of community service with the second annual Monte De Rosas Fiesta at La Raza Park, including a Fiesta Queen competition, local vendors, car show, kids' activities, dancers, and live music. The parade will be at 2pm, followed by the car show at 3pm, with music and entertainment from 3 to 10pm.

Among those planning to attend the 2023 Monte De Rosas Fiesta is MADA Board Chair Kathy Cordova. "I'm looking forward to it," she said. "My dad Bill, Filiberto Cordova, will be the Grand Marshal—he's 91."

This year's festivities will help MADA reach more community members, Cordova said. "To me, what it means is the rebirth of MADA and the Fiesta. We are looking at bigger and better things as we move on, and we're really looking forward to being more involved in the community."

Cordova credited current MADA Director

Bethany Maher for her efforts on behalf of the non-profit, which have included grant writing.

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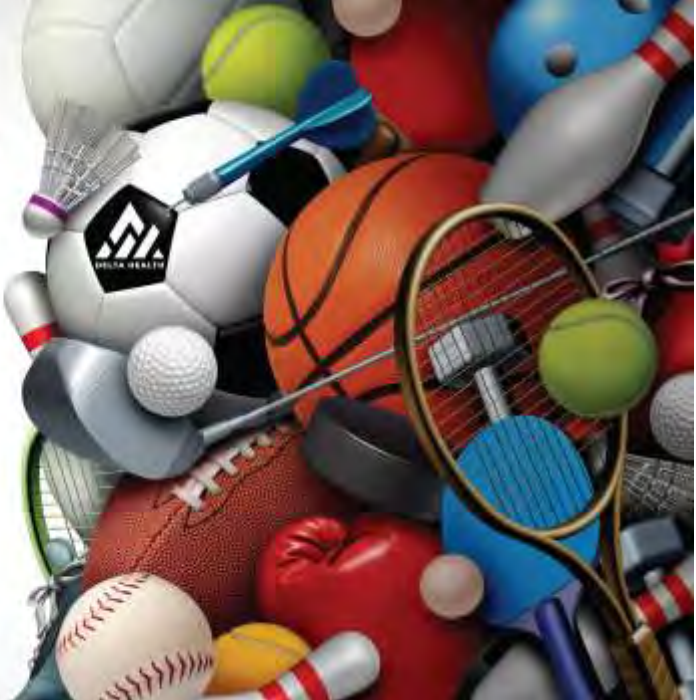
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This free clinic will be held at the Library Meeting Room. MABA volunteers as well as mechanics from Trek of Montrose will be on hand to give a demonstration on how to fix a flat bike tire.

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7:15p on Saturday: Bike-In Movie Night at Star Drive-In Sponsored by Latitude Insurance

Latitude Insurance and MABA have teamed up to cover the cost of entry for the first 100 who bike to the movie on Saturday night! The showings are Barbie (maybe you have heard of it) and The Meg 2. This is sure to be a special evening as the front row is reserved for bikes. Have you ever biked to the drive in before? "But I don't want to sit on my bike seat for 2+ hours of the showing." We hear you and recommend slinging a camp chair over your shoulder for the pedal to the movie. Blankets are another good option.

A pro level move would be to toss your sleeping bag and camp chair in a backpack so you are toasty and comfortable. The Drive-In does have the speaker mounts

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BUY INTO CLIMATE CHANGE AGENDA OR BE CANCELLED

Letter to the editor:

Those who invented global warming (manmade climate change) are geniuses and the proponents today are brilliant. However, those that believe in those climate change fabrications are (tactfully said) unwise.

The former, as all con men do, feel that it is their moral obligation to separate the money and freedom from the latter.

J.B. Shurk says it best when he wrote "A Revolution in the Minds of the People."

"They (One-world-government types) preach about 'climate change' not because they fear that our planet is coming to an end, but because scaring humanity into handing governments complete control over the use of energy, hands governments complete control over humanity as well."

Manmade climate change is a theory at best, and it only becomes fact when it is repeated for the 100 millionth time and when they take a poll and ask a few select individuals is it real.

Carbon dioxide makes up 0.041 percent of the atmosphere. Convert that to decimals that is 0.00041. Humanity contributes roughly only 33% of that total, so in reality, the man in manmade is 0.0137 percent. Convert that to fractions the number is now 0.000137.

Carbon dioxide levels have roughly doubled since the industrial revolution which started in the late 18th century and carbon dioxide is a green house gas. Period. Everything else is theory and the experts have a very poor track record getting the data to fit their theories. By the way, scientists used to look at the data and then propose a theory. Today, that is backwards, scientists propose a theory and then try to manipulate the data to prove it.

Assuming for a moment that manmade climate change is real, I would be willing to settle for a minus 19 degree Fahrenheit temperature reading on the thermometer rather than a minus 20 during this coming winter. What I would not be willing to settle for are unreliable sources of energy which renewables now represent. Solar and wind generated energy cannot compete with fossil fuels and nuclear for reliability and affordability. It is agreed that there should be a mix but not an exclusion over the other.

It is ludicrous to suggest that carbon dioxide is a pollutant. Without carbon dioxide there would be no oxygen. Plants take in carbon dioxide and give off oxygen. Politicians have been searching for costly means to capture CO₂ from the atmosphere but it seems obvious that plants will do that job

for free. Plant and animal life is pretty much in equilibrium with their environment, something gets out of whack then nature will compensate. Take honeybees, for example, if the honeybees goes extinct then something else would step into that void and pollenate the crops. Not because they are consciously pollinating but because then are going after the energy source that nectar provides. It follows that by increasing CO₂ then plants will proliferate.

What is really sad is that if you do not buy into the whole climate change agenda then you will be canceled. You will never receive a grant. You will never get a permit and you will never have a platform to express your own observations. The government and the media and the howling liberal elite will cancel you and if you are important enough then they will destroy you.

One of our most vocal and powerful proponents for climate change is Barack Obama, famous war on coal commander in chief. If he was so concerned with global warming and the rise of ocean levels, due to melting of polar ice, why would he be living in his multimillion dollars mansions on the beaches of Martha Vineyards and Hawaii? Read his lips: "Ha-ha suckers!"

Don Hemme, Redvale

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BLESS KATHY RIGGLE FOR HER COMMENTARY

Editor:

Bless Kathy Riggle for her commentary on the Trumpies who are relentless in spewing their weekly cultist blather...The letters emanate from the same 4-5 men each week containing the same factless garbage. Because these writers(?) have a free weekly platform to castigate any who disagree with them or find their accusations disgusting or lies, I skip the repetitious letter writers.

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day event and interact with staff from the GMUG as they tour areas around Taylor Park where fuels management and timber projects are currently being implemented. Attendees can look forward to visiting sites near Tin Cup and Union Park with presentations on silviculture, fuels management and other topics of relevance to the area with the opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussions.

The field trip will be facilitated by Western Colorado University's Center for Public Lands. Participants will leave Western Colorado University at 8 a.m. and return at 3 p.m.

Please RSVP by Aug. 14. Transportation services are available as parking is limited at project sites. Contact Courtney King, Coordinator for the Taylor Park Adaptive Management Group at Courtney.king@western.edu or taylorparkamg@western.edu to RSVP and sign up for transportation services.

The Taylor Park Vegetation Management project aims to increase the forest's ability to respond to climate change, drought, insect attack and disease through reduction of fuel loading in the Wildland-Urban Interface and surrounding areas. The secondary purpose of these treatments is to provide wood products for the regional economy. It is currently in the implementation phase. Information on specifics about the project can be accessed at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53662>.



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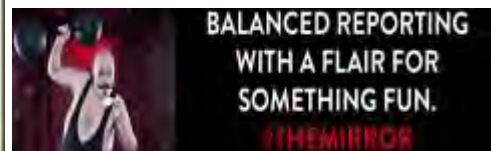
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Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Uncompahgre Field Office plans to sell a small parcel of public land to resolve a long-standing residential encroachment. The parcel is managed by the Uncompahgre Field Office within the planning area for the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area (NCA), although not within the NCA itself.

"The BLM hopes to resolve this long-lasting and unintentional trespass on public lands by selling this small parcel of public land to a private party," said Uncompahgre Field Manager Suzanne Copping.

The 0.70-acre parcel is located in the Bostwick Park area of Montrose County. In the late 1990s, a house was built on what was thought to be private property bordering public lands. In 2009, a private land survey revealed that the house might encroach onto public lands by as much as six and a half feet. The BLM confirmed and determined that a direct sale would be the most effective way to resolve the trespass.

The BLM released a draft of the preliminary environmental assessment for a 21-day public comment period in September 2020 to provide an opportunity to gather additional input from the public regarding the project and issue analysis. The EA was approved in 2020 after no comments were received.

More information about the proposed land sale, including maps, is available online at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2000347/510>.



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DO BELL AND BYNUM REALLY KNOW BEST?

Editor:

Our 'rascals' are at it again. With there being virtually or otherwise NO day care services available in Montrose our illustrious school district has decided to reduce the size of their after-school programs and jack-up the fees. This is unconscionable.

Since babysitting takes as much as half of a part time worker's wages it often makes the worker quit working, making our employers in town scream for lack of help. While I do not in the least agree that tax money should be paid to babysit children I wonder why our 'rascals' can't call together all the clergy in town and figure out how our plethora of religious houses (churches) can serve the needs of their congregations. The question, then, is WHY. WHY can't our elected leaders solve community problems without spending tax money. OPINION: The rascals simply DO NOT KNOW HOW.

Now we get to a larger issue of what our Counsel doesn't know how to do---that is they fail to know how to ask meaningful questions about the 'proposals' they are bound to vote on. I used the word 'proposals' because it is my opinion that anything that comes before the MURA board as a 'proposal' has already been decided. We must remember that our elected and appointed leadership ALWAYS knows best. This must be true because MURA recently went two months without a public meeting yet as if by magic, POOF! right out of the blue another, a second medical facility proposal popped up, no discussion, no public vote, NO QUESTIONS.

Of course with our Mayor, Ms. Bynum and our superlative city manager Bill Belle running the show, both with their attitude of knowledge superior to all others running the MURA board and Montrose in general, why should public discussion ever be had? 'After all, they know best!'

At least no meeting that the public knows about but suddenly what pops up out of the fog of our fabulous city government, seemingly 'all bought and paid for' is an-

other huge expenditure for a medical facility to compete with what is already extant in Montrose. All done in hush, hush super secrecy until it is presented to the public as a 'done deal'. No public discussion, no study of why it is needed, no funding plan, no background of the proposed organization that is supposed to build it AND WORST OF ALL NO MEANINGFUL QUESTIONS.

Simply put, if a group of doctors want to get private funding and possibly a private sponsor and put up their own hospital let them go at it, BUT WITH NO, THAT IS NO, FUNDING OR GUARANTEES FROM OUR FAIR CITY. My first question on them funding medical facilities is WHY? Seems like we have enough medical care facilities to care for us. But what do I know? I have not the blessing of having gained the absolute knowledge by having been blessed with an elected 'DOCTORATE' to our city council, the fount of all knowledge. By the way, FACT. From the inception of Montrose Memorial Hospital, now MRH, as a then county hospital, although entitled to do so, has NEVER called upon the Montrose public purse for any financial assistance. So WHY should any Belle brainstorm even think of tapping the public purse?

But let's look at Cedar Point Health and Peak Family Medicine. Both of these outstanding businesses were brought to town by individual physicians and built to what they are today by their owners without significant help from anybody else, no less the government. In contrast, the building where the Black Canyon Surgical center was put up by a group doctors to compete with the hospital and it flopped. When it did, the floppers went to the hospital, hat in hand, to get bailed out! NOW THERE'S A REAL QUESTION FOR YOU, "Are the same floppers flopping around in this medical service building deal at Colorado Outdoors?"

Our city council (through MURA) is being called upon again to fund another poorly thought out, unstudied, expensive project

to add to the fifteen or so millions of Montrose tax money already squandered on Montrose's new 'strip mall'. Just to fill another lot or two in the poorly planned COLORADO OUTDOORS. NO QUESTIONS ASKED!

Yes, the MURA sponsored medical facility may be less expensive to operate than the hospital but that is because they will have less overhead. Montrose Regional Health, a nonprofit corporation, provides over \$26 million dollars in charity care each year and growing. Among other high cost 'gifts' to its community are numerous functions such as helicopter evacuation support and emergency room access 24/7. And since MRH is locally owned it puts most of its net revenue of \$147 million and over \$60 million in salaries right back into its community/economy. Just where is the profit from the Colorado Outdoors going to go?

The MURA medical facility will pick all the low hanging fruit and the hospital will continue to carry the burdens of the community services overhead. These are all services we citizens expect to have when we need them. Perhaps the MRH should institute a surcharge on every service provided to the medical service offices at Colorado Outdoors to cover these expenses. JUST THINKING!

No one asks questions because council wants it their way (or the highway).

In conclusion: This proposal is just another MURA debacle put forward by the people who put forth the last year's effort. MURA is bent on doing something 'in its power' to upset the medical and fiscal balance of Montrose's medical community. It is apparent and truly unfortunate that MURA only has its best interests at hand and not the best interests of the community of greater Montrose. We can only ask why. WHY? But more importantly we should ask WHY should we let it happen? WHY?

Maybe it is just to support the greed and power of a select few.

Bill Bennett, Montrose Colorado

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO CHALLENGE OPINIONS YOU DON'T LIKE WITH A LETTER OF YOUR OWN

Editor:

Here's a new word for you: "Lawfare" is the use of legal systems to damage or delegitimize an opponent --- a tactic used by repressive regimes to label and discourage civil society or individuals from claiming their legal rights via legal systems." Biden's Justice Department took the unprecedented step of indicting former President Donald Trump --- Biden's chief rival in the upcoming 2024 election --- for repeatedly expressing his opinion that the last election was unfair and stolen. That's an opinion millions of Americans share, and which they are unquestionably entitled to thanks to the First Amendment. That includes Trump. Simply put, the never-ending series of banana republic-like indictments of Trump are nothing more than a declaration of war against American voters and their constitutional rights.

Indictments are issued against Biden's political opponent whenever more damning evidence is released confirming Joe Biden committed treason by accepting million-dollar bribes from foreign adversaries. Biden has engaged in every crime and reckless behavior that the Deep State swore Trump would commit. In 2019, Trump was impeached for even raising the possibility of corruption involving Joe Biden, Hunter Biden, and Burisma --- corruption that was very apparent back then and is even more irrefutable today.

In spite of the legal proceedings being a political process disguised as a legal process, the radical left is adding insult to injury by claiming the indictments are to show that "no one is above the law". If Trump can be indicted for challenging an election, Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Kamala Harris, Bill Clinton, Al Gore, Barack Obama,

Stacey Abrams, and most Democrat members of Congress should be indicted for conspiracy to challenge previous elections. We should add other names of high government officials who participated in the Russian collusion hoax. Obama, Hillary, Clapper, Comey, Brennan, etc. wiretapped Trump Tower, spied on the opposing political campaign, its transition team, and its administration. They lied to FISA courts for illegal surveillance warrants, gaslit the American people, and were awarded with book deals, university faculty positions, television gigs, etc. --- none received even a slap on the wrist. Clinton and Obama conspired with the Intelligence community to frame Trump as a Russian spy and remove him from office, and not a single perpetrator involved in that incendiary plot has been indicted. Don't forget the conspiracy of 51 intelligence officials lying about Hunter's laptop being Russian disinformation. This conspiracy obstructed a presidential election and defrauded America and its voters. All conspirators kept their security clearances and their freedom. Hillary kept top-secret documents on her secret private server that was infiltrated by malicious foreign actors, and she suffered no legal consequence --- even after destroying devices and other subpoenaed evidence of criminal culpability. Trump kept personally declassified documents in his home, and the FBI sent a SWAT team into Mar-a-Lago so that Merrick Garland's goons can throw him in prison.

Here is a chuckle for you. The Biden administration just condemned Vlad Putin for jailing opposition leader Alexei Navalny. This. Is. Rich. The Obama administration, the Biden administration, and

the Justice Department have been targeting and imprisoning people surrounding Trump for years, solely because they are political opponents. Many people who protested and trespassed on January 6th were given long sentences out of proportion to any crime committed and held in harsh conditions without bail or due process. Compare that to the almost total lack of punishment given to the antifa rioters, looters, arsonists, and murderers --- some of whom became millionaires after suing the very cities they tried to burn down.

I also have to chuckle when writers (example Jo Clugg, MDP 8/5) attempt to point to Trump's indictments and impeachments as evidence that he is a really bad guy not interested in restoring the rule of law in this country. Jo and I will never agree. We will just have to continue to laugh at each other's opinions, and let other readers form their own conclusions.

Just a footnote to writer Kathy Riggle (MM 8/7). If you think my letters are boring, whining, and too long, just don't read them. If you are not interested in our president wining and dining corrupt foreign oligarchs that funnel millions to his family, then write letters on topics you and your friends find more pleasurable. Providing letters you find more to your taste is more constructive than attempting to censor letters others might find worthwhile. Also, you are always welcome to challenge opinions you don't like with a letter of your own. The Mirror never refuses a letter as long as it meets their guidelines for decency and decorum. They welcome contributions and commentary, while making it clear that submitted letters do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the publisher.
Ed Henrie, Montrose



OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

YOUR IGNORANCE IS THEIR BLISS

Editor:

Imagine a United States where you do NOT have access to read or listen to a vast amount of information to garner knowledge from many different sources. Instead, information is specifically funneled, filtered, and censored by one political party. All opposing views are bankrupted and/or taken down. Now imagine if you do not submit to the political party's narrative then they decide whether you are allowed to vote for political leaders or not. That is the America that one local Democrat described in his June 5th opinion letter published in The Mirror, titled, On the political state of affairs in the USA. And he seemed to support and champion this vision. Unfortunately, this is not the

first time a local Democrat has suggested censoring speech because they have no confidence in Montrose County residents' ability to decipher information.

Each of the individuals presented their idea a little differently with the same conclusion, censorship MUST become mandatory! It makes one wonder what is going on in the Democrat party? In my humble opinion, each person insulted the intelligence of the Montrose residents. Plus, they showed a total lack of knowledge or blatant disregard for our constitutional rights. What these people seem to miss is the fact that Montrose residents are smarter than what they think. Most are free-thinking individuals that know that CENSORSHIP IS NOT THE ANSWER to navi-

gating politics.

Quite the opposite!

Listening to and researching a huge variety of political news is the only way to go. Most Montrose residents are not gullible like some would want them to be. And it's clear that it frustrates them. If you are buying their censorship jargon, you are truly ignorant regarding the United States constitution and you may want to educate yourself further. There are lots of resources out there. One that I would highly recommend is the free constitution course from Hillsdale.edu

You see, your ignorance is bliss to the ruling party!! That is exactly what they're counting on!!

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MOBILE UNITS FOR PEAK AND BLACK CANYON HIGH SCHOOL DELAYED; BATHROOM FACILITIES FOR OUTER RANGE COMPLETED SOON, DIRECTOR SAYS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose County School District RE-1J Board President Sarah Fishing called the regular meeting of Tuesday, Aug. 8 to order. Also present were Board of Education Vice President Eric Kelley, District B Director Jacob Suppes, District C Director Alice Murphy, District D Director Tom West, and District G Director Stephen Bush. District A Director Erik Westesen was absent.

Fishing led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Board voted to approve the [meeting agenda](#).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RE-1J Public Information Officer Matt Jenkins said that the meeting space remains in transition. "Next month our live stream may look a little different."

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Jenkins presented the student spotlight, as noted in the [meeting packet](#), "Students are enjoying their last days of summer vacation and will return to classrooms next week. We have back-to-school nights and activities at all MCSD campuses and we encourage students, parents, and guardians to check their school website, social media, and Student-Parent Portal accounts for important upcoming information..."

"We can't wait to get our kids back," Jenkins said, "so we can celebrate and show off all the great things they're doing..."

The first day of school for students is Monday, Aug. 14.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND RECOGNITION

Jenkins thanked the City of Montrose and Montrose Police Department for donating a [truck load](#) of school supplies. "Our city supports MCSD and we are incredibly thankful."

BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES

Board of Education Vice President Eric Kelley said that the facilities committee

had a meeting; mobile classrooms for PEAK and Black Canyon High School are delayed. Bathroom facilities for the Outer Range Campus will be completed soon. A \$1M [deferred maintenance allocation plan](#) for 2023-2024 is included among Consent Agenda items.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Valley Food Partnership Food Program Manager and Farmer Samantha Wynne spoke to the board. She asked them to consider adding locally produced foods to the meals served to students. "I'm a fellow community member, a farmer and also work part-time with Valley Food Partnership...with the Healthy Meals for All...there's a lot of procurement money set aside for local producers to procure local Colorado produce...I'd really like to start that conversation and build the relationship...we have an upcoming farm tour...next Monday...a lot of partners are coming together and I'd just really like to be on the same page as the school board of helping feed our kids more local food." District D Director Tom West asked how much money is available.

Wynne said \$9 to \$17 Million has been set aside for local food procurement and up to \$5 Million per year for training. "...They kind of took all the barriers and tried to address those...what is keeping schools from procuring locally and what is keeping producers from selling to local schools...I feel like we're at a spot where we can really make a change and bring in local food easily and it'd be a win for both the school district and the producers." Local food is defined by anything that is a Colorado Proud product.

Wynne shared flyers with information about the farm tour. "We'd love to have you join us."

OLD BUSINESS

The Board considered a recommendation to approve revised Board policies EF and

EF-E2 on second reading; the policies were approved:

[EF, School Nutrition Program](#);

[EF-E2, Civil Rights Complaint Procedure for School Nutrition Program](#).

Background-The agenda notes that in 2022, Colorado legislators passed SB22-087, Healthy Meals for All Public School Students, creating the Healthy School Meals for All Program in Colorado's Department of Education...Colorado voters passed the initiative in the November 2022 general election. The policies were revised to meet requirements for the program.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Item No. 5, [Update on Parker and Townsend Scholarship recipients](#), was pulled for further discussion.

The Board voted to approve the remaining items including the [Personnel Report](#). West asked about the century-old scholarship, which is funded through proceeds of a property rental. After a brief discussion Consent Agenda Item 5 was also approved.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC) UPDATE

Superintendent Carrie Stephenson said there have been some bumps in the road during preschool registration. Still, "I had the opportunity to meet with all of the preschool staff yesterday...they are in good spirits and ready for kids to come back."

Information included in the meeting packet includes a monitoring report with a Corrective Action Plan for Compliance to Criminal Record Checks and Corrective Action Plan for Regular Water Testing for Lead and Other Hazardous Materials.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The RE-1J Board of Education will meet for a work session on Tuesday, Aug. 22. Due to a full agenda, the work session will begin at 5:30pm.



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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC SET TO INCREASE AROUND SCHOOLS

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO – As school-aged children return to the classroom, the Colorado State Patrol reminds drivers to stay alert and watch for pedestrians on foot and bicycles. According to [statewide statistics](#), 2022 was a record-setting year for pedestrian fatalities with preliminary numbers estimating that 21.7% of Colorado traffic fatalities (754 total fatalities) were pedestrians.

This has prompted the Colorado State Patrol to launch a three-month campaign, "Look Again, CO!" directed towards pedestrians and drivers to educate and build awareness about safety around school zones, crosswalks and all forms of roadways. A particularly important message to

motorists will focus on speeding in neighborhoods and areas designated for pedestrians. Troopers will be providing banners for schools to hang in their crosswalk areas.

"Neighborhoods and school zones have lower speed limits for good reason; lives are at risk," stated Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "There is no contest between a vehicle and a person on foot or bicycle. Drivers have to stay alert and watch for the unexpected."

Looking at fatal and injury crashes involving pedestrians investigated by the Colorado State Patrol, August was the peak month for pedestrian crashes in 2022. Wednesday through Saturday had the

most pedestrian crashes with the highest frequency of crashes occurring during the 7 a.m. hour, the typical lunch hours 11 – noon, and the 7 p.m. hour.

In addition to building awareness for motorists, troopers in the Colorado State Patrol's Community Outreach Unit will visit schools and attend community events from August through October to educate the public about safe pedestrian behaviors.

Troopers continue to take a low-tolerance approach to the top fatal crash factors, including lane violations while launching a yearlong campaign called "Drive Safe." This campaign reminds people to control their lane position based on their current driving environment.

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CDOT BEGINS PERMANENT REPAIRS ON HWY 133

Special to the Mirror

PAONIA-Crews mobilized August 7 to begin the permanent repairs to Colorado Highway 133 at Mile Point 16. The team will start by installing water pumps to divert the water flowing through Bear Creek in order to begin excavation. A critical element of the work is to ensure the Gunnison River and Bear Creek are protected from contamination and complete the restoration of the landscape due to work being completed by the contractor.

By mid week it's anticipated that a delivery of the pipe to replace the damaged culvert will arrive. Traffic will continue to utilize the temporary bridge structure while work is performed below the roadway surface. Traffic impacts for permanent repairs are expected to be minimal.

Once the culvert is replaced, the final phase will be to remove the temporary bridge and begin the prep work for final paving and final striping.

During this final phase, traffic may be impacted down to a single lane. This is expected to be short term. It is anticipated that all work will be completed by Nov. 17, 2023.

Travel Impacts

The temporary bridge has two lanes and the speed limit is 40 mph. Commercial motor vehicle traffic is restricted to 85,000 lbs and 11-foot width.

History of the incident

A safety closure started on Tuesday, May 2 at Mile Points 14-19 due to significant road damage. The damage originally began with a small sinkhole and lane closure during the weekend of Saturday, April 29. Major flooding from nearby Bear Creek early the week of May 1 filled a culvert with debris and flooded the roadway, pushing the culvert through the other side of the road and eroded roadway embankment, causing the road to collapse. The damage and safety closure are near Somerset, just north of Paonia. Access to Somerset from the north, via CO 133 McClure Pass, continues to be open.

On Monday, June 19, crews opened a temporary bridge on CO 133 to traffic. Wadsworth began the temporary bridge construction on May 23.

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7th JUDICIAL DISTRICT: AN OVERVIEW FOR THE LAYPERSON

By Steve Middendorp, Courts Reporter
REGIONAL-Colorado is split into 22 judicial districts. The 7th Judicial District is comprised of six counties (Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel). The district court handles more serious cases, including felonies and cases involving more than \$15,000 in value.

All of the courtrooms are available for virtual admission through the webex platform, which allows defendants and plaintiffs to attend virtually, a practice that began during the covid pandemic. While webex does allow someone to view the proceedings, it has access to the attendee's microphone and webcam like a typical conference call. I have dropped in on several sessions with the video and microphone disabled, but wasn't granted access to a session at 9 AM on Monday August 7th in the Nucla, Division E courtroom with Judge Beckenhauer.

This is under the jurisdiction of the Colorado Chief Justice Directive, however, bill HB23-1182 was signed by Governor Polis in June to mandate livestreaming of all court proceedings. The ability for a judge to limit access to virtual proceedings is minimal in the new bill that takes effect on September 1, 2023. The current Chief Justice Directive allows the judge to limit or expand live streaming for multiple reasons, including "the level of public interest in the case" and "whether there is a reasonable likelihood that live streaming would create any adverse consequence to a party, attorney, victim, or witness."

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HB23-1182 contains one factor that would allow a judge to terminate remote observation "To protect the parties' right to a fair trial or to ensure compliance with the sequestration order." The new bill also states that courts without "existing staff or technological capabilities" do not have to comply unless they do "obtain such staff and capabilities."

No requirement is made of these courts to update their staff or technology to provide livestreaming services to the public. With that said, all courtrooms have been virtual with access from Webex since the

Chief Justice Directive was passed in May. "All courtrooms in the 7th Judicial District have Webex capabilities," stated Colorado Judicial Deputy Public Information Officer Jon Sarche. "Staffing is an ongoing issue, however, and there may be days or times of day when particular areas are short-staffed. So far, this has not affected use of Webex in the 7th."

The primary objective of the Chief Justice Directive is to allow virtual access to plaintiffs and defendants in most cases, but with some exceptions. The virtual option reduces the likelihood of cancellation or reschedule due to weather or other circumstances. However, the objective for HB23-1182 is to provide transparency and ease of access for the public and media in court proceedings. "Since May 15, courts have been operating under Chief Justice Directive 23-03, and will continue to do so," said Sarche. "How that directive will work out with the new statute is still unknown. We will have to see how it plays out."

A judge may decide to restrict or remove virtual access to a particular case, and it is possible that the judge could make the same restrictions to other docket items that fall at the same time in that particular court. Sarche said, "That is a decision that would be up to each judicial officer depending on the circumstances of the cases and any other factors confronting the officer on a very busy docket day."

In the 7th Judicial District, the judge with the longest reign is Chief Judge J. Steven Patrick, who was appointed in 1993 by Governor Roy Romer. The rest of the judges were appointed by Governor John Hickmiller's administration: Mary Deganhart (2011); Steven Schultz (2014); Keri Yoder (2016); and (Donald) Cory Jackson (2017). Two years after appointment, each judge is retained or let go from the office by a public retention election. The voting public chooses yes or no regarding whether the judge should keep serving. After the first retention election, each judge will serve a term of six years before facing



Montrose County Justice Center. Mirror file photo.

another public vote.

Each judicial district has a nominating board that gives the governor a short list of options to choose from. The members on this judicial nominating board are appointed by the governor and these individuals will serve a term of six years. This committee recently appointed Lane Thomasson to Ouray County, Bo Zeerip to Delta County, and Laura Harvell to Montrose County.

Thomasson previously worked as the Montrose County assistant attorney with nominating commissioner Martha Whitmore, who still serves as the Montrose County attorney. Thomasson also was an associate for Hockersmith and Whitmore and still has a profile on the firm's website.

Also on the judicial nominating board is attorney Anna Cooling of Montrose and Paul Major of the Telluride Foundation. Former Crested Butte Mayor and Attorney Aaron Huckstep serves on the commission as well as former Ouray judge Alvin Lutz. A professor of biology and environmentalist, David Inouye serves as a commissioner. The last member is PhD Sally Hays, a professor of economics.

A District Attorney is a public servant who seeks justice by determining the charges that should be pressed. DA Seth Ryan, a Republican, ran unopposed for the position in 2020 and will be up for reelection in 2024. Ryan replaced Dan Hotsenpiller who held the position for the limit of two terms, eight years. Seth Ryan worked as the Deputy District Attorney under Hotsenpiller.

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Less severe cases and those under a certain dollar threshold fall into the jurisdiction of the county court judges. There are seven county court judges in the 7th judicial district. Each county has one judge, but Montrose County has an additional judge to handle work cases at the associate court in Nucla. The 7th district also contains two magistrate judges who are not elected. These judges assist in various

cases and may handle the first appearance of a defendant and the setting of bail. One of these magistrate judges, Gregg Stanway, is the water judge for the district. The water magistrate handles cases related to water rights, so these judges only exist within states and territories that experience regular droughts. There are some cases that occur in this region but which are under the jurisdic-

tion of the United States courts.

These are cases that involve the U.S. government, foreign governments, or issues related to federal laws and/or the constitution.

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CITY OF MONTROSE LOOKS AT NEW WAYS TO ALLOW CITIZEN INPUT, INTERACTION

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — At the request of citizens and city councilors, city staff have created what will be known as Citizen Interactive Sessions, which will take place from 9 to 10 a.m. before the start of the council's work session on the third Monday of each month. Work sessions are held on the first and third Monday of each month. The work sessions, as well as the council's regular meetings, are held in the City Council Chambers at 107 South Cascade Ave.

"I'm looking forward to trying something new when it comes to citizen engagement. While we have always welcomed phone calls and emails from our community, the public comment portion of city council meetings has always felt unsatisfactory to both council members and to our constituents," Montrose Mayor Barbara Bynum said. "This new addition to our work sessions will allow for the back-and-forth dialog that isn't possible during formal council meetings."

To participate, go online and fill out the Citizen Interactive Session Form. This form will help the City Clerk organize the materials needed before the start of each

Citizen Interactive Session.

Those wanting to participate will need to provide their name, email address, and physical address, or physical area of where they live, along with a topic they wish to discuss. Once the form is filled out, the City Clerk will contact the sender via email to confirm their request. Topics should be of general community interest, fall within the City's purview, and offer an opportunity for conversation. If a request is more suitable for a one-on-one conversation with staff or Council, the City Clerk will forward the request to the appropriate staff member or to the Mayor.

The interactive sessions are designed to facilitate in-person dialogue between residents and City Councilors before the start of the council's work session. Each session will be recorded for replay on the city's Youtube channel and cable channels. Also, the City Council has a public comment period for non-agenda items during each bi-monthly regular meeting on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The City is now offering an opportunity for residents to submit written comments on non-agenda items. Resi-

dents wanting to have their written comments on non-agenda items placed into the City Council meeting packet record can submit their written comments via the council's new online comments form.

Written comments submitted by noon on the day of the regular City Council meeting will be compiled, posted via a link on the Public Portal, and included in the meeting packet. These comments will not be read aloud during the meeting. City Council may or may not respond to written comments received.

Comments should pertain to matters of at least general importance to the city organization and its operations. Please be aware that neither city council nor city staff are expected to engage in discussion or debate with citizens during the public comment period. However, the city may respond when appropriate at a later time.

Comments containing personal attacks, personnel, and employment matters, the use of profanity, or ethnic, racial, or gender-oriented slurs are prohibited, as is any "disorderly conduct" which violates state or local law. See, City of Montrose Regulations (Sec. 7-14-1, et seq.)



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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO STATE PATROL IS TARGETING AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS

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COLORADO – Colorado State Troopers from the Golden Troop Office arrested a male party for [traveling at speeds in excess of 120 miles per hour, eluding a trooper and placing other motorists at risk](#).

On the morning of Monday, August 7, 2023, Troopers were working a team operation focusing on speed near Colorado Highway 470 and West Bowles Avenue with the assistance of the Colorado State Patrol's flight operation team when a motorcycle was observed going 120 miles per hour. A trooper attempted to contact the driver, who fled at a high rate of speed.

The trooper intentionally disengaged the pursuit to avoid endangering the public more, and the Patrol's aircraft unit followed the motorcycle rider to his final destination. With information passed from the air to the ground, troopers responded to that location, contacted the driver and arrested him. The driver was charged with Felony Vehicular Eluding, Reckless Driving and Speeding 40+, among other charges.

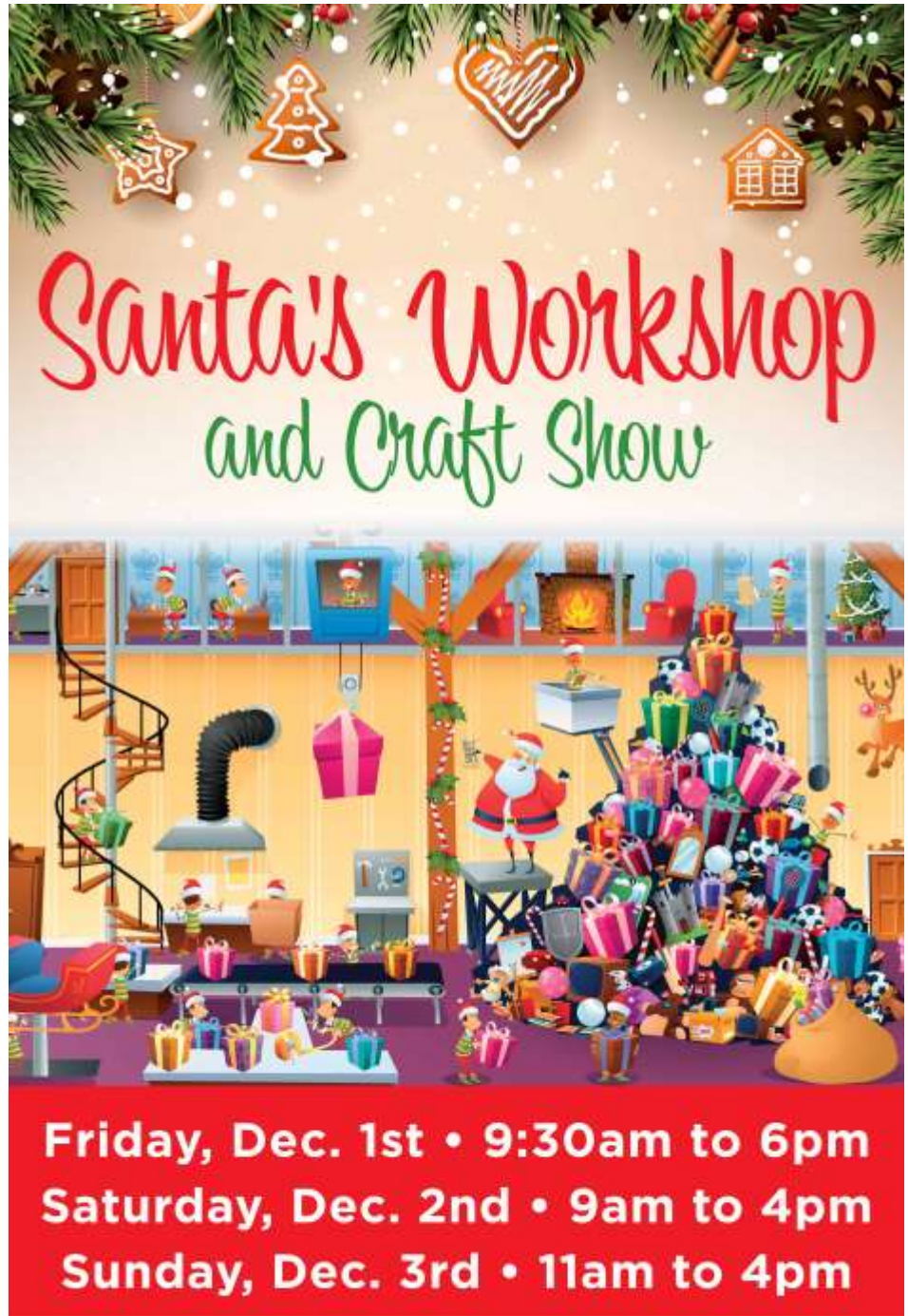
"When a member of law enforcement activates their lights to pull you over, you are legally required to comply," stated Major Darce Weil, District 1 Commander of the Colorado State Patrol. "This individual chose to flee from troopers at speeds 55mph above the posted speed limit of 65mph. He chose to endanger himself and others around him. What this rider did not know was that we could follow him using our aircraft assets until we could safely arrest him."

The Colorado State Patrol wants our community to know that we see the same dangerous driving behavior they do, and our mission is to reverse the trend of aggressive driving and save lives. Whether we stop a vehicle on the side of the road at the moment of the infraction or enforce the law via follow-up investigation, troopers are using all resources possible to make Colorado roads safe.

"The consequences of running from law enforcement are not light; you can be charged with felony vehicular eluding as well as potentially forfeit your vehicle," stated Major Weil. "We've heard from

many people in our communities that drivers are speeding excessively on our roadways. Patrol crash investigation data supports this sentiment, with speed being a factor in 288 deaths and over 1,200 injuries on our roadways in the last five years.

The Colorado State Patrol will not ignore reckless or dangerous behavior; we will enforce the law and find you if you run from us." To report dangerous, aggressive, or possibly impaired driving, please call 911 or *277 (*CSP).



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COLORADO – In 2022, 149 motorcycle riders died on Colorado roads in a record-high year for traffic deaths, equating to 20% of the state's total traffic fatalities. These fatalities occurred around the state, with the top counties being El Paso (25), Jefferson (19), Adams (12), Denver (12) and Arapahoe (11). Now Colorado State Troopers are warning all roadway users that Colorado is experiencing another worrisome wave of fatal motorcycle crashes. Troopers want riders to slow down, follow basic traffic rules and always drive in a manner that allows them to maintain proper lane position and control of their motorcycle. From Jan. 1 through July 31, 2023, Colorado State Patrol investigated 35 fatal motorcycle crashes, resulting in 36 fatalities. Most crashes occurred in the Denver metro area, but multiple fatal crashes have resulted in northern Colorado and across the Western Slope. Investigators found that speed and lane violations were the most common causal factors in these fatal collisions. In addition, when speed was not listed as the causal factor, it was the most common secondary contributing factor for these fatal crashes. "We often worry about motorists not seeing or yielding to motorcycles, and while this continues to be a valid concern, our message today is for motorcycle riders to drive as if their life depends on it," stated Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "We know riders are more vulnerable, so it is up to you to prioritize your safety by not taking risks that can lead to a tragic death or life-changing injury. Riders of all experience levels can and do crash."

When looking at these 35 fatal motorcycle crashes investigated by the Colorado State Patrol, the average age was 44.

Motorcycle riders can prevent crashes or death by being aware of their surroundings, including staying out of blind spots of nearby vehicles and maintaining proper speeds. Remember, reacting safely and quickly to hazards is difficult if you are speeding, especially on a motorcycle.

In addition, it's imperative for motor vehicle drivers to check their blind spots and always use caution around motorcycles. The Colorado State Patrol in conjunction with the state of Colorado offers Motorcycle Operator Safety Training for basic riders, advanced riders and three-wheel riding courses. Beginners to advanced riders who just want to refresh their skills can go to <https://coloradocareplanning.org/colorado-most-program/> for more information and to sign up for a course.





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SAN MIGUEL COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH HOSTS BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR AUG. 16-17

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SAN MIGUEL COUNTY — As students across the county head back to school this month, San Miguel County Public Health

urges parents and guardians to get children back on track and caught up on their vaccines. SMCPh is hosting back to school vaccination events in Telluride and Nor-

wood to offer childhood immunizations.

By the numbers: Within Colorado, there has been a decrease in K-12, and childcare vaccination rates for all vaccines, with the most pronounced decreases among kindergartners. Several factors including access to care during the pandemic may have contributed to this decrease.

Go deeper: Many vaccines are required for school and child care entry in Colorado. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment recently released the aggregate 2022-2023 school year vaccination data, showing a decrease in vaccination rates within San Miguel County.

Why it matters: Vaccines are the most effective way to prevent infectious diseases both individually and as a community. Lower vaccination rates could lead to outbreaks of preventable diseases and impact children's health and education. Now is the time to get up to date to protect against these diseases.

"Let's do everything possible to make sure we have a healthy school year ahead," said Grace Franklin, San Miguel County Public Health Director. "The easiest, most effective way to make sure your child has a healthy school year, is to get them vaccinated."

Join the public health clinics in:

Telluride - Wednesday, August 16 from 4-6 p.m. The event will be at the Miramonte Building (333 W. Colorado Ave., Telluride). Childhood vaccines, school health registration, and other resources will be available.

Norwood - Thursday, August 17 from 9:30 a.m. — noon. The event will be at the Glockson Building (1120 Summit St, Norwood). Vaccines and other resources will be available.

Vaccines are at no cost and are available for those with and without insurance.

Register for vaccines at bit.ly/smc-vaccine (en español, registro de vacunas: bit.ly/smc-vacuna).

To learn more about the immunization program, visit [San Miguel County's Public Health page](#). Contact SMCPh by calling 970-728-4289, or email publichealth@sanmiguelcountyco.gov. Immunization records are available on [the State's public record portal](#).

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

FARMING FOR THE FUTURE: BRADLEY FAMILY CONSERVES FARM TO BENEFIT FUTURE GENERATIONS

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PAONIA-Preserving the picturesque North Fork Valley for future generations is at the heart of an exciting new partnership between Colorado West Land Trust and the Bradley family. This collaboration permanently protects approximately 55 acres of pristine fruitland in eastern Delta County, ensuring the preservation of Black Bridge Winery and Orchard Valley Farms. The partnership helps secure important local food production, provides opportunities for the next generation, protects habitat along the North Fork of the Gunnison River, and protects scenic views in the North Fork region.

Located on the western flank of the West Elk Range of the Southern Rocky Mountains, Black Bridge Winery is a family-owned and operated working farm which features orchards, vineyards, a winery, a farm market, and a wine-tasting room open to the public seasonally. With its frontage on State Highway 133, the property provides a scenic glimpse of the pastoral North Fork Valley against the backdrop of the iconic Mt. Lamborn and Land-send of the West Elk Mountains. A part of the West Elks American Viticulture Area (AVA), the region is recognized as one of only two AVAs in the state, underscoring its significance as a wine-grape growing region.

The journey of the Bradley family to owning their orchard is one of dedication and vision. Lee and Kathy Bradley, both passionate educators, moved to Paonia in the early '80s to teach at the local school. Amidst the coal mining boom, Lee found himself managing farms owned by a mining company. When the mines eventually shut down, the opportunity arose for the Bradleys to purchase an orchard Lee had been managing.

They invested their savings into the land, securing a bright future for their son, Ryan, who now helps run the operation alongside his wife, Kendal. With the recent addition of their son, Beau, Ryan is motivated by the desire to build a legacy

for the next generation, leading to the decision to place a conservation easement on the land.

"After we closed the conservation easement my dad and I both felt a real sense of pride. We felt like we had become agricultural leaders of the western slope by conserving our land," Ryan said, "To me, the pinnacle is how you manage your land and keep it that way. It's more important than anything else."

This conservation easement not only ensures the preservation of open space and natural habitat on the North Fork of the Gunnison River which borders the property, but also allows the Bradley family to share their farm with others. While teaching agriculture at a nearby high school, Kendal would invite her students to learn and experience the operation firsthand. Customers are welcome to pick fruit on the land, fostering a connection to where their food comes from, and enjoy the market's produce and wine while soaking in the serene views of the Black Bridge stretching across the North Fork Gunnison River and the West Elks range punctuating the horizon.

Reflecting on their journey, Kathy shared, "I think all that we've done is so worth it now. It's just a giant payoff with all our family here," and Kendal agreed, "Beau gets to run around in the same place his daddy grew up."

Ryan added, "And the farm will always be here now. Even if we fail, somebody else can step in."

This collaborative conservation effort contributes to the protection of the region's unique landscape and cultural heritage. The North Fork Valley is an area known for its scenic beauty, fertile agricultural lands, and thriving winemaking community. The 55-acre conservation easement joins 27 other nearby conservation easements totaling over 6,000 acres, demonstrating the community's commitment to preserving the valley's remaining open spaces.

"We are so thankful to collaborate with



Lee, Kathy, Kendal, Beau, and Ryan Bradley stand in their orchard. Courtesy photo.

the Bradley family on this remarkable conservation project. This partnership represents our commitment to safeguarding the North Fork's agricultural lands, precious riparian habitats, and scenic landscapes," CWLT's Conservation Manager, Ilana Moir said, "This conservation easement stands as a testament to the power of community-driven conservation, and we are honored to be part of its protection."

This conservation easement holds deep importance in an area where orchards have disappeared over the years. Preserving Black Bridge Winery not only protects a piece of history but also secures a bright future for local food production and the next generation. In a time when the connection to our food sources has grown distant, the easement protects a unique opportunity for people to witness firsthand where their food comes from. The protected orchard stands as a living testament to the rich agricultural heritage of the region, and it will continue to serve as a source of pride and sustenance for generations to come.



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MONTROSE POLICE COMPLETE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— The Montrose Police Department has completed its annual school supply drive and is grateful for everyone in the community who donated to help Montrose area students with supplies for the upcoming school year.

In July senior command staff of the department challenged the Montrose community to "fill the police department" with school supplies as part of its annual effort. Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall said the community's most important investment lies with its youth, and the department is pleased to help local students obtain the tools for success for the upcoming school year by coordinating the collection of school supplies.

As of Tuesday, August 8, Chief Hall said the department had collected enough supplies to fill about a dozen large boxes, which will be donated to the Montrose County School District for distribution throughout district schools.

The department collected dozens of new backpacks along with crayons, dry-erase markers, hundreds of pencils, tissue boxes, ring binders, glue sticks, composition books, headphones and earbuds, highlighters, and pocket folders.

Chief Hall said the drive's major donors who warranted special recognition include Stephen "Pete" Peterson of Maxfield & Peterson P.C. Accountants and Advisors, the City of Montrose, 360 Insurance, and Timberline Bank.

"The Montrose Police Department is so thankful for our local citizens, businesses, City Council, city employees, and our citizens for donating these much-needed school supplies," Chief Hall said. "In partnership with the Montrose County School District, these supplies will be donated to kids in need this next school year. Way to support this effort, Montrose!"

Years ago the Police Department began its school supply drive with so much success that it was decided the drive would become an annual event to help support local school children, according to Hall.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

SWEETHEART BACKROOM CITY COUNCIL DEALS RUNNING AGROUND? QUESTIONS SWIRL AROUND CITY GIVEAWAYS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS



Montrose City Council, their/our City Manager and favored local contractor (Stryker & Company) are going to try and justify spending \$556,786 of your tax dollars at their next Council meeting this coming Tuesday night, August 15th at 6PM on one of their “pet” economic development projects – the privately owned “boutique” Rathbone Hotel in downtown Montrose, above.

By David White

Here they go again. Your Montrose City Council, their/our City Manager and favored local contractor (Stryker & Company) are going to try and justify spending \$556,786 of your tax dollars at their next Council meeting this coming Tuesday night, August 15th at 6PM on one of their “pet” economic development projects – the privately owned “boutique” Rathbone Hotel in downtown Montrose.

This latest expenditure scheme comes on the heels of the \$500,181 they’ve already spent to rebuild and restore the exterior facade on this Telluride developer (Clay Bales) owned property which is currently struggling to be renovated and opened in the historic KP Building next to the Fox-Penthouse Theater in downtown Montrose.

According to documents provided by the contractor to the City, the original project budget was \$4.5 million. It has now ballooned to a total projected cost of \$6,650,000. The developer bought the building for approximately \$800,000 after

remediation efforts were completed following a structure fire years ago. He and the contractor, in a memo to City officials, are now arguing that neither of them **“could foresee the abatement, structural and civil improvement costs that this building would require, without time and evaluation...including asbestos and mold remediation.”** If that’s the case, why would anyone buy a building without knowing what they were buying? UNLESS they were assured that the City Council and its Manager (both of whom are desperate to transform our City into a progressive utopia) would prop the deal up with your money.

On top of this new giveaway, the City has the old “historic” City Hall under contract with the same developer who has already secured a \$2M construction loan to transform that aging building into another hotel with a restaurant and housing for some Colorado Mesa University culinary arts students. He got a sweetheart deal on the building – contracting to purchase it for at least a million dollars less than it should

have sold for.

Now that deal appears to be in jeopardy as the City Council intends to either give the developer more money or delay the real estate closing date of the historic City Hall building (a sale of public property that was NEVER even advertised to the public) or both. If the sale is delayed, taxpayers get to cover the ongoing maintenance and utility costs with keeping that structure viable.

Less for more seems to be the new mantra. Give us more money to get a lower quality and smaller hotel with a smaller return on investment. This is no different than the millions of taxpayer dollars given to local restaurants, breweries, hotels, apartment buildings and other businesses for parking lots, landscaping, lighting, asbestos removal, permit fee waivers, etc. while neglecting our streets, sidewalks and much, much more of our infrastructure.

As a side note and speaking of sweetheart deals, on top of their real estate wheeling and dealing, the Council has chosen to

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SWEETHEART BACKROOM CITY COUNCIL DEALS RUNNING AGROUND? From previous pg

approve a new franchise contract with Spectrum Cable without putting the approval to a vote of the people as has been done in years past with DMEA, Black Hills Energy, and other public utilities. Some outside legal advisor cleared them to do so and as with so many elected officials, they jumped at the chance to take away your right to a vote because they think that they know better than you do as to how to negotiate a deal for themselves with these utility companies by levying a "franchise fee" that is passed along to you, the end user. At the same time, they're collecting the franchise fee, they're also taxing it with the City, County and Rec District sales taxes that are levied on it and that you pay every month on your bill. Some of you reading this will probably just shrug your shoulders and say that I should stop complaining about what these elected and unelected people are doing to us. Having sat where they are as a former elected official, I cannot do that because what they're doing is not in the best long-term interests of the community. Priorities of government are first and


foremost to ensure the public's health, safety and welfare in the form of providing those services and facilities that the private sector cannot provide either because of State statute or because they cannot be provided at a profit. Taxes collected by the government are to be used to pay for these necessities, not pie in the sky urban renewal districts, hotels and other "investments" that they think will return dollars to the City in the form of wages and taxes.

Our City, since shortly after the arrival of the current City Manager (Bill Bell) in 2011, has been on a path that is clearly one of Democratic Socialism. He has convinced most members of the City Councils that have served us during these last 12 years to accept this type of government cloaked under varying names such as economic development, affordable housing, progressivism, industrial models of government investment in the private sector, etc. He and these Councils have received accolades from their peers and other governmental entities for leading the City in these directions. Unfortunately, they are

too caught up in their illusory world to recognize the struggles that most of us face daily when it comes to surviving in a community that cannot support its citizens with good paying jobs, housing and other necessities.

We're just over seven months away from the next municipal election to be held in April of 2024. If you have the time and can make the commitment as well as want to see a more conservative and judicious use of the resources that come into the City of Montrose, please consider running for one of the City Council seats that will be open at that time. We need you and we need a new City Administration that has become our version of the Washington, DC swamp!

Mr. White is an active citizen & community servant as well as a business owner, entrepreneur, former Montrose City Councilmember and Mayor as well as a two term County Commissioner and has served on many boards and commissions during his career. He & his wife are the parents of six children and have 10 grandchildren & one great grandchild.



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Situated on a spacious 3.665-acre lot, this custom home offers a serene setting with plenty of wildlife and features a brick and stone facade with wood-trimmed windows, and a thoughtfully designed layout with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, and an office. The living room boasts a cozy fireplace, and there is also a fireplace in the owner's suite, which is a true retreat with double sinks, a soaking tub, and a walk-in shower (all elegantly tiled), and a large walk-in closet to accommodate your storage needs. The bathrooms and kitchen have granite countertops, and the kitchen is equipped with gas stove top, double ovens, a large pantry, beverage cooler, custom cabinetry, and a beautiful island. Adjacent to the kitchen, you'll find a cozy breakfast nook. The formal dining room provides an elegant space for hosting special occasions. The home is filled with natural light, thanks to the large windows and high ceilings. Lovely hardwood flooring throughout most of the home, with carpeting in select areas and tile. There is a covered back patio surrounded by the beauty of nature. An irrigation and sprinkler system is included, keeping your landscaping lush and vibrant. An attached three-car garage and a 24x30 ft detached shop with a 12 ft door and 220V power and insulation covers all your needs. Check out this beautiful home with its spacious lot and convenient location. Schedule a showing today and make this tranquil oasis your own.

MLS #805921



LOT 2 BANNER ROAD • OLATHE CO 81425

This is a fantastic opportunity to own a pristine parcel just waiting for your dreams to be built on. Eight acres with 7.9 shares of UJVWUA irrigation water, offering a picturesque variety of Mountain views are at every turn. To the south you will see the grandeur of the San Juan Mountain Range, to the west The Uncompahgre Plateau. Look north to the amazing and colorful Grand Mesa. The East shows off the beautiful West Elks, and the southeast the fascinating Cimarron range. Create a beautiful building site, equestrian property, or hobby farm. This parcel and lot 2 have successfully been farmed raising corn, sunflowers, and hay. The location is convenient to Delta, Olathe, and Montrose. Montrose has an expanding and convenient regional airport with daily flights to major hubs. Medical facilities are located both in Delta and Montrose, and a short drive to a larger city of Grand Junction. The simple "covenants" literally are for an irrigation schedule, and state that no manufactured homes are allowed. True modulars (IRC-built), system-built, barndominiums (shop with living space), and stick-built are welcomed.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WHEN DOES SILENCE BECOME A QUESTIONABLE CONCERN?

Editor:

Questions remain concerning the "\$5.5-million-dollar medical office planned for Colorado Outdoors Campus", as reported in press articles.

The Montrose City Council in its entirety are voting members of the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority ("MURA") board of directors and they also by numbers control the vote outcomes and the city tax dollars that fund the Colorado Outdoors Projects as defined.

For example, The City Mayor is also the current chairperson of the MURA board of directors.

City staff work concerning any matters related to negotiations, finance agreements, supporting infrastructure requirements, and eventually the issuance

of city tax dollars going to fund individually owned site improvements are all part of the MURA administrative requirements. Additional public support for the Colorado Outdoors MURA project or public contributions are provided by established on-site utilities, roads, and other infrastructure services.

Why is all this important? It is because the taxpayers and business community of Montrose have a vested right to get involved and ask questions and get answers as to how projects like the proposed clinic affect their already established businesses and the real economic cost to the Montrose community.

Questions:

1. What is the monetary and provided services capabilities impact on established

private pediatric and other associated medical businesses?

2. What is the financial impact on the Montrose Regional Hospital 501c charitable contributions?

3. What were the conversations, if any, between the pediatric business owners, Montrose Regional Hospital, and MURA board members to better understand in advance all the economic and financial ramifications of such a decision?

Answers to more questions than above as to who said what to whom and most importantly, "why," are still on the table.

In closing, bad decisions almost always result in bad outcomes. WHEN DOES SILENCE BECOME A QUESTIONABLE CONCERN?

Jim Anderson, Montrose



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA HEALTH RECOGNIZES EXTRAORDINARY NURSES WITH DAISY AWARD



At left, Loretta Taylor receiving her DAISY award nomination and award. Courtesy photos.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA— Fifteen nurses at Delta Health were honored with nominations for The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses® to recognize the extraordinary, compassionate nursing care they provide patients and families every single day.

This quarter there were 6 different nursing departments represented in the DAISY nominations and they were: Vallerie Bucani, RN, Kyla Killie, RN, Emily Holder, RN, Jenna Regenfuss, RN, Loretta Taylor, RN, David Brodhead, RN, Somer Hohnke, RN, Jody Moore, RN, Stephanie Doyle, RN, Joyce Carpenter, RN, Connie Hall, RN, Mercedes Zurich, RN, Amber Ham, RN, Sierra Bigelow, RN, Cassidy Austin, RN.

The overall DAISY Award winner for the second quarter of 2023 was Loretta Taylor, RN in Stork's Landing, the Labor and Delivery Unit at Delta Health. Loretta became a Diploma Registered Nurse in 1970 and has been passionate about labor and delivery ever since. This was a special nomination because it was Loretta's first time receiving a DAISY Award.

"We [ICU staff] called a rapid response for a patient," read Loretta's DAISY nomination letter from Delta Health ICU staff.

"Many people showed up, but Loretta saw a family member in distress and she went

over and comforted the families while all the other nurses, doctors, and RTs were in with the patient. That is truly what this is all about, caring and treating people with respect. Loretta shines with compassion and provides a guiding light to grim situations. She is a warm soul that has dedicated many years to her career in nursing. Her home unit and love is labor and delivery but she is ready to help in difficult situations."

The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's mission to recognize nurses who go above and beyond in the care of their patients.

"Loretta's commitment to her nursing career, and specifically to her years as an OB nurse, is extraordinary and shows in the care she provides to patients and loved ones," said Jan Humphrey, RN, Director of Obstetrics at Delta Health. "The care and compassion she shows shines brightly in our hospital."

Nurses may be nominated by patients, families, and colleagues, and the quarterly DAISY award recipient is chosen through a select Daisy Committee and DCMH's T.E.A.M. M.A.S.H through a scoring rubric recognizing the nurses

P.E.T.A.L.S., (Passion, Empathy, Trust, Admirable attributes, Love and Selflessness).

Applications are blinded to these commitments and scored. Awards are then presented four times throughout the year to celebrate the nominees.

"The DAISY Awards are a great tradition that we are proud to continue here at Delta Health," said Dawn Arnett, RN, BSN, Director of In-Patient Services at Delta Health. "Each nominee is a model for what it means to provide compassionate, quality healthcare that our community trusts. They go above and beyond and we are honored to have the DAISY program where we can honor all of our amazing staff."

The certificate that each honoree receives commends her or him as an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." Honorees also receive a DAISY Award pin and a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe.

To nominate a nurse for a DAISY Award, go online to deltahealthco.org/bee-daisy-awards/ and submit a digital nomination form. Nomination forms can also be found throughout the hospital.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

MARIE ALTA ANDRESS/CHURCH ***September 6, 1926-August 5, 2023***

Marie was born at home in Montrose Co. to pioneer family, William F. (Butch) Virginia (Virgie) Arndt. Marie was the last child of six children. She married the love of her life, Keith Andress June 30, 1947, the marriage ended upon his death. She married William Church in July of 1982. Marie was preceded in death by both husbands, one grandson and two great grandchildren. Marie is survived by her daughters, Wanda Smith, and Gladys Minnick of Montrose CO. She is also survived by five grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, Fifteen Great Great Grandchildren, and several step grandchildren and great grandchildren. Several nieces, and nephews.

Marie lived in Naturita; she was the supervisor/head cook for the West end school lunch program in Naturita then transferred to Nucla grade school. She retired in 1970 and moved to Montrose CO.

Marie loved all her extended family, she enjoyed gardening, crocheting, multi arts and crafts, and cooking; no one ever left her house without eating.

Crippin Funeral of Montrose is assisting Mrs. Church's family. (970)249-2121.



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

GERALD “JERRY” LEE KIRKPATRICK

April 12, 1936—July 30, 2023



GERALD “JERRY” LEE KIRKPATRICK went to be with his Lord and Savior peacefully on July 30, 2023 after a long struggle with Alzheimers.

A deeply religious and generous man, Jerry was involved in the Christian church his entire adult life, giving to churches, schools and religious organizations, generally anonymously. He cared deeply for extended family while also tending diligently for his own family and neighbors. Jerry was born to Ivan and Ruth Kirkpatrick of Los Angeles, California on April 12, 1936 and spent his childhood in Southern California with his parents, aunts and uncles.

At age 18, Jerry joined the US Army 82 Airborne Division training for Korea as a paratrooper, but the Korean War ended prior to his deployment.

Using his GI Bill, Jerry attended LA City College where he met his wife of 61 years, Virginia Susan Kirkpatrick. They married in 1961, and he transferred to San Francisco State University earning a degree in Civil Engineering, becoming the first person in his family to graduate from college. He



went on to obtain an MBA along with his Professional Engineering license in all the Western States.

Known as a man who valued hard work, Jerry was respected for his honesty and integrity his entire career. In Northern California, Jerry worked on many projects including the Embarcadero and the Montgomery stations within the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART). Shortly after these, Jerry started his own civil engineering business, Kirkpatrick Associates, as well as continued his career working for a variety of companies including Kaiser Engineering and World Savings. In retirement, he served on the Building Design and Review Board in Moraga, CA. In 2016, Jerry and Susan left California to move to Colorado to be closer to their children and their families. After settling in Denver, CO, Jerry and Susan traveled extensively, but Jerry's favorite place to be was home with several Siamese cats on



his lap enjoying the company of his wife, friends, and family. After the death of his wife, Jerry moved to Montrose, CO to be closer to his daughter and her family.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Ivan and Ruth Kirkpatrick, infant brother, James Kirkpatrick, his wife, Virginia Susan Kirkpatrick and son-in-law, Jerry Kistler. He is survived by his two children, Dennis (Lisa) Kirkpatrick of Denver, CO and Danielle Kistler of Montrose, CO, as well as his grandchildren - Olivia and Alyssa Kirkpatrick, Talia and Bree Boeckman and Katherine, Andrew and Elizabeth Kistler.

Jerry will be buried with military honors at Fort Logan National Cemetery on Monday, August 14th at noon.

Memorial contributions can be made to HopeWest, Life Choices Pregnancy Center of Montrose, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, or The Alzheimer's Association of America.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Mr. Kirkpatrick's family.

CELEBRATING LOCAL BEAUTY.



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ART & SOL

HELPING KIDS READ: OTI VISITS NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY

Angie Wilson and Oti are a therapy dog team, nationally certified through Alliance of Therapy Dogs and members of the local group, Morningstar Therapy Dogs. With a little help from a friend, Oti wrote the following article about his adventures with 4th grade students at Northside Elementary School.

MONTROSE-One of my favorite places on earth is Northside Elementary School. When I go to school, I yip and jump for joy to see my "favorite five"! My favorite five are 4th graders and they usually take turns reading to me in Mrs. Faucett's classroom. I'm a good boy and pay close attention to them because I know I'm helping them read better and better.

My name is Oti and I'm a certified therapy doggy. I am a member of Alliance of Therapy Dogs and also a member of my special local group, Morningstar Therapy Dogs.

My favorite five each wrote something special about me.

"E" wrote that I'm really cute and that's why he likes to read to me. He also called me adorable, and I agree.

"L" wrote that it is fun to read to me. He wrote that I'm wonderful and funny, and I agree.

"C" wrote that I'm a good listener. She cut my picture out of the little card I gave her and glued it to her pencil. She also wrote that I'm really cute, and I agree. "C" drew the most perfect picture of me too!

"K" wrote that I'm good at listening and that I give her many compliments. She wrote that I love to snuggle! She also wrote that I'm really cute, and I agree.

"O" wrote that he likes me because I want to listen to him when he reads and I'm a good listener. He also wrote that I'm cute, and I agree.

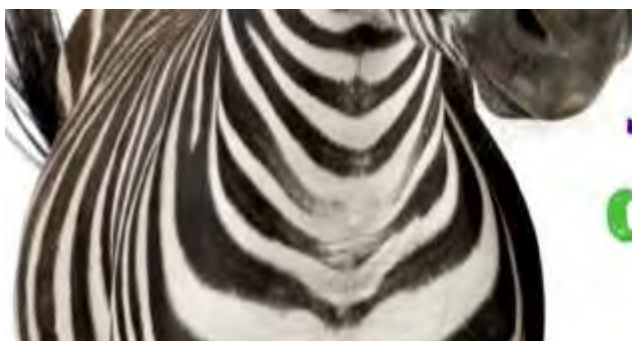
I seem to have the ability to make people feel better just by being with me and touching my fur. I'm only nine pounds so I can fit nearly anywhere, especially on laps. I am a rescue doggy.

The sweet lady who grooms my coat says I am both Maltese and poodle; a malti-poo. My owner sometimes calls me a "paltese" or a "moodle". I'm not sure she is so funny.



Oti is a member of Alliance of Therapy Dogs and a certified therapy dog with Morningstar Therapy Dogs. Courtesy photo.

My favorite day is Tuesday because I LOVE going to Northside Elementary to see my favorite five, and I LOVE my favorite five! (Initials were used to protect the privacy of the children.)



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Colorado Poets Center Presents:

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Shelley Read, fifth generation Coloradan and author of *Go as a River*, a wildly successful novel set in Gunnison County. Shelley is a contributor to *Crested Butte Magazine*, *Gunnison Valley Journal*, and the *Denver Post*.



David J Rothman, author of *Living the Life: Tales of America's Mountains & Ski Towns* and several books of poetry. David is co-Founder of the *Crested Butte Music Festival* and founding editor and publisher of *Conundrum Press*.



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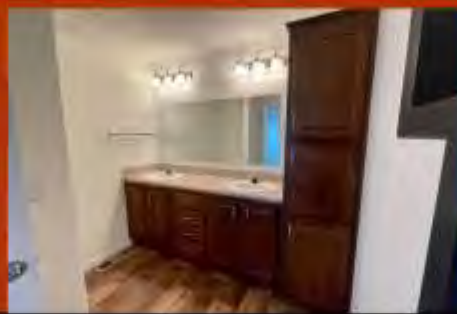
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

JOIN THE COMMUNITY SUMMER DRUMMING CIRCLE AUG. 19

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-On Aug. 19 At 11 a.m. join the Community Summer Drumming Circle, Lions Park, 602 N. Nevada. 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.



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

AUGUST IS BREASTFEEDING MONTH: MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR WORKING PARENTS

Special to the Mirror

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY-August 1-7 is World Breastfeeding Week (WBW), an annual celebration of breastfeeding to increase breastfeeding awareness to improve the health of mothers and babies.

San Miguel County is extending the campaign through the month of August as we support this year's theme, Enabling Breastfeeding: Making a difference for working parents.

This theme emphasizes the importance of informing communities about working parents' perceptions regarding breastfeeding and parenting.

Breastfeeding requires information and many circles of support to create an environment that empowers families to breastfeed. With close support from partners, families, friends, employers, child-care providers, health care providers, and communities, breastfeeding success improves.

In Colorado, families want to breastfeed - over 90% of families choose to initiate breastfeeding according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Breastfeeding Report Card. However, only 47 percent of Colorado families are breastfeeding through baby's first birthday, falling short of the Healthy People 2030 goal of 54.1 percent.

Such rates fail to meet the American Academy of Pediatrics' recommendations

that children should breastfeed exclusively (no other food, water or infant formula) for approximately the first six months, followed by incorporation of appropriate complementary foods, and continue breastfeeding for as long as mutually desired by the parent and child. Due to the extensive research exhibiting the health benefits of human milk, the AAP recently updated their policy statement which supports continued breastfeeding - along with complementary foods - for two years and beyond - in alignment with the World Health Organization.

Studies show that breastfed infants are less likely to develop ear infections, respiratory illnesses, diabetes, some childhood cancers and sudden unexplained infant death syndrome (SUIDS/SIDS) and less likely to become obese later in life compared to formula fed infants. Additionally, research estimates that if 90 percent of Americans breastfed exclusively for six months, greater than 3,330 lives and over \$3 billion in health care costs could be saved each year!

Breastfeeding matters because breast milk: Provides the optimal infant nutrition - contains nutrients, vitamins, antibodies, hormones, growth factors and more that infant formula cannot; Keeps families healthy by protecting babies and parents from illnesses; Lowers health care costs and saves lives; Protects the environment,

as it requires no packaging and results in fewer cans and bottles in landfill; Is not susceptible to infant formula recalls or shortages.

Breastfeeding support can be found in key areas throughout Colorado communities, including: hospitals (especially Baby-Friendly certified hospitals), health care providers, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Colorado Breastfeeding Coalition and local breastfeeding coalitions, La Leche League (LLL), breastfeeding friendly employers and schools, child care providers, as well as family, friends and partners. The Colorado WIC Program provides breastfeeding education and support to Colorado families.

WIC supports low-income families by providing highly nutritious food packages purchased at participating grocery stores, free access to breastfeeding information and counseling, breast pumps, community resources and referrals, and parent-to-parent support through the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program.

To utilize the valuable breastfeeding information and resources available at your local WIC office, contact Amy Eriksen, WIC Program Coordinator and Family Wellness Program Director at 970-708-4365, or aeriksen@ourayco.gov.

You can also visit ColoradoWIC.com or refer a family at ColoradoWICSignUp.com.



Kate Burke Studio Fall Art Classes



Ranger Ink example

New! Ink layers on black back.

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Alcohol Ink

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MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Member of the Diocese of the Rocky Mountains and the 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 Preston Gordon.

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 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.

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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

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

Senior Pastor:

Pastor Brandon Mathis

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

Demographics: Multi-generational

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

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

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

Other Discipleship Opportunities:

Youth Night: First & Third Wednesdays of month 6pm

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

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

Celebrate Recovery: Friday nights @ 6:30pm

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Denomination: Christ Lutheran Montrose

Affiliation: Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

Contact: 970-633-0226

Website: www.montroselutheran.org

Email: montroselutheran@gmail.com

Pastor: Tim Onnen

Worship: Sundays at 9 AM

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

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

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

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Denomination: Church of the Nazarene

Address: 705 South 12th Street

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

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

Pastor: Buddy Cook

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

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

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

Affiliation: Presbyterian

Address: 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO.

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

12PM **Contact:** 970-249-4732, in-

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Pastor: Jesse Mabanglo

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

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

Website: montroseucc.org

Current Pastor: Rev. Wendy Kidd

Worship service times: Sunday, 10 a.m.

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

on life's journey.

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

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

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Denomination Affiliation: United Methodist

Address: 19 S. Park Avenue Montrose CO. 81401

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

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

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Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Kevin Young

Worship service times:

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual

9:45 a.m. Christian Education & Fellowship

11 a.m. Sanctuary

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

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

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

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

Affiliation: Southern Baptist

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

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

Contact information:

Phone: 970.249.4887

website: www.RosemontBaptist.org

email: office@rosemontbaptist.org

Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson

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

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

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

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

matter what stage of life they are in.

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

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

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

Denomination affiliation: Independent Interfaith

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

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

Home Office – 970-252-0908

Contact information: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, 970-252-0908, arlyn@spiritaware.org, www.spiritaware.org

Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn

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

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

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

ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Denomination: Anglican-Reformed Episcopal Church (REC)

Address: 2405 Sunnyside Road, Montrose 970-249-4868

Contact: ststephensmont-

rose@yahoo.com

www.ststephensmontrose.com

Rev. Dec. Garrett Agajanian

St. Stephen's is a community of caring Christians rooted in the godly traditions of the past, focused on the challenges of the

present, hopeful for the future, continuing in the Faith once delivered to the saints, using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

Sunday: Holy Communion 10 am.

Fellowship following service.

Children's nursery available (unstaffed).

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation:

Southern Baptist

Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

Office hours: Varies

Contact information:

phone number: 970-275-7026

email: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com

website: www.summitchurchmontrose.org

Name of current Senior Pastor: John De-

Sario

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

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

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

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

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

Denomination Affiliation: Independent Baptist

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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-12pm

Contact Information: Phone (970) 249-

6874; email at info@vbcmontrose.org;

website: vbcmontrose.org

Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

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

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

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

Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

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

information to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

JOHN DENVER TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE 2023 COLORADO AUTHOR'S HALL OF FAME

Special to the Mirror

DENVER — The Colorado Authors' Hall of Fame has announced the 12 new Inductees to this year's Hall of Fame Gala taking place on Monday, September 11th at the Double Tree Hilton Denver Tech Center, and among them is Legacy Inductee, John Denver. He will join 11 other inductees into the Colorado Authors' Hall of Fame on Sept. 11. Tickets are open to the public. Find out who else will be inducted, and purchase tickets to attend the gala at ColoradoAuthorsHallofFame.org.

John Denver is a cultural icon of the American West. He won acclaim as an acoustic folk musician, actor, environmentalist, and humanitarian. In the early sixties, friends urged him to change his name from Henry John Deutchendorf, Jr. if a recording career was to be in his future. He took his stage name from the beautiful capital city of his favorite state, Colorado.

In 1974, he was named poet laureate of Colorado, and the Colorado state legislature also adopted "Rocky Mountain High" as one of its two state songs in 2007, and West Virginia did the same for "Take Me Home, Country Roads" in 2014. In 1982, he was honored with the Carl Sandburg's People's Poet Award. In 1994, he published his autobiography.

He solidified his position as a top star of the 70s with songs like "Take Me Home, Country Roads," "Rocky Mountain High," "Sunshine On My Shoulders," "Annie's Song," "Back Home Again," "Thank God

I'm A Country Boy," and "Calypso," solidifying his position as one of the top stars of the 1970s.

Thirty albums and four decades after he began, his music and words are as relevant as ever. His humanitarian work continues

to strengthen our global village, and his dynamic celebration of life, spirit and nature is a powerful inspiration to all.

For the list of inductees and tickets to attend the gala, visit ColoradoAuthorsHallofFame.org.

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SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

ONGOING-

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 Field House on the corner of Colorado Avenue and Rio Grande Avenue at Noon.

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP For anyone who has lost a loved one. Join at any time. Meets every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30pm for 13 weeks beginning Aug. 1st. (Aug. 1 thru Oct. 24) at Rosemont Baptist Church 1598 E. Niagara Rd. Montrose, CO 81401
Register at: RosemontBaptist.org/events/griefshare or call at (970)249-4887

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONTHLY

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

Aug. 15-Montrose Republicans invite you to our Tuesday, Aug. 15 Social Hour for conversations and meet some of the MCSD School Board Candidates. 5:30-7:30p at Wild Horse Wine & Whiskey Bar in downtown Montrose.

Aug. 18-Please join us for the: Montrose Republican Women Lunch, Program, & Meeting on Friday, August 18 at Hampton Inn Montrose. 7th Judicial District Attorney Seth Ryan will be giving an update on the DA's office.

Aug. 19-At 11 a.m. Community Summer Drumming Circle, Lions Park, 602 N. Nevada. 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.

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

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