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RED HAWKS ROLL OVER MESA RIDGE 43-12



Varsity football coach Brett Mertens. Photo by Cliff Dodge.

By Cliff Dodge

MONTROSE-The Montrose Red Hawks took a bold step toward winning the Southwestern League championship on Friday evening as they sliced and diced the Mesa Ridge Grizzlies 43-12. The home-standing Red Hawks improved their season record to 7-2 and are undefeated in league play at 3-0. Only Pueblo West, currently 2-1, can make noise by defeating the Red Hawks next Friday evening in Pueblo.

The Red Hawks kicked off and the Grizzlies promptly fumbled. Montrose recovered and saw Blake Griffin score from one yard out to lead 8-0. The ever improving Red Hawks defense clamped down on the Grizzlies and forced them to punt. Neither team was able to score in the first period. The Grizzlies moved the ball into Red Hawk territory but turned the ball over on downs when senior Jaxon Killen sacked the Grizzlies quarterback on 4th down

ending the Grizzlies threat.

The Red Hawks initiated a 50-yard, 10-play drive featuring running and passing and culminated in another Blake Griffin one yard touchdown run, advancing the score to 15-0. The Grizzlies then put together their only serious scoring drive of the game which featured a 49-yard pass that set up a one-yard touchdown run. The score 15-6 as the two-point conversion was unsuccessful.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: COLORADO KAT COALITION New KAT Non-Profit is Making a Big Impact

By Chauncey Edwards, Colorado KAT Coalition

REGIONAL-Have you ever seen a kitten run across your path and wondered, "I sure hope that kitty has a home!"? There are thousands of homeless cats living around us, and most people don't notice or end up looking the other way. Colorado KAT Coalition is not looking the other way.

Colorado KAT Coalition (Kitty Allies and TNR) was started by Chauncey Edwards of Ridgway in June 2023, and is run entirely by a group of committed volunteers. KAT's mission is to provide high quality, low cost spay/neuter services to Delta, Montrose and Ouray counties, and make a measurable impact on cat overpopulation with a focus on community and abandoned cats. They are working to expand spay/neuter services, TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) and rescue opportunities through community education and key partnerships with veterinarians and other animal welfare organizations.

Working with members of the community who see a problem and want to help be part of the solution is key to helping these cats live better lives and stop the cycle of reproduction. The new non-profit's goal is to spay/neuter 100-200 cats each month,

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Colorado KAT Coalition helps cats live better lives and stop the cycle of reproduction. Courtesy photo.

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Starting Monday, Oct. 16, the city will begin offering leaf bag bundles for the annual cleanup. Each bundle contains four clear leaf bags for \$1 and can be purchased at City Hall, located at 400 East Main Street, and at the city's Public Works office located at 1221 64.50 Road.

Residents can use any brand of clear bags to collect leaves and place them on the curb for the city's pickup service. If scheduling is necessary, customers can contact Public Works at 970.240.1480.

The pickup service is free, but only for City of Montrose utility customers. No yard waste other than leaves will be accepted. City crews will begin picking up bags on Monday, Nov. 13, and will continue until the cleanup ends on Thursday, Dec. 7.

The City of Montrose thanks customers for participating in this event and reminds residents never to rake leaves into the street or city storm drains in accordance with Sec. 3-7-2 of the city's Municipal Code.

For more information, contact City Hall at 970.240.1400 or visit www.CityOfMontrose.org.

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GIVING CLUB TO MEET NOV. 6 @ THE BRIDGES

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MONTROSE-On Monday, Nov. 6, The Giving Club meets Nov. 6, 5:30pm at the Bridges. Open to all women who are interested in supporting local charities, learning about our community, and who are willing to spend \$100. Our last recipient from our August meeting was the Academic Booster Club, which won \$13,800.

VETERANS RESOURCE TOUR & TOWN HALL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-VA Western Colorado Heath Care System is Hosting a Veterans Resource Tour and Town Hall on Nov. 1. VRT Noon to 4pm; Town Hall 4:15pm to 5:15pm at the Montrose County Event Center (1036 N 7th St Montrose, CO 81401). Veteran Resource Tour connects Veterans with a variety of services and resources provided by the VA, such as the PACT ACT, Healthcare enrollment, VA benefits, and other Veteran organizations. Town Hall meetings are an opportunity for VA leadership to provide updates on VA-specific topics and engage in a Q&A session with Veterans and other stakeholders.



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NON PROFIT SPOTLIGHT: COLORADO KAT COALITION

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Above, Liam was rescued thanks to Colorado KAT Coalition. Courtesy photo.

and they are doing well over that with more than 350 completed surgeries in September-October. One of the groups they work with had this to say:



"When I first moved to Montrose in July of this year, I noticed there were MANY cats/kittens in my new neighborhood. The few people feeding them had tried to get some help to no avail. KAT was organizing as a new TNR nonprofit, and they jumped right in to help. Between them

helping to coordinate, provide traps/supplies, answering numerous questions

and supporting our neighbors, we have been able to TNR 45 cats in the month of September alone. It's an ongoing process but we are making huge progress. The KAT team is truly amazing and are so special in what they are doing for our community. "

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Colorado KAT Coalition is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that operates solely on donations. 100% goes towards veterinary care and spay/neuter services. EIN # 47-2664132 To support Colorado KAT Coalition or volunteer, please email Chauncey Edwards at COKATLADY@gmail.com.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

UNIFY MONTROSE PROCESS WAS NOT ABOUT DELIBERATION, IT WAS ABOUT PERSUASION

Letter to Editor:

Several months ago I applied and was selected to become a delegate for the newly formed Unify America/Montrose group. This position was advertised as a group that was to represent the citizens of Montrose in the search for solutions to our communities child care challenges. This deliberative process was supposed to give delegates a chance to learn about the problem and come up with solutions that would be acceptable to our community.

Upon attending the first meeting, I was surprised to learn that Unify America/Montrose was a newly created tax exempt organization that was formed by a millionaire from Chicago who made his fortune selling video games. His team was comprised of a line up of young individuals who also have no apparent experience in child care or public policy. If anything, they seemed to be more adept at lobbying and selling ideas. And boy did they have some ideas.

Before I get into the ideas, I want to point out that we were told we were amidst of a child care crisis here in Montrose. A crisis that is supported by a study was done during Covid while the state of Colorado was on lock down. This study was conducted by Root Policy Research out of Colorado Springs at a cost of \$39,000 to Montrose taxpayers. The study concluded that we had a shortfall of 148 child care spots in Montrose County. Roughly .17%

of the State of Colorado's shortfall according to a similar study done post covid. Yes, that is less than 1% of Colorado's shortfall. As the weeks went on we delegates were presented with professionally scripted, studio quality videos performed by actors on how they thought we should tackle our child care crisis. We were never asked about our ideas rather what we thought of theirs. After watching these videos we were given a few minutes each to comment but rarely had the time to discuss anything in any meaningful way. And all of a sudden we began to realize that this process was not about deliberation, it was about persuasion.

Here is an example. Every week our videos remind us of our common goal. A common goal that was never discussed with the delegates, never deliberated upon, and never voted on. It was thrust upon us by the folks at Unify America/Montrose and repeated until it was generally accepted by the delegates as

"Our Common Goal". Here it is.

"Every Parent or Guardian in Montrose shall have access to safe, affordable, and enriching childcare, so they can work, attend school, or otherwise contribute to our community."

Does this mean you are a bad person if you don't agree with this Common Goal? Of course not. This statement is far too broad and is likely to lead to an additional social program or entitlement that will

ultimately lead to higher taxes or fees to our already stressed taxpayers.

If you are reading this you might be wondering, why is this delegate coming forward before this process is even completed? It is because my small group of delegates have found the research conducted to be flawed, the numbers they are providing to be sloppy, and the people involved seem to have an agenda.

I am coming forward to ask the people of Montrose to be vigilant. Ask questions of those who support this organization that has descended on our community. Ask yourself, why would a Chicago millionaire be spending over \$1,000,000 in a small western slope town where he has never lived and has no plans to live? What qualifies them to be influencing public policy in our community. Who is going to pay for the ideas they are proposing? What about affordable housing, crime, drug addiction, mental health, and homelessness?

Be vigilant Montrose. We live in a great community. It's not perfect, but we certainly are better than most and we are perfectly capable of coming together and solving our own problems without out of state assistance.

Go to our Facebook group "Montrose Delegate Group" to continue this discussion and learn more.

*Scott Mijares,
Unify America/Montrose Delegate*



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SAN MIGUEL COUNTY CLERK ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION *BOCC will appoint successor following a public process*

Special to the Mirror

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY--- San Miguel County Clerk and Recorder, Stephannie Van Damme, announced that she would be stepping down from her elected post, effective January 5, 2024. Van Damme has worked in the clerk's office since 2007 and was first elected to lead the office in 2018. Citing personal reasons, she tendered her resignation to the Board of County Commissioners in executive session Wednesday, October 11.

Commissioners Lance Waring, Kris Holstrom and Anne Brown were effusive in their praise for Van Damme's work at the clerk's office, which provides a host of services to county residents, including motor vehicle registration, marriage licenses and real property records, as well as running elections.

"Stephannie has been a delight to work with," said District 3 Commissioner, Kris Holstrom. "The commitment to caring and knowledge she brought to the county have been stellar. She will be sorely missed, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors."

District 1 Commissioner, Anne Brown said she enjoyed a working relationship with Van Damme even before being appointed to the BOCC in May. Brown served as an election judge under Van Damme in recent elections.

"Stephannie has long served San Miguel County with intelligence, integrity, grit and grace, always, and also during more recent times when the importance of an unquestionably secure and fair election, accurate record keeping, and respectful public interface are paramount," Brown said. "On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I extend our deepest gratitude to Stephannie for 16 years of tireless work and selfless public service. She will be missed!"

Van Damme started her long career in 2007 with the county under Clerk Peggy Nerlin, who stressed the importance of all staff members being cross-trained in the

various services offered to the public. Van Damme, under Nerlin's successor, Clerk Kathleen Erie, then stepped up to Deputy Clerk and took a larger role in running elections. The breadth of that training prepared her well for running for the post when Erie decided not to run for re-election. Heading into this year's election — now her final election as clerk — Van Damme expressed gratitude for her staff and for her dedicated team of election judges.

"I am very proud of, and grateful to both past and current staff that have continually stepped up to the task, whatever that may be, through some very trying and stressful times," Van Damme said. "I am particularly proud of our team's ability to work through all of the challenges of COVID shutdowns, maintaining our services to the public throughout, and somehow managing to conduct 3 elections throughout it all, including the 2020 Presidential election. While my staff played a very important role in keeping our services available to the greatest extent possible, I will forever have so much gratitude for all of our amazing election judges who were just as determined as the staff and I to take every step necessary to run what was truly the most challenging election, with the highest turnout, in a super-efficient, secure, and transparent manner. Election judges are the backbone of our election system in Colorado, and we all owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their work, especially in the current climate."

Leading this crucial department has always been a source of pride for Van Damme, but what she will miss most is serving the public.

"One of the things about working at the clerk's office that I enjoyed the most when I first started was the opportunity to engage with, and assist so many of our residents, from every end of the county and from all walks of life," she said. "The challenge of assisting folks with difficult or

intimidating processes, and the rewards of seeing those through to completion is the most rewarding part of the job. I still feel that way today, as I plan to leave the office, the thing I will miss the most is this day-to-day engagement with our community, friends and neighbors."

It now falls to the BOCC to appoint her successor. The board promises an open and transparent process, one it has executed in the recent past with the recent appointments of County Assessor, Sarah Enders and County Treasurer, Brandi Hatfield.

"We had the honor of appointing the last two elected official vacancies in San Miguel County and will be treating this elected position appointment with the same transparency and respect that our citizens deserve," said District 2 Commissioner, Lance Waring. "To do that, we'll be putting out an internal and external advertisement shortly, to fulfill the remaining three years of Stephannie's term. The Board of County Commissioners will evaluate and then interview the applicants in order to identify the person with the best knowledge, experience and passion to step into this very important role."

Even as she casts her eyes to the future, Van Damme said she is confident that the public will continue to receive the same stellar and efficient service it has come to expect.

"I will leave behind the most committed team of deputies that I have had the pleasure of working with," she said. "I have full confidence that they have both the knowledge and ability to continue providing services with the 'small town' friendly efficiency people expect from the Clerk's office. The Board of County Commissioners will be tasked with appointing a replacement, and I have no doubt this board will work to find not only a suitable replacement, but an excellent replacement. Thank you to our entire community for your trust and support over the years. It has been a true honor to serve you."

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The Red Hawks dominated the rest of the second period scoring twice. Blake Griffin's 7-yard touchdown run and senior Austin Zimmer's 6-yard middle reverse moved the half time score to 29-6. The Red Hawks threw the ball efficiently with senior Alonzo Trujillo and senior Cash Vang making critical catches to keep the drive alive.

The third quarter featured a long drive by the Red Hawks that took over six minutes and resulted in a 7-yard touchdown run by Austin Zimmer, his second, advancing the score to 36-6.

The fourth quarter was highlighted by quarterback Gage Wareham throwing a 68-yard touchdown pass to Jaxon Killen to cap the Red Hawks scoring, 43-6. The Grizzlies scored a late touchdown to make the final score 43-12. The Red Hawks passing game was very efficient on Friday evening. One fan commented that Wareham was Montrose High School's version of the "strong arm" after his performance against Mesa Ridge.

The Montrose football season comes down to one final game, a road trip to Pueblo to take on the Cyclones of Pueblo West High School for basically all the marbles and a league championship. The Cyclones are 6-3 overall and 2-1 in league play after defeating Coronado. The Red Hawks control their own destiny. A win over Pueblo West on Friday will cement the league title for the Red Hawks and send the team into the playoffs on an 8-game win streak. The playoffs loom. Stay tuned.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

PLEASE VOTE FOR TOM WEST, ERIK WESTESEN AND JODY HOVDE

Editor—

As a retired public school teacher of 32 years, 22 of which occurred at Montrose High School, I am an advocate for and supporter of public school education. Public taxes support and protect the separation of church and state. If you choose to enroll your child in a private school, that is your decision as is paying the accompanying tuition. Transferring public taxation funds to private or religious institutions—to follow the child—is not an option and must never occur. Please vote for Tom West, Erik Westesen and Jody Hovde. All three support the freedom and challenge of public education without the tethers of teaching any religion.

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West Central Public Health Partnership surveyed your community to learn what the big issues are, and each of the public health department's ability to address those issues. We've chosen Behavioral and Mental Health as our top priority to address over the next 5 years (2024-2029). Below you'll see our goal and strategies to address Behavioral and Mental Health issues.

Please give us your feedback: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wcphpphip>

Community Health Assessment

- In the Fall of 2022, we gathered data from big data sets, collected 1,929 surveys, and interviewed 83 agency members across the region.
- We asked about home life, access to healthcare, health insurance, childcare, citizenship housing, behavioral and mental health, food security, aging in place, and demographics
- Behavioral and Mental Health was the top concern and our chosen priority for the region. To learn more about the data visit <https://www.wcphp.org/20222023-data>

Behavioral and Mental Health Goal & Strategies

Our **goal** is to improve behavioral and mental health by **promoting holistic individual and community well-being** by **building confidence** and **trust** in the **public health system** to improve behavioral health outcomes.

Strategy #1 Internal education: Educate all local public health staff in the six counties on behavioral and mental health conditions and on available behavioral and mental health resources.

Strategy #2 External education: Educate and engage the public about behavioral and mental health topics.



EL PLAN DE MEJORA DE SALUD PÚBLICA

La Asociación de Salud Pública del Centro Oeste estudio a la comunidad para aprender sobre los grandes problemas que existen, y sobre la capacidad de cada departamento de salud pública para enfrentar a esos problemas. Decidimos enfocarnos en la salud mental y en la conducta como nuestra primera prioridad para resolver en los siguientes cinco años (2024-2029). Abajo veras nuestras metas y estrategias para solucionar los problemas de la salud mental y de conducta.

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- Les preguntamos sobre la vida casera, la accesibilidad de salud médica, el seguro médico, el cuidado de niños, asuntos de ciudadanía, la salud mental y de conducta, la insuficiencia alimenticia, el envejecimiento en el lugar, y la demografía.
- La salud mental y de conducta fue la máxima preocupación y las escogimos como prioridad para la región. Para aprender más sobre los datos visite al:
<https://www.wcphp.org/20222023-data>

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MONTROSE RED HAWKS SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Cliff Dodge

SOCCER: The Montrose Red Hawks soccer team closed out their regular season by splitting a pair of games, one at home and the final match on the road. The Red Hawks hosted the Steamboat Springs Sailors in a non-league match and defeated the visitors 6-1. Goal scorers for the Red Hawks included junior Christopher Gonzalez-Muniz (two goals), senior Thomas Chandler (two goals) and junior Axel Marquez (two goals). Senior Gael Vizcarra led the Red Hawks with two assists. Sophomore goal tender Jude Carlton saved three of the four shots he faced in the net. The Red Hawks traveled to Durango on Tuesday and ended up on the losing end of a 2-0 match with the Demons. The match was close throughout. The Demons scored one goal in the first half and added a clinching marker in the second half for the 2-0 victory. The Red Hawks finished the regular season with 6 wins, 6 losses and 3 ties. Their league record finished with two wins, three losses and three ties. The playoffs loom. The latest Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) has the Montrose Red Hawks ranked 21st in the state. The top 32 teams will qualify for a berth in the regional playoffs, with the top dozen teams heading for the State Championships. The High School Activities Association will hold their seeding meeting on Monday, Oct. 23rd with the release of the pairings around 11 AM. The normal seedings are #1 hosts #32, # hosts #31 etc. The Red Hawks will probably be paired with a team somewhere in the neighborhood of visiting #10 through #15. Stay tuned.

VOLLEYBALL: League Champions - The Montrose Red Hawks, on a festive Senior Night, rewarded the seven seniors with a dominating victory over the Fruita-

Monument Wildcats by the score of 3-0. With the victory the Red Hawks clinched the league championship as they were undefeated in league play with an unblemished 8-0 record. It took only a short while for the Red Hawks to finally get their offense in gear and when they did, they never took their foot off the gas pedal. The Red Hawks tied the first match at 13-13 and then pulled away and outscored the Wildcats 12-4 down the stretch claiming the victory 25-17. The Red Hawks then rolled 25-15 and 25-18 to win the match 3-0. Head Coach Shane Forrest made several comments after the game. "What is exciting about this team is that we have weapons at every position so we don't just rely on just one big hitter, we spread the ball around. Lots of our hitters get the opportunity and they perform." Sophomore Maggie Legg led the Red Hawks with 16 kills. Senior Jadyn Hall had 8 while Senior Madison Lucero chipped in with 5. Senior Logan Matoush led the Red Hawks with 18 digs, while Brooke Williams, Hall and Lucero each had 6 digs. Coach Forrest talked about the upcoming schedule. "We are now in the stretch drive. We have Erie and Holy Family and the tournament at Discovery Canyon. We play South High in the opening game and they will play three more depending on how everything goes." There is still a lot of volleyball to be played. Forrest said, "The regionals are on the horizon. When we look at the rankings in 4A we are sitting at number 12. We want to be in the top dozen when the season ends in order to be able to host one of the 12 regional tournaments at our gym."

Forrest then explained, "I feel confident that whether we host a regional or go on the road, we are ready to battle. We have played well on the road during the season

and we will be ready wherever the playoff road takes us."

CROSS COUNTRY: Regionals - The Montrose boys' and girls' cross country teams represented themselves very well at the Regionals in Pueblo on Thursday, Oct. 19. The boys' team placed 3rd out of 11 schools while the girls' team captured 4th place out of nine teams. The winning team, Cheyenne Mountain and the Durango Demons finished in front of the Red Hawks. The boys' team was led by senior Elijah Echols who posted a third place time of 16:41.90 seconds. All seven of the Red Hawks runners finished in the top 54 out of 90 runners. Sophomore Vash Veatch (23rd), Junior Jose Chavez (26th), Sophomore Phin Howe (28th), Sophomore Deklan Wooden (38th), Freshman Grayson Vidmar (42ⁿ) and Sophomore Tyler Surles finished 54th. The Red Hawks will lose only Echols to graduation. The rest of the underclassmen return next season.

The Cheyenne Mountain girls' team duplicated the Cheyenne Mountain boys' team taking first place with Durango and Pueblo West in second and third place. The Red Hawks 4th place finish was led by Senior Kenzie Bush. She was followed by sophomore Millie Crain (10th), Sophomore Jaiden Bresett (26th), Senior Olivia Cook (33rd), Junior Georgia Ficco (36th) and Senior Annabelle Hawkins (56th). The following athletes have qualified for the State Championship:

Seniors: Kenzie Bush, Olivia Cook, Elijah Echols, Annabelle Hawkins

Juniors: Jose Chavez, Georgia Ficco

Sophomores: Jaiden Bresett, Millie Crane, Phin Howe, Emmy Maxwell, Tyler Surles, Vash Veatch

Freshmen: Zack Quaid, Graysen Vidmar.

Congratulations to all of the Cross Country athletes.



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CITY LOOKS AT DARK SKIES, PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE REVISIONS FOR 2024



The City has received a quote from Elliot Equipment for the purchase of a used trash truck.
Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose held back-to-back work sessions on Monday, Oct. 16. A [Citizen Interactive Work Session](#) was held at 9am, with a regular work session convening at 10am. Councilor Doug Glaspell was absent for the Citizen Interactive Work Session, but present for the regular work session. Councilor Dave Frank was present via Zoom link for both.

INTERACTIVE WORK SESSION

"This morning the topic is dark skies and lighting," Mayor Bynum said. Brian Cashion of the Black Canyon Astronomical Society was invited to visit with council and staff regarding the City's status as a dark skies community, generating an illuminating discussion. [View the session here.](#)

REGULAR WORK SESSION

The regular [work session](#) began at 10am with the introduction of new City staff.

Joining the municipal team are:

- Human Resources Generalist Jackey Vroman;
- Part-Time Animal Shelter Tech Kelly Madrid;
- Street Cleaning Operator Austin Gish;
- Pavilion & Community Events Coordinator Thomas Cenicerros;
- Police Records Technician/Incident Report Processing Harrison Hall;
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Worker Justin Messina.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion items included a presentation on the City's [recent community survey](#), conducted by ETC Institute and coordinated by City communications staffer David

Spear. An ETC Representative was present to discuss the results. The goal was 400 responses; the survey drew 413 participants from the community. Households were selected at random, representing key demographics. The stated purposes of the survey were, "To objectively assess resident satisfaction with the delivery of major city services; to help determine priorities for the community; to measure trends from the previous city survey; and to compare the city's performance with other communities regionally and nationally."

Other items discussed included a Trash Truck Repair Ratification and Used Trash Truck Purchase Ratification.

Council discussed an emergency repair to a trash and recycle refuse truck (unit number 364) for a complete engine replacement performed by Nextran Truck Center in Fruita in the amount of \$42,763. The repair was quoted at \$38,875, since there are a few unknown variables there is a 10 percent contingency included in the overall amount of \$42,763.

Background-A memo from Public Works Director Jim Scheid to Council states, "Unit 364 refuse truck was to be replaced in 2022 and the delivery of the replacement vehicle has been delayed a few times. The age of this vehicle is causing it to have major mechanical failures. Unfortunately, the replacement truck is scheduled for arrival at the end of 2024 so the refuse trucks that are in operation will need to continue until the replacements arrive. This does mean that the repair of this

truck is needed and unfortunately time is of the essence. The other trucks in operation will cover for what this truck is missing while it is down. The trash and recycle collection operation on Holiday weeks requires an additional truck be put into the routes. This is what brings this repair to the level of an emergency. Nextran is anticipating a turnaround time of about 45 days on this repair. If the repair is initiated quickly, the truck may be back into operation by Thanksgiving Holiday week. This repair is a large purchase that is not specifically mentioned in the 2023 Budget and will exceed the amount included in the Trash and Recycle Budget for unanticipated repairs. This emergency repair recommendation has been approved by City Management due to the critical nature of the repair and will be presented to the City Council for ratification of the expense."

Council also discussed the purchase of a used 2019 Peterbilt refuse truck with a Scorpion body for \$219,800 from Elliot Equipment in Commerce City.

Background-A memo from Public Works Director Jim Scheid to Council states, "The City has budgeted for and ordered a total of three refuse trucks since 2021 and due to several delays, these trucks have not arrived as of the end of 2023 and are optimistically projected for arrival in late 2024. The delay of the new trucks has severely impacted the trash and recycle collection operation that the City of Montrose provides. The trucks that were due for replacement in 2022 are wearing out and are having major breakdowns including full engine replacements. The overall maintenance cost for Trash and Recycle vehicles is up about 50 percent since 2021 and continues to climb. This situation has pushed our Fleet and Trash and Recycle divisions to research other opportunities to help remedy the operational pressures. Recently the City has received a quote from Elliot Equipment for the purchase of a used trash truck. This used truck is a 2019 Peterbilt with a scorpion body. This make and model of truck and body matches several of the other trash trucks in the fleet and is what was originally ordered in 2021. This truck would be available to the city in about 30 days which will be great timing to help with upcoming Holiday weeks. The Holiday week collections will

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CITY LOOKS AT DARK SKIES, PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE REVISIONS

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collections will be extra difficult and nearly impossible with one or more trash trucks out of operation. This purchase was authorized by City Management to allow the truck to be put on hold and delivered to Montrose as soon as possible. Since this purchase is over \$50,000 it is being presented to Montrose City Council as a ratification of the purchase due to the time sensitive nature of the purchase."

Planner II William Reis presented information on the Blowers Addition Annexation.

Background-A memo from Reis to Council notes, "The Blowers Addition is a proposed annexation approximately 15.22 acres in size. The annexation consists of three parcels located on the west side of 6450 Road, south of its intersection with Lincoln Road. It is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary, City of Montrose Sewer Service Area, and City of Montrose Water Service Area.

Annexation of this property will allow for connection to City utilities. An Annexation Agreement is required."

Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt discussed Proposed amendments to Municipal Code Section 11-7-12 related to rezoning and initial zoning of annexed property; and City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo presented information on Proposed Fee Schedule Revisions for 2024. Redlined versions of the proposed code amendments are included in the [work session packet](#), as well as a [summary of proposed revisions to the fee schedule effective Jan. 1, 2024](#). The Fee Schedule for Water, Sewer & trash shows that Water and sewer connection fees were increased by five percent; Water usage fees per 1,000 gallons were increased by five percent plus a 50-cent pass through from Project 7. Also, an E-One Pump Maintenance fee was added, and Trash and Recycling fees were increased

by 20 percent. City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg was present to speak to the need for fee increases, "...These fee increases are really only covering inflationary type increases that we're seeing, it's not really helping us save a lot of money for the future." For residential customers, the fees will increase the monthly bill by about \$7.94, depending on water usage and calculated on 3,000 gallons of water used per month, Wittenberg said.

Councilor Dave Frank said that he traveled to Denver for a Colorado Municipal League (CML) policy committee meeting. "...It was a very productive meeting...Colorado Municipal League is keeping a very close eye on pending legislation, on items that are really going to be impactful for our local community."

Wittenberg reminded all of the Budget Open House prior to the Council meeting the following day.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

A DEMOCRACY NEEDS AT LEAST A TWO-PARTY SYSTEM TO FUNCTION

Editor:

I am so disappointed in what I view as the Republican Party of today. I miss the GOP that my late father and John McCain were a part of. Both of my parents served in the US Navy during WWII. My daughter-in-law served as a medic in Iraq. All of them were proud to serve.

I feel that former President Trump has denigrated the military of our country. He calls generals (or anyone who disagrees with him, for that matter) "traitors". He has called fallen soldiers "losers" and "suckers". He has no compassion for any handicapped people, soldiers or otherwise. No wonder military enlistments are

down in numbers.

Because of his alleged crimes, he has denigrated the DOJ and FBI to the point that a lot of people find those agencies untrustworthy. The US House of Representatives has become a clown show, in my opinion. Where is the Republican Party that was respectable and *governed* for the good of the US?

Putin has invaded Ukraine. Hamas has attacked Israel. The House of Representatives is paralyzed. I believe terrorists of any stripe need to be stopped. Putin is a "Hitler" in the making. His murder of dissidents may not be as blatantly brutal as the Hamas, but it exists. It would not be sur-

prising to me to learn that Putin is behind the Hamas's attack on Israel. Pulling attention away from Ukraine certainly serves his purposes, as do his alliances with China and North Korea. There are no words to express how much I miss the former Republican Party. A democracy needs at least a two-party system to function.

We don't need an autocracy. That's what our founding fathers agreed on when they fought the Revolutionary War against the king of England. And that's what they thought when they created the US Constitution.

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GMUG SEEKS INPUT ON PROPOSED BLUE LAKES VISITOR USE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Ouray Ranger District is seeking public comment on the draft Blue Lakes Visitor Use Management Plan Environmental Assessment (EA).

The primary purpose of the proposed plan is to provide comprehensive management of visitors and to reduce visitor impacts for 16,200 acres within the Mt. Sneffels Wilderness and surrounding areas, including Mt. Sneffels Peak, Yankee Boy Basin, Blaine Basin and the lower East Dallas area. The draft EA includes a limited permit system for overnight and day use for Blue Lakes trail, Lower Blue Lake and Upper Blue Lake – both high alpine lakes that have seen a surge in popularity over the last decade. Other key features of the plan include components addressing visitor impacts to the area for camping and human waste disposal.

"The goal of this plan is to have people be able to enjoy their public lands and maintain the experience they came here for," said GMUG Ouray District Ranger Dana Gardunio. "The proposed permit system and management tools are critical to enabling us to effectively manage, restore and protect this cherished area."

The Ouray Ranger District is hosting an open house to discuss this proposal Nov. 6, 2023, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Ouray County Fairgrounds and Event Center, 22739 Hwy 550, Ridgway, Colorado. Members of the public and other interested parties are encouraged to attend to learn more about the proposal, speak to project specialists and get answers to questions.

More information about the proposal and how to submit a comment can be found on the [project website](#).

Comments must be received or post-marked no later than 45 days after the publishing of the legal notice in the Montrose Daily Press or Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, whichever publishes later.

Comments may be submitted via:

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

DO NOT BE FOOLED AND DO NOT BE BOUGHT

Dear Editor:

WE ARE NOT FOR SALE!!

I recently received a flyer from a front range advocacy group supporting a slate of candidates for our local RE-1J School Board. I was a school board member for eight years as was my wife (total 16 years) and I feel strongly that Montrose is capable of selecting a diverse school board which embraces public education and has all of our local children's best interest at heart. A little digging revealed this front range organization (Ready Colorado Action Fund IEC, Jon Anderson) has spent over \$12,000 supporting the unified list of slate of candidates, Balleck, Valerio, Oswald and Schieldt.

We need committed, open minded, school board members who will be elected by the concerned citizens of the RE-1J school district. We are more than capable of doing this.

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FURTHER RESEARCH IS NEEDED FOR CULTIVATED MEAT

To the editor,

This year's farm bill should significantly increase federal funding for cultivated-meat research. For those who don't know, cultivated meat is grown from livestock cells, without slaughter. It has the potential to dramatically reduce greenhouse-gas emissions, our pandemic risk, and the suffering we inflict on animals.

While the product is currently sold in a few high-end restaurants, further research is needed for cultivated meat to achieve price parity with slaughtered meat, which is crucial for widespread adoption. If you'd like to help pressure legislators to support this research, vis-

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION HH

Editor;

There is an important property tax proposition to be voted on Nov. 7. In 1992, Colorado voters approved the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) which amended Article X of the Colorado Constitution. It was written up by Douglas Bruce, a conservative activist. It restricts revenues for all levels of government and prevents raising tax rates without voter approval if revenues grow faster than the rate of inflation and population growth. Any revenue in excess of the TABOR limit must be refunded to taxpayers. Under TABOR so far, the state has returned more than \$2 billion to taxpayers.

Of course Democrats in the legislature hate this amendment because it limits growth of government and their irresponsible spending. Since enactment of the measure, Democrats have been working feverishly trying to figure out ways to "de Bruce" this amendment. So in the past, they have come up with complicated measures and confusing ideas to fool the people into voting to chip away at the "Bruce" Amendment. Some of the compli-

cated yes means no and no means yes ballot measures have managed to accomplish that over the years.

Now we're faced with another radical Democrat plan to chip away again at the Bruce (TABOR) Amendment. It's called Proposition HH, which was placed on the ballot by Senate Bill 303 and was drafted by Democrats in the Colorado legislature and of course at the behest of Jared Polis. This is supposedly about property tax relief. We all know how real estate values have risen the last few years which has affected property tax values. But this Prop. HH would not lower real estate taxes below what is currently being paid.

Here's where a whole slew of complicated formulas and circumstances enter the picture. Prop. HH doesn't and can't spell out how much if any an individual homeowner would save under Prop. HH because every homeowner has different circumstances. Prop. HH is supposed to blunt rising property taxes for the next ten years, but the homeowner won't know in the succeeding years whether or not a reduced rate has been given. And if so it will lower the TA-

BOR refunds to everyone.


The kicker is.....when has a Democrat ever worried about you paying too much in taxes? That should be a red flag for everyone!

Some of the big money sponsors should also be a red flag. A property relief group has raised more than \$1.1 million from an education group and a national teachers union. The NEA (National Education Association) has given \$200,000. The Colorado Education Assoc. has given \$50,000. A nonprofit associated with Polis has given \$70,000. A local philanthropy group has given \$250,000. A \$100,000 from Colorado philanthropist and Democratic donor Pat Stryker and \$60,000 from the Sixteen Thirty Fund, a national, liberal political nonprofit.

So these people behind Proposition HH are not worried about saving you any tax money.

The TABOR amendment shouldn't even be involved in this sinister plan, but it's Left's chance again to nibble away at TABOR. Vote "NO" on Proposition HH.

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose



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*Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.***

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

FPPA WOULD OFFER BETTER BENEFITS, AS WELL AS INCENTIVES TO KEEP GOOD EMPLOYEES

Editor:

In response to the letters in support of the Sheriffs office budget requests. I agree with and support Sheriff Lillard in wanting to change from Colorado Retirement Association to Fire Police and Protection. Just recently retired from the county myself, CRA is not what it used to be. FPPA would offer better benefits, as well as incentives to keep good employees. Providing a good retirement just might stop the ever ending turnover of deputies (especially with detention deputies).

It takes a special person to be in law enforcement and keep from getting burnout. Not only dealing with mostly terrible and dangerous situations, but a person that is cursing and fighting the deputy all while the deputy is helping him/her. Deputies deserve better.

Sheriff Lillard has made great strides in the changes he has made during his time as Sheriff and will continue to do so given the proper support.

Cindy David, Montrose

WHY IS MCSO BEING DENIED A BETTER RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITY?

Editor:

I attended the Thursday meeting of the presentation of the Montrose County Sheriff's budget request. I was embarrassed by the body language, facial expressions, behavior and stance of our 'beloved County Commissars'. First by their offer of a meager 4% pay raise for such essential employees in our terrible inflationary economy and secondly by the hostile look and behavior of the three at the head table. I used to have deep respect for the two men up there but that respect is gone. Their expressions resembled three pit bulls at a dog fight. I guess when you are term limited there is no need to be civil toward constituents. That said:

The Montrose County Commissioners and Sheriff Gene Lillard pledged respect. Sheriff Lillard to his credit was the true professional he is in presenting his budget request to the county commissioners, Hansen, Rash and Caddy. As reported in the press the respect part did not last long when commissioner Rash called Our Sheriff "Dishonest". I must ask, "What is honest about taking the 70% of the PSST away from the agency it was voted to go to? In addition, Hansen stated at the beginning

of the public hearing that no comment was to be had on the budget request; any comment or questions from the public was to be heard after the meeting. Wait a minute! A public matter on the table with presentations from the commissioners concerning a public finance question (our money) and no public comment on matters concerning the process or funding methods. In other words you citizens listen to us and our slanted point of view to meet our budget, do not question it in public, and we do not have to go on the public record. The lack of respect and parliamentary procedures used to shut off the public comment is appalling. To find the problem all one must do is look no further than the Commissioners themselves.

The public sales tax issue was brought forward by Sheriff Lillard. Sue Hansen stated she does not know how this matter became controversial. Here is the answer! You and the other two have made it controversial by putting your spending of the .70% of sheriff PSST money on anything and everything you want, treating it like a General Fund funding source and blowing off anyone that tells you differently. In short, most everyone one that

voted for the PSST, voted for the .70% to go to the Sheriff for his enhancement funds is either a liar, misinformed or should just bow down and believe every word that the Commissioners utter. The commissioners have gone out of their way searching for every possible reason NOT TO SUPPORT Sheriff Lillard's well studied and justified budget request on behalf of his personnel, and denied the MCSO their request for a better retirement opportunity and a decent raise. Our Commissioners have misdirected millions of dollars out of the PSST fund (AND OUT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURES) and then CLAIM they are pro law enforcement. HOGWASH! They have taken (misappropriated) PSST funds (because they can) and spent them on less urgent, nice to have items. Somewhere I heard that Public Safety is the primary purpose of government. Oh yeah? Not so it seems in Montrose County.

I could take them at their word but honestly the Commissioners no longer have any credibility.

Some great philosopher said: "Never lie to someone who trusts you; never trust someone who lies to you." Just where does this fit in this issue?

William Bennett, Montrose

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'AS A NURSE AND MOM OF THREE CHILDREN, I KNOW HOW VALUABLE EDUCATION IS FOR A SUCCESSFUL LIFE'

By Neisha Balleck

District A Candidate, Montrose County School District Board of Education

MONTROSE-My name is Neisha Balleck and I am running for the District A seat on the Montrose school board.

Having grown up on the Western Slope, I value high quality, integrity, and hard work. Montrose and Olathe, do you want students who are thriving academically? For the last 4 years, our CMAS scores for the district reveal that 75% of our students are not meeting grade level expectations in reading and math. There is growing concern in our district about addressing anxiety in kids so they can learn better. I agree children's anxiety should be addressed, but I also wonder how great their anxiety will be in life if they are unable to read or do math. I plan to focus on what our educators require in the classroom to help our children achieve mastery in these subjects.

Teachers should be provided with necessary training, consistent curriculum, and support staff.

Parents have told me that they are not receiving information from the schools about what their children should work on to progress. Families are the number one influencer in a child's academic success and we should ensure that there is clear, concise communication between parents and teachers. I have found that teachers, parents, and citizens feel comfortable sharing their concerns with me and this is the type of culture I would like to foster in our district. As a nurse and mom of three children, I know how valuable edu-

cation is for a successful life. What happens to our kids in Montrose and Olathe happens to all of us. Please join me in supporting students, parents, and teachers in

establishing a solid educational foundation for our children so they can perform well in any area of life. I am here to serve; I am here to listen; I ask for your vote.

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BOCC APPROVES RESOLUTION REGARDING HANGARS, REVISION TO ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT AT AIRPORT

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All commissioners were present as the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) held a [regular meeting](#) on Wednesday, Oct. 18. BOCC Chair Sue Hansen opened the meeting, Vice Chair Roger Rash led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Planning & Development Director Tallmadge Richmond delivered the invocation, "...We're so grateful this morning to be at the county commissioners meeting...please bless us all that thy spirit will guide us in our decisions today and in the coming weeks, that we make good choices and love one another..."

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

COUNTY MANAGER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items, with Resolution 51-2023 assigned to [Item 11](#).

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold presented for consideration [Resolution No. 52-2023](#), "authorizing and implementing application fees for construction of hangars at Montrose Regional Airport to off-set

time by County personnel in order to ensure that hangars are located in a manner which benefits the Airport and complies with relevant regulations and industry standards..."

Commissioners voted to approve Resolution 52-2023. "We have a hangar process now," Hansen said.

Also approved was the [9th \(Ninth\) Amendment Revision #2, to the On-Call Engineering Services Agreement](#) entered into 11/21/2018 with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for Design, Bidding, and Construction Services for the Terminal Expansion/Rehabilitation Construction Management and Administration...for a not to exceed amount of \$155,610 for work detailed in Exhibit A and B for a new revised total of \$1,050,678.90.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Commissioners held a public hearing before voting to approve the [Murray Waiver Request \[WV23-002\]](#) proposal for a waiver of the Montrose County Subdivision Regulations, Section 3.20.B.a: Lots in Minor Subdivisions shall have a minimum road frontage of two hundred (200) feet at Parcel 376731400072, 62874 Niagara RD.

Also approved were minor subdivisions: [Pino's Ranch Minor Subdivision \[MI23-012\]](#) proposal to divide 10.45 acres into three lots at Parcel 376508105004;

[Stillwater Estates Minor Subdivision](#)

[\[MI23-020\]](#) proposal to divide three lots from 224.787 acres at Parcel

376534100003, 59346 Spring Creek Rd;

[Adamson Minor Subdivision \[MI23-021\]](#)

[proposal](#) to divide two lots from 43+ acres at Parcel 376931401002, 68603 Oak Grove Rd;

[Franck Minor Subdivision \[MI23-023\]](#)

[proposal](#) to divide 3.340 acres into two lots at Parcel 376709200004, 11311 6450 Rd;

[The Woodlands Minor Subdivision \[MI23-024\]](#)

[proposal](#) to divide three lots from a 61.10-acre parcel at Parcel

399321100050;

[East Valley Minor Subdivision \[MI23-025\]](#)

[proposal](#) to divide 41 acres into three lots at Parcel 372313200024, 6111 6125 RD;

[Warriner Meyers Minor Subdivision \[MI23-026\]](#)

[proposal](#) to divide 10.5 acres into three lots at Parcel 404106402002, 22818 Uncompahgre RD; and

[Amended Plat of San Juan Meadows 2](#)

[Minor Subdivision Lot: 1 & 2 Combine Lots](#)

[\[AM23-002\]](#) [proposal](#) to combine two Lots

at 376733212002 & 376733212001, 357 64150 CT.

Also approved was the [Flintlock Lane](#)

[Road Dedication \[RD22-003\]](#) [proposal](#) to

dedicate Flintlock Lane at Parcel

372523304003.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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ANONYMOUS CALL

MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

U.S. MUST STOP INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES THAT ACTIVELY SUPPORT AND ENABLE TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST OUR COUNTRY

Editor:

It appears many Americans have forgotten about 9/11. Now we are more vulnerable than ever before in our history. With open borders for over two years, we KNOW we have terrorist cells all over our country now. To add to the danger, we have Hamas terrorist sympathizers throughout our country. Now more than ever it is important freedom loving Americans stand up to these savages who promote and support this inhuman behavior. It is pure evil at its worst. These people cannot be tolerated in our country. These terrorists are not human; they are worse than animals. I want to call them "animals" but that would insult animals who don't do such savagery. We know who these traitors to our country are; we've seen their faces; and where they are. They are the terrorist sympathizers in Congress, the Media, the colleges, the elites. They are fully exposed for us to confront. They are all a clear and present danger to each American citizen and our country. We need to fight back against this evil by removing these people from office, defunding colleges and universities, and not patronizing businesses who support this evil. We need to take legal actions against all these individuals and entities for promoting terrorism in our country. In reality they should be arrested, jailed and removed from our country. Where is our government to prosecute these people?? Stopping these people is not anti-free speech. They are actively supporting and enabling terrorist attacks against our country. They are the EXACT OPPOSITE of what we as a people in America stand for and believe. We are definitely closer to our next 9/11 with these people free in our country. What is our government going to do????

Carol McBride, Montrose

COUNTY BUDGET MEETING WAS DECIDEDLY ONE-SIDED

Editor:

The BOCC page on the County website encourages the public "to attend meetings and to ask any questions they may have and to offer input." Being open to such public input on county issues can certainly be viewed by the taxpaying public as true transparency in our local government. Sadly, such was not the case last week.

Thursday last the BOCC conducted a public meeting for a presentation by Sheriff Lillard on his proposed budget package. In attendance was a standing room only crowd consisting of Sheriff deputies / em-

ployees and members of the general public. In an opening statement it was noted that there would be "no public comment" and if anyone had questions they could see them later after the meeting. Remember folks this was a public meeting addressing how the County is spending your tax dollars, but public comments or concerns were not welcome.

When members of the audience reminded commissioners this was a public meeting and the commissioners need to be open and transparent, the intimidation began when one commissioner threatened to have attendees wishing to speak

arrested.

The budget meeting was decidedly one-sided and the public was shown nothing but disdain and disrespect to the point that one commissioner even called the Sheriff dishonest. To his credit the Sheriff remained professional in presenting his budget requests.

Those concerned taxpayers who were denied the opportunity to publicly ask questions or make comments might consider sharing their concerns publicly through Letters to the Editor (montrosemirror@gmail.com.)

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“Teller County’s Clerk notified the Department that the county’s ballot printing and mailing vendor sent an incorrect ballot to some Teller County voters. Affected voters will be sent a new ballot. The Department will continue to work with the Teller County Clerk to provide the support and oversight needed to carry out the 2023 Coordinated Election.”

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ULIBARRI VOTES NO ON RIVERWAY TRAIL LANDSCAPING EXPENSE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All City councilors were present, with Councilor Dave Frank attending by Zoom for the regular Montrose City Council meeting of Tuesday, Oct. 17. Mayor Barbara Bynum opened the meeting and led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Executive Director Joey Montoya Boese and Founder Maya Haynes of PEER Kindness joined Mayor Bynum for a proclamation designating October 2023 as Bullying Prevention Month.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve minutes of the Oct. 2, 2023 special city council meeting and the Oct. 3, 2023 regular city council meeting.

ORDINANCE 2643 - FIRST READING

As discussed previously in work session, Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2643 on First Reading, adding new sections 5, 6, and 7 to Title 1 Chapter 9 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose, Colorado concerning campaign finance regulations for the City of Montrose Municipal Elections.

Background-A memo from City Attorney Ben Morris and City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo states, "In response to House Bill 23-1245 which becomes effective January 1, 2024, proposed changes are requested regarding campaign finance requirements for municipal elections. Home rule municipalities can operate under the existing statutes, set their own policies and procedures, or opt to have no requirements. Adoption of Ordinance 2643 would exempt municipal candidates from contribution limits imposed by the new legislation and would enact the changes outlined below:

-Changes to reporting dates: Required donation and expenditure reports will be due on March 15, March 31, and May 5. If an account remains open, annual reports will be due on May 5.



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-Retention of required reports: Reports will be kept for 10 years from the date of filing, and for six years after a successful candidate leaves office.

-Establishment of a complaint procedure: A new section would be added to the Municipal Code outlining a complaint procedure and associated penalties.

"All other aspects of municipal elections and campaign finance would remain unchanged."

ORDINANCE 2644 - FIRST READING

Also approved unanimously was Ordinance 2644 on First Reading, repealing and replacing Title 6 Chapter 1 Section 21 (6-1-21) regarding unreasonable noise.

OTTER POND DAM WATER AND SEWER RELOCATION EXPENSE AUTHORIZATION

Mayor Bynum recused from the discussion and vote; the remaining councilors voted to approve \$370,000 in reimbursement expenditures payable to Mountain Valley Contracting for the relocation of City water and sewer utilities around the Otter Pond Dam replacement project. Background [information](#) is included in the [meeting packet](#).

SANITARY SEWER CIP3 PHASE I DESIGN CONTRACT

Council voted unanimously to award a professional services contract award to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of \$124,200 for completion of the Sanitary Sewer CIP3 Project Phase I design.

UNCOMPAHGRE RIVERWAY TRAIL LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS EXPENSE AU-

THORIZATION

With Councilor Ed Ulibarri voting no, Council approve the award of \$100,000 in reimbursement expenditures for completion of landscaping improvements alongside the Uncompahgre Riverway Trail north of North 9th Street.

Said Ulibarri, "...to be honest, in all good conscience I can't support this, based on the fact after listening to yesterday's (survey) report of citizen satisfaction, and there were some concerns about traffic, and sidewalks, and roads, and we're spending \$100K in landscape to help a business, when I drive around town and I find that some corners don't have handicapped ramps on 'em, the streets have pipes that are up above almost the sidewalk, and I just feel that we should be spending more of our money...that new amount...is just barely adequate enough to maintain the sidewalks and roads at their current levels, and according to the city satisfaction, that's not appropriate."

Councilor J. David Reed said, "I respectfully disagree...this is on the public right of way, on the public trail...in our proposed budget for 2024 we are addressing the needs that you are talking about, and granted they are serious needs...we also have an obligation, when we talk about the health, safety and welfare of our community, is to continue to beautify it and make it attractive to people...I think this is an appropriate expenditure of the city's funds."

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ULIBARRI VOTES NO ON RIVERWAY TRAIL LANDSCAPING EXPENSE

From previous pg

Background-A memo from City Engineer Scott Murphy to Council notes, "...The first major development to occur immediately alongside accessible portions of the Uncompahgre River within Colorado Outdoors is the Shelter Distillery project... As part of the Shelter Project, they will be creating a patio area on their lot to be used for foodservice, lawn games, and concert events... it is now worthwhile to create a complementary space on the public portion of the trail...The 2024 budget included \$100k for the trailside improvements on the City's public tract. If the contractor is able to start this fall, it is anticipated that approximately \$20k of this total would be spent in 2023. As necessary, available budget savings from other projects or a budget supplement would be utilized to fund the 2023 portions of the project. The total expenditure would not exceed \$100k between both years' funding."

STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the Sales, Use & Excise Tax Report; Murphy gave an update on streets and answered questions. "...We are done paying for the year," he said.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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High Priority (IS 10 - 20)						
Quality of economic development efforts	32%	4	41%	11	0.1855	4
Medium Priority (IS < 10)						
Quality of police services	29%	5	68%	6	0.0931	5
Effectiveness of city communication with public	16%	8	49%	10	0.0787	6
Quality of city parks & open spaces	28%	6	76%	4	0.0672	7
Management of stormwater runoff & flood prevention	13%	9	54%	8	0.0608	8
Quality of tourism/community promotion services	11%	10	51%	9	0.0524	9
Quality of drinking water	19%	7	83%	3	0.0316	10
Quality of municipal court services	4%	14	39%	12	0.0221	11
Quality of services at the Montrose Pavilion	5%	13	65%	7	0.0161	12
Customer service provided by city employees	5%	12	70%	5	0.0157	13
Trash, recycling, & yard waste collection	9%	11	87%	1	0.0114	14
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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

TIME FOR CHANGE

Editor:

Regarding the three letters in the Saturday edition of the *Daily Press* from Benziger, Morgenstern and Schneider, written in support of the status quo candidates for RE1J school board, we believe the following: the status quo means continuing low achievement by our students, low CMAS scores (before and after Covid), low teacher morale, little discussion of issues voted on by the Board, and discouragement of parental/constituent involvement in issues affecting the education of children in the district. Flyers from Ready Colorado are simply informing voters of the positions held by the conservative candidates running for the school board. As the saying goes, you're either part of the problem or part of the solution! Please vote for improving the education of our children... VOTE FOR THE SOLUTION... Schieldt, Balleck, Oswald and Valerio will make much-needed positive change in MCSD.

Jim and Becky Waugh, Montrose residents

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GUNNISON COUNTY SHERIFF NEWS RELEASE & UPDATE

Special to the Mirror

GUNNISON-Late afternoon Monday, October 16, 2023, a Gunnison Sheriff's Office deputy attempted to contact a vehicle that was stolen out of the City of Gunnison earlier on this day. The driver/suspect of the stolen vehicle attempted to ram the fully marked patrol unit as it sped off towards Highway 92 on Highway 50 in Gunnison County. The deputy pursued the suspect at which time entered through Montrose County and into Delta County on Highway 92. Delta County deputies deployed tire deflating devices near Crawford Colorado. The vehicle continued through Hotchkiss where Delta deputies deployed another set of tire deflation devices. Both tires on the driver's side were

successfully deflated by this time but the vehicle continued on the back roads of Delta County. This suspect attempted to ram numerous Delta and Montrose deputies during this incident. The vehicle was located unoccupied near the Delta/Montrose County line just east of Highway 50. As in any of these types of incidents, it is necessary to take in all the information to make good decisions as to continue the attempt to apprehend a suspect or not. In this case with the purposeful driving actions of the suspect it was clear that the suspect was attempting to utilize his vehicle as a weapon to injure not only law enforcement but members of the public as well. A great appreciation goes out to the Delta County Sheriff's Office, Delta Police

Department and Montrose County Sheriff's Office for the assistance given in this case. We will continue to investigate this in order to find this person who has no regard for people's lives or the safety of others.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Adam W. Murdie

-Update 10/19/23 12:45PM*****The suspect in this case has been identified as Colostrio Serrano-Lopez, a 33-year-old male approximately 5'5" tall and weighing 150lbs. If you have any information as to the whereabouts of this person, please contact the Gunnison County Sheriff's Office at 970-641-1113 or your local law enforcement agency. All persons identified are innocent until proven guilty.*



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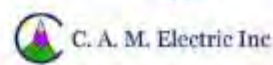
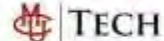
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During Special Forces training Nate was Jump Qualified and certified in hand-to-hand combat. Nate could never say NO and volunteered for every mission that came up. His service saw his Green Beret unit placed in areas of extreme danger, with their objective to operate in a non-detectable manner. Their favorite mode of transportation was to drop in by chopper or to chute into undisclosed target rich environments. One of Nate's least favorite memories he shared was the unending monsoon rains and abundance of bugs everywhere. His favorite weapon was a pump 4 gauge shotgun. Nate's military service was for three years.

After Nate's time in the military, he returned to Montrose as a store clerk, then working for the US Postal Service from which he retired after 31 years. After retiring from USPS, Nate drove a truck for 15 years for Heliquest, a Canadian helicopter company. Nate was a Lifetime Member of Montrose Elks Lodge#1053 and enjoyed helping others less fortunate.

Rest In Peace Nate: Born January 16, 1941 - Died October 15, 2023



Silver wings upon their chest
These are men, America's best
One hundred men will test today
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Trained to live off nature's land
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Men who fight by night and day
Courage take from the Green Berets

Silver wings upon their chest
These are men, America's best
One hundred men will test today
But only three win the Green Beret

Back at home, a young wife waits
Her Green Beret has met his fate
He has died for those oppressed
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Put silver wings on my son's chest
Make him one of America's best
He'll be a man they'll test one day
Have him win the Green Beret

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

JAMES NATHAN BLACK JR January 16, 1941-October 15, 2023



JAMES NATHAN BLACK JR., 82, of Montrose, Colorado passed away on Sunday, October 15, 2023. Nathan was born January 16, 1941, to James Nathan Black, Sr. and Hattie Mae Hobbs Black in Durango, Colorado. He graduated from Montrose High School in 1959. Nate married Mary Adele Braithwaite on April 16, 1966.

Following high school, Nate attended Mesa College until he reported for infantry training at Fort Ord, California in 1961. He would subsequently serve on active duty with the United States Army special forces for three years and three additional years

in the Army Reserve. After being honorably discharged, Nate got a job at Ideal Food Market where he met Mary Braithwaite whom he would be married to for 57 years.

To support his young family Nate took a job as a rural route carrier with the United States Postal Service. He would work his way up to be postal supervisor in Montrose and temporarily served as acting postmaster in Clifton, eventually retiring in the early 2000s. During his long career with the Post Office, Nate also worked with the team that implemented the nine-digit zip code.

A lifelong member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E. 1053), Nathan was very active in the lodge, coordinating various events such as annual East Egg Hunts, Mother's Day Brunches, and Christmas/New Year's celebrations as well as serving on scholarship committees. Working his way through the officer positions, Nathan eventually served as Exalted Ruler in his local lodge (1995-1996). He continued to participate in lodge activities like organizing an annual Flag Ceremony, until his death.

Devoted to his children and grandchildren, Nate volunteered as Little League, Pigtail League, and Babe Ruth assistant coach, assistant Scout Master, and though not an avid swimmer himself, his weekends were spent ferrying children to swim

meets and working as a stoke judge in local meets. He enjoyed exploring, camping, jeeping, and hunting in the San Juan Mountains and along the Uncompahgre Plateau.

Nathan's greatest passion was his family. A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Nate was preceded in death by his wife Mary Adele Braithwaite Black, his grandson, Robert Black and his brother Jack Black. Nate is survived by his sons Thane Black and Chad Black, wife Georgette; his daughter Dawn Black, husband Clark; four of his five grandchildren: Chad Black, Tasha Black, Emma Black, and Eugene Black and two step grandchildren: Dustin Stroud and Cordell Stroud; seven great grandchildren; three brothers: LeRoy Black, Charles Black, and Glen Black; and his lovely sister (Sissy), Marie Black.

A Memorial Service was held Friday at the Montrose Elk's Lodge, 801 S. Hillcrest Dr., Montrose, Co. A private ceremony for family members followed by his burial will be held in Cedar Creek Cemetery on Monday, 23 October.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Nathan's name to Hope West at <https://www.hopewestco.org/memorial-gifts/> who provided such loving care to his beloved wife. Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose assisting the family. (970) 249-2121

Now more than ever...

Thank you for reading

THE MONTROSE MIRROR

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

EUBALDO MANUEL LOPEZ

September 3, 1949-October 12, 2023



EUBALDO MANUEL LOPEZ, born Sept 3, 1949 was a resident of Montrose, Colorado, passed away on Thursday Oct 12th. He was very sick with an illness he fought for a while. He finally lost his battle and got his angel wings. His parents were Manuel Lopez and Frances. He has three brothers; Carlos Guara: Denver, Co, Romolo and his wife Ofelia Lopez; Rudy Lopez wife Lydia Lopez: three sister Lucinda Mascarenas, Kathy Lovato husband Gary Lovato: Christine Herrera Lopez Husband Micheal Herrera. He has three sons, Brian Lopez & Lori: Morgan & Sheryl Owen's Robert Owens. His hobbies were fishing and hunting. He was a miner most of his life. We would like you to join us at the Crippin Funeral Home Chapel for a Celebration of Life on October 21, 2023, at 10AM with a Visitation being held on October 19th from 5PM – 7PM. My Brother had great grandchildren, grandchildren, nephews, and nieces that are going to miss him. Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose is assisting the family. (970) 249-2121.

HAZEL ELLEN SEARS

April 30, 1922- September 9, 2023

HAZEL ELLEN SEARS, 101 years old, passed away on September 9, 2023 in Montrose Colorado at her daughter Beverly and son-in-law Orland's home. She was born in Macon Georgia on April 30, 1922 to her parents James and Mattie Adams. As a baby, they moved back to Texas where she was raised. She was second to the youngest of five children. She married her first husband Paul Dittman of Baytown Texas where they raised their six children. They were married 28 years with travels taking them to Africa, Aruba and Puerto Rico.

She continued her life in Annapolis Maryland for about 42 years. She met her husband Russell Sears a native of Annapolis. They were married 18 years and traveled their lives together to all 50 states and some many times.

After the passing of her husband in February 2010 she traveled in their motorhome visiting family in Waco, Texas and Denham Springs, Louisiana, for 3.5 years. Then in 2014 she moved in with her Daughter to Bailey Colorado and then on to Montrose Colorado in July of 2018 where she resided

with her daughter until her passing.

She was a volunteer with West Annapolis Volunteer Fire Dept. for 39 years and was President of the Ladies Auxiliary for a few years; she also was a volunteer with the Maryland State Police with her husband a number of years and a member of the Elks Lodge #622 in Annapolis, Maryland. Hazel lived a full and happy life. She was a very special, kind and sweet lady and loved very much by all who knew her. She had many jobs throughout her life, but she said the happiest times of her life were raising her six children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; James William Adams & Mattie Lena Adcock Adams, one sister, Altus L. Kight, three brothers; Steven R. Adams, James C. Adams, and Harold W. Adams, three children; Garry Lee Dittman, Pauletta L. Dittman Mamo and Rosalie Ellen Dittman Sewall Maine, and her husbands Paul Dittman and Russell Sears.

She is survived by her three children; Beverly D. Frey and husband Orland of Montrose, Colorado, Mattie Shilling of Liberty,

Mississippi, Larry P. Dittman of St. Augustine, Florida, two step-children; Alice A. Myers and husband Bob of Arnold, Maryland, Russell O. Sears and wife

Louise of Riva, Maryland. Also surviving numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Hazel will be laid to rest next to her husband Russell Sears at a later date in Annapolis Maryland. Crippin Funeral Home in Montrose is assisting the family. (970) 249-2121



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ART & SOL



WHO HAS THE BEST BBQ IN TOWN? A FACE-OFF CHALLENGE!

By Carole Ann McKelvey

MONTROSE – Okay, this is a tough one. BBQ is really a spectator sport. Most can't even agree on what constitutes the best BBQ sauce to begin with. Like it hot? Or not.

So, my son, Ian, and I wanted to test the BBQ waters in Montrose to see who might end up on top.

Now, you can get BBQ here in Montrose at chain restaurants (there are those baby back ribs at Chili's!) and other local spots. But only three places actually put it in their name and brag on their BBQ expertise.

Jimmer's, Blue Ribbon Bar-B-Que, and Rib City. Jimmer's and Rib City are brick and mortar spots and Blue Ribbon a food cart located in the US Bank parking lot on South Townsend.

My son and I disagree on this one. I like Jimmer's, not just for the food and drink, but the atmosphere. Ian thinks the brisket at Blue Ribbon is juicier and more tender. Rib City? Well, not in the competition as far as I'm concerned. I will give you this, the brisket at Blue Ribbon is outstanding.

Frankly, you know me, I like to sit down with a nice drink and eat dinner out. At

Blue Ribbon it's all take-out baby. No ambiance, no alcohol. Take it home or choose to eat under the umbrella at a picnic bench. No go in my book. But Ian, he's a BBQ connoisseur like his late father (is there such a thing?) and picks Blue Ribbon.

So, the other night we go out to Jimmer's. Ian orders the 2-meat platter and coleslaw and I go for the smoked turkey sandwich, with fried okra please/ranch on the side (hey, I'm a Southern girl at heart). I wash mine down with a lovely house margarita, no salt please! Jimmer's is low key and you can opt to do it up big (I'm talking prime rib & steaks here) or settle into the casual atmosphere and rip off a paper towel napkin – trust me, you're going to need 'em.

Jimmer's menu has many options you don't get at take-out places. Price-wise Jimmer's is a little more expensive but worth it in my book.

JIMMERS MENU:

Starters:

Chips & Queso; Green chili queso, salsa, and chips 7.99; Jalapeno Bottle Caps, battered and fried sliced jalapenos with ranch. 9.99; Smoked Wings; Jumbo smoked wings tossed in a choice of

wing sauces. 5 wings, 8.99, 10 wings, 15.99; 6-pack Fried Ribs, Crispy St. Louis ribs tossed in a choice of wing sauces, 14.49;

Loaded Cheesy Fries, choice of pulled pork brisket, or turkey sour cream, and green onions. 14.99; Pickle Fries, Battered and fried dill pickles with ranch. 10.99; Fried Okra, Crispy and golden brown with ranch. 9.49

BBQ Meats:

Pulled Pork, ¼ LB 5.99 – ½ LB 10.99 – 1 LB 18.99; Turkey Breast, ¼ LB 6.49 – ½ LB 11.99 – 1 LB 21.99; Beef Brisket, ¼ LB 6.59 – ½ LB 12.99 – 1 LB 24.99; Elk Bratwurst / Spicy Cheddar Link, 1 Link 5.99 – 2 Links 10.99 – 4 Links 20.49; Burnt Ends, ¼ LB 7.99 – ½ LB 14.99 – 1 LB 27.49; St. Louis Ribs, 2- Bone 5.29 – ½ Rack 14.99 – Full Rack 26.49

Feasts:

Half Feast, ¼ LB each of pulled pork, brisket, and turkey. ½ rack of ribs, 2 savory sides, and 2 cornbread loaves. 39.99; Full Feast, ½ LB each of pulled pork, brisket, and turkey. Full rack of ribs, 3 savory sides, and 4 cornbread loaves. 74.29; Giant Feast, ½ LB each of pulled pork, brisket, turkey, and burnt ends. 2 racks of ribs, 4 sausage links, 4 large savory sides, and

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and 10 cornbread loaves. 170.49

Sides \$2.59

Baked Beans

Green Beans

Coleslaw

Cucumber Salad

Potato Salad

French Fries

Mac & Cheese

Battered Okra

Baked Potato

Cheesy Potato

Crispy potatoes with BBQ spice and Jack Cheese

Supreme Sides: 5.19

Onion Rings

Sweet Potato Fries

Fried Pickles

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

White or brown gravy

Loaded Baked Potato, With cheese, bacon, sour cream, and green onions. 6.99;

Add Texas Toast or a Cornbread 1.89

Burgers & Sandwiches:

The Burger, 80/20 burger patties grilled to order, SINGLE 11.49 DOUBLE 14.99; Jimmer's Burger, Burger patty with American cheese, bacon, onion rings, and pig-out sauce. 14.49;

Kali Temptation Burger, Burger patty topped with brisket, pulled pork, bacon, American cheese, onion rings, and BBQ sauce. 17.99; Green Chili Burger, Served open-faced on a bun. Smothered with green chili and Jack Cheese. 15.49; Grilled Chicken is available add cheese, bacon, sautéed mushrooms, or onion 1.09; BBQ Sandwich, Choice of chopped brisket, pulled pork, or turkey on a bun. 12.99, add slaw, .99; Brisket Rueben, Marbled Rye with brisket, Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, and pig-out sauce. 14.99; Brisket French Dip, Sliced brisket on a hoagie with au jus. 14.49; Buffalo Chicken Sandwich, Chicken tenders with buffalo sauce, American cheese, lettuce, tomato and ranch. 14.49; Turkey Bacon Club, Turkey, bacon, lettuce, tomato, cheese, and mayo on Texas toast. 14.29

Favorites

Fat Boy Taco; Tortilla stuffed with cheesy potatoes and a choice of brisket, pork, or turkey, with one savory side. 13.99; BBQ Loaded Baked Potato, Brisket, pork, or

turkey. Topped with Jack cheese, sour cream, and green onions. 14.99; Loaded Mac & Cheese, with brisket, pulled pork, or turkey. Topped with Jack cheese, sour cream, and green onions. 14.99; Shaved Smoked Prime Rib, Served open-faced on Texas Toast with mashed potatoes and green beans. Smothered with brown gravy. 15.99; Beer Battered Fish, Served with fries, coleslaw, tarter sauce, and hushpuppies. ½ 13.99 FULL 17.99

Entrees

Steaks include baked potato, green beans, and Texas toast or cornbread. Add Soup or salad for 3.99

Sirloin Coulotte, 8 ounce hearty cut of choice sirloin. 22.49; Ribeye Steak, 8 ounce 26.99 / 12 ounce 33.49; Chicken Fried, Hand breaded steak or chicken with mashed potatoes, brown or white gravy, and green beans. STEAK 18.99 – CHICKEN 15.99

Soup

Loaded Baked Potato, Topped with Jack cheese & green onions CUP, 5.99 BOWL, 8.99; Soup of the Day, CUP 5.99 BOWL 8.99

Salads

Load your salad with brisket, pulled pork, turkey, or a grilled chicken for 5.99; House Salad, Greens, tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers, Jack cheese, and croutons. Choice of dressing. SIDE 5.99 / LARGE 8.99 Bleu Cheese Salad, Greens, bacon, tomatoes, cucumbers, and bleu cheese crumbles. 8.99; Chef's Salad, Greens with chopped brisket and turkey, sliced egg, cucumbers, Jack cheese, carrots, and croutons. 14.99

Lots of good choices at Jimmer's.

Then, in the spirit of determining the best local BBQ, I stop by Blue Ribbon Bar-B-Que just as they're closing up, at 5:30 pm, and order a 2-meat platter to go. Guess I'll have to have a homemade margarita or a glass of Merlot at home. There are 4 side choices; I picked coleslaw and potato salad over beans or chips.

BLUE RIBBON BAR-BUE MENU:

Meat by Weight:

Sliced Beef Brisket, 21.00/lb; .Chopped/Shredded Beef Brisket 21.00/lb; .Pulled Pork 18.00/lb; Turkey Breast 17.50/lb;

.Pork Baby Back Ribs 15.75/lb; Sausage (Hot or Mild) 15.00/lb

Sandwiches (Includes your choice of one side): \$13.40 or \$15.00 for 1.2 lb sandwich (El Jeffe);

1/3 lb. Sliced Beef Brisket; 1/3 lb.

Chopped/Shredded Beef Brisket; 1.3 lb.

Pulled Pork; 1/3 lb. Turkey; 1/3 lb. Sausage (Hot or Mild)

Plates & More:

One meat plus choice of two sides, 14.75; Two meats plus choice of two sides 16.00; Bar-B-Que Sundae, (2 layers coleslaw, baked beans, choice of meat in 24 oz cup) 14.00;

Tacos (2 per order) 8 (2 flour tortillas, your choice of meat, with cabbage, cheese and salsa)

Drinks & Sides:

Best Baked Beans; Coke, Diet Coke, Dr. Pepper, \$1.50

Potato Salad; Sprite; Root Beer; Coleslaw; Gatorade or Iced Tea, \$3; Chips \$1; Bottled Water \$1

Don't Forget The Brownie! \$3

Okay, in the spirit of things we go to Rib City.

Not my first choice, nor Ian's.

RIB CITY BBQ MENU:

Starters:

Three Cheese Fries \$9.49 – Super crispy waffle cut fries covered in melted Monterey Jack, Cheddar, and Pepper Jack cheeses, topped with real bacon bits served with Spicy Ranch for dipping. Serves 2-4 people; **Crunchy Onion Rings \$6.49** – Sweet onion rings hand-breaded with a crunchy coating. Served with choice of housemade dressing; **Buffalo Shrimp \$9.**

Fried shrimp, served with Mild or Hot sauce on the side, celery, and choice of dressing; **Buffalo Chicken Tenders** – Served Mild or Hot sauce, with celery and choice of dressing; **1/2 lb. \$5.69; 1 lb. \$9.99; Fried Okra \$5.29** with Ranch dressing for dipping.

Sky Scrappers: All Skyscrapers are served with two Signature Sides.

The Original Skyscraper \$10.49, A jumbo sandwich with your choice of BBQ Sliced Beef, Pork or Smoked Turkey, sliced thin and served hot on Garlic Toast.; **Sloppy City Sandwich \$9.69**, Chopped BBQ Pork and Beef, blended with Sweet BBQ sauce,

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and Beef, blended with Sweet BBQ sauce, served on a large bun; **Pulled Pork Sandwich \$10.69** – Smoked on site, pulled and mixed with Rib City® Tangy sauce and unique spices, served on a bun.

Sandwiches: All Great Sandwiches are served with one Signature Side.

BBQ Pork \$8.59, select cut, tender Pork is smoked, sliced and piled high on Garlic Toast; **BBQ Beef \$8.59**, Wood smoked, lean Beef Eye Round, sliced thin and piled high on Garlic Toast; **BBQ Turkey \$8.59**. Boneless Turkey Breast, smoked until moist and tender, served on Garlic Toast; **Beef Brisket Sandwich \$10.39**, Dry rubbed with signature blend of spices, then smoked low and slow, served on a toasted bun; **The Rib City® Steakburger \$9.59** – 1/2 lb Burger, grilled Medium to Well, served on a toasted bun with lettuce, tomato, and onion. Add American or Pepper Jack cheese 50¢; **Grilled Chicken Sandwich \$9.69** – A fresh Chicken breast, brushed with Sweet BBQ sauce and grilled, served on a large bun with lettuce, tomato, and onion; **BBQ Smoked Sausage Sandwich \$9.79** – Brushed with our BBQ sauce and grilled to order, served on a toasted bun; **Kickin' Chicken Sandwich \$10.19**, Lightly breaded, tossed in Mild or Hot Buffalo sauce, topped with lettuce, tomato, onion, and Pepper Jack cheese, with Spicy Ranch on the side, served on a toasted bun; **The Big Fish Sandwich \$9.29** – Hand-breaded and fried to a golden brown, served on a large bun with lettuce, tomato, onion, and house-made Tartar sauce.

Rib City Ribs:

Served with Garlic Toast and choice of two Signature Sides: French Fries, Coleslaw,

Baked Potato (after 4pm), Applesauce, BBQ Beans, Corn Cobette, Green Beans, Sliced Tomatoes or House-made Mac & Cheese. Substitute Sweet Potato Fries for \$1.29 or a Garden Salad for \$2.49 in place of a regular side item; **One Full Rack of Baby Back Ribs \$16.99; One & a Half Racks of Baby Back Ribs \$20.69.**

From the Smokehouse:

Served with Garlic Toast and choice of two Signature Sides: French Fries, Coleslaw, Baked Potato (after 4pm), Applesauce, BBQ Beans, Corn Cobette, Green Beans, Sliced Tomatoes or House-made Mac & Cheese. Substitute Sweet Potato Fries for \$1.29 or a Garden Salad for \$2.49 in place of a regular side item.

BBQ Chicken Dinner \$12.99, 1/2 Chicken. Chicken is basted with Sweet BBQ sauce and smoked over a local oak and apple wood blend. All White Meat, add \$1.00; **Riblet Dinner \$12.29**. Tender Rib you'll love these closely trimmed ribs.

Something you can sink your teeth into! **Add 3 Bones for +\$4.00; BBQ Pork Dinner \$11.99** – Your choice of smoked, sliced Pork or Carolina style Pulled Pork; **BBQ Beef Dinner \$12.29**, Wood smoked, lean Beef Eye Round, sliced thin and piled high; **Beef Brisket Dinner \$15.99**, dry rubbed with signature blend of spices, then smoked low and slow; **BBQ Turkey Dinner \$11.99** – Boneless Turkey breast, smoked until moist and tender; **BBQ Smoked Sausage Dinner \$14.99**, Brushed with Sweet BBQ sauce and grilled to order

Rib City Combos:

Served with Garlic Toast and choice of two Signature Sides: French Fries, Coleslaw, Baked Potato (after 4pm), Applesauce, BBQ Beans, Corn Cobette, Green Beans,

Sliced Tomatoes or House-made Mac & Cheese.

Substitute Sweet Potato Fries for \$1.29 or a Garden Salad for \$2.49 in place of a regular side item.

BBQ Combinations, Create your own BBQ Combination, 1/2 Rack Baby Back Ribs, 1/4 BBQ Chicken, 1/4 lb BBQ Beef, 1/4 lb BBQ Turkey, 1/4 lb BBQ Sliced Pork, 1/4 lb Pulled Pork • **Substitute Smoked Sausage or Beef Brisket for an additional charge, Pick Two, 15.99 per person, Pick Three, 17.99 per person; Rib & Rib Combo \$18.49**, Rib Lovers favorite. A combination of Baby Back Ribs and St. Louis Ribs, together on one plate; **Tony's Combo \$19.49**, Full rack of Baby Back Ribs and your choice of one: 1/4 Chicken, 1/4 lb Sliced Pork, 1/4 lb Sliced Beef, or 1/4 lb Pulled Pork; **Seafood Combo \$15.99**, hand-breaded Fish Filet & Shrimp fried to a golden brown; **Shrimp and Ribs \$16.99**, 1/2 Rack of Baby Back Ribs and lightly breaded Shrimp; **Feast for Two \$38.99**, Baby Back Ribs, Smoked Pork, Beef and Chicken, 2 Potatoes, and 2 servings of Coleslaw, Green Beans, BBQ Beans, and Garlic Toast.

All three of these BBQ joints do catering. Jimmer's Back Country BBQ is located at 1413 E Main Street, Montrose, CO 81401, call (970) 252-1227; Blue Ribbon BBQ can be found at local spots – check the Facebook page for current location -- (especially behind the US Bank at 1520 E Oak Grove Rd. Montrose) call 970-209-5194; Rib City is located at the south end of town at 1521 Oxbow Dr Ste 165, Montrose, CO 81401, call (970) 249-7427.

As always, enjoy your time with Rocky Mountain Cravings.



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE GENEALOGY CENTER PROGRAM OCT. 23

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-- On Monday, Oct. 23 at 1p.m. --Russ Bullock will present a program on his ancestor "William Asbury Park" at the Warrior Resource Center, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way. All are welcome to this program sponsored by the Montrose Genealogy Center.

MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGY PRESENTATION

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION--Join the Museums of Western Colorado's Curator of History & Archaeology, Vida Jaber for a special presentation for the Colorado Archaeological Society about her experience as a Maritime Archaeologist.

Vida started working at the Museum as an intern during her final semester at Colorado Mesa University, where she studied History and double minored in archaeology and public history. Despite living in Grand Junction and curating stories about Western Colorado, Vida loves Scuba diving

and traveling. She completed an internship in the Caribbean to learn about and gain experience in both terrestrial and maritime archaeology.

In this presentation, Vida will go over what she has learned about in her many travels in the Caribbean and the Red Sea, her training as a maritime archaeologist, and what is currently making waves in this field.

Oct. 25, 2023, 7 pm-8 pm at Redlands United Methodist Church
527 Village Way, Grand Junction, Colorado 81507

For more information visit:

www.mowc.co Instagram:

@museumsofwesternco Facebook:

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@museumsofwc YouTube: Museums of Western Colorado.

About: Museums of Western Colorado includes three museums: Cross Orchards Historic Site, Dinosaur Journey Museum, and Museum of the West. The Museums of Western Colorado inspires and connects our community by championing the scientific and cultural heritage of the Colorado Plateau.

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Office Hours: By appointment.

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[https:// www.allsaintsmontrose.org/](https://www.allsaintsmontrose.org/) Rec-
 tor: The Rev Preston Gordon, [don@allsaintsmontrose.org](mailto:pgor-

 don@allsaintsmontrose.org)

Worship Service Times: Sundays 9AM,

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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/](https://celebrationmontrose.org/)

Senior Pastor:

Pastor Brandon Mathis

Church Description/Mission: Celebration
 Church makes disciples that make disci-
 ples. 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 Sun-
 days

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) Celebra-
 tion Group: Thursdays @ 5:30pm off cam-
 pus location

Celebrate Recovery: Friday nights @
 6:30pm

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Denomination: Christ Lutheran Montrose
Affiliation: Lutheran Church Missouri Syn-
 od

Address: 1980 N. Townsend Ave., Mont-
 rose, 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 welcom-
 ing environment being comforted and en-
 couraged 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 old-
 er 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-

form@fpcmontrose.com,

www.fpcmontrose.com

Pastor: Jesse Mabanglo

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

*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 minis-
 tries.*

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)

montroseumc.org

Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Kevin Young

Worship service times:

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual

9:45 a.m. Christian Education & Fellowship

11 a.m. Sanctuary

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

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

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

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

Affiliation: Southern Baptist

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

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

Contact information:

Phone: 970.249.4887

website: www.RosemontBaptist.org

email: office@rosemontbaptist.org

Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson

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

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

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

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

matter what stage of life they are in.

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

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

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

Denomination affiliation: Independent Interfaith

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

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

Home Office – 970-252-0908

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

arlyn@spiritaware.org,

www.spiritaware.org

Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn

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

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

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

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).

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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

Senior Pastor: John DeSario

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) up to retired individuals. During the Sunday sermon we offer teaching for children ages birth to Kindergarten, in a kid friendly room called Base Camp. We also have a children's activity during our Monday night adult Bible study. We meet for prayer at the church every Wed. at 6:30.

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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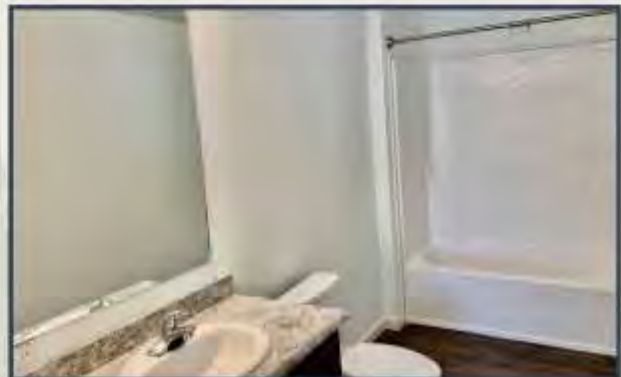


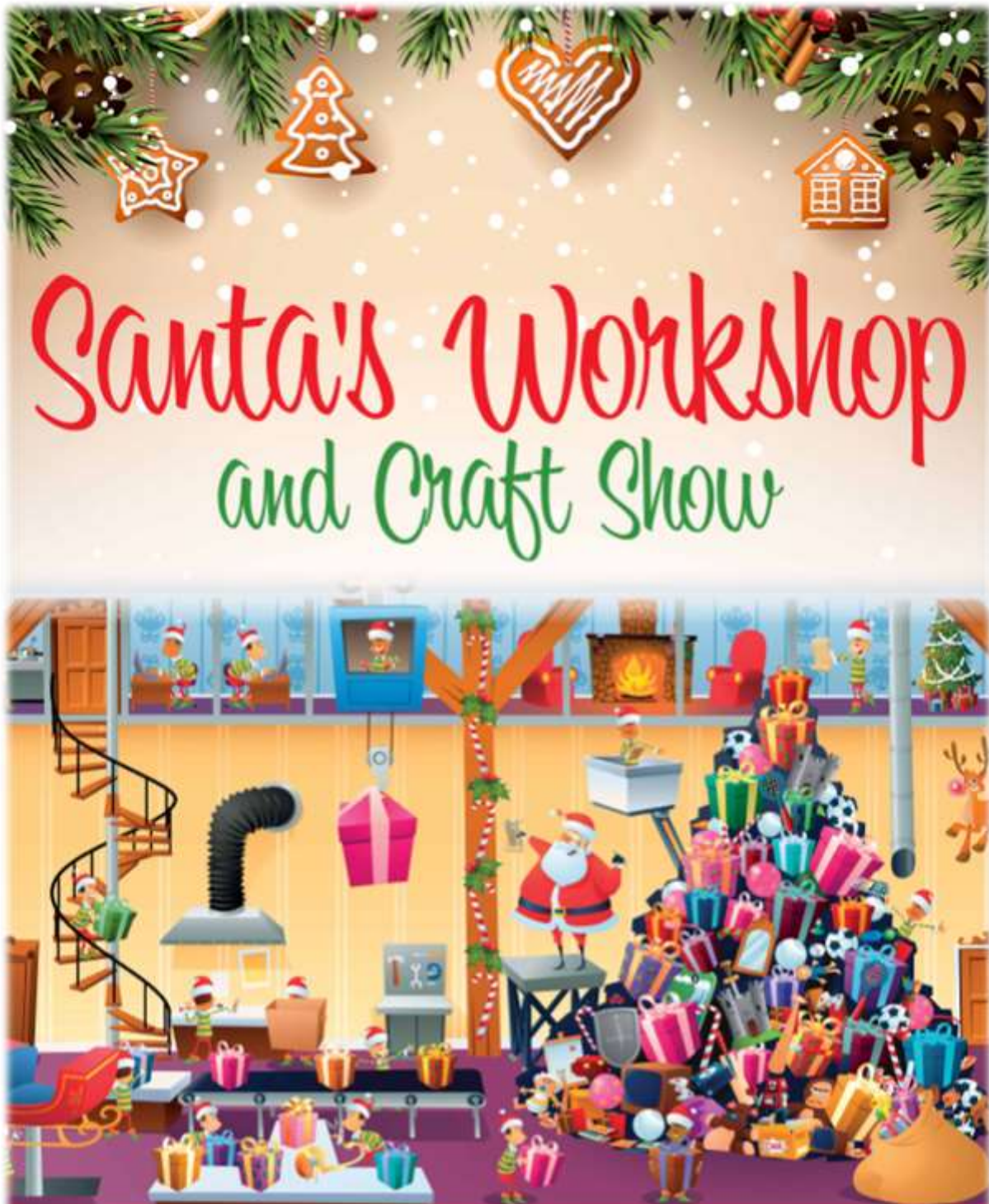
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SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

ONGOING-

THE MINDFUL BODY: FINDING PEACE THROUGH PAIN, ILLNESS, AND AGING. Starts Oct 18th for a 6-week series every Wednesday from 5-6pm. \$100. Learn more and sign up at newleafmindfulness.com/group-classes. 719-293-4600.

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.

RIDGWAY TRUE GRIT WALKING TOUR

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

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

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

Oct. 6-Dec. 1-Starting at First Friday on October 6, Montrose Center for Arts is selling corks for \$10 each. Each cork purchased between October 6 and First Friday on December 1 will receive a bottle of wine plus a chance to win an original Bob DeJulio painting. First Friday @ MCA from 4:30pm Montrose Center for Arts @ 11 S Park Avenue.

Oct. 23-- Monday 1p.m. --Russ Bullock will present a program on his ancestor "William Asbury Park" at the Warrior Resource Center, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way. All are welcome to this program sponsored by the Montrose Genealogy Center.

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Nov. 6-The Giving Club meets Nov. 6, 5:30pm at the Bridges. Open to all women who are interested in supporting local charities, learning about our community, and who are willing to spend \$100. Our last recipient from our August meeting was the Academic Booster Club, which won \$13,800.

MADA HOSTS THANK YOU PARTY, NEW KITCHEN ON DISPLAY



Left, City Councilor Ed Ulibarri, BOCC Chair Sue Hansen, and City Councilor Doug Glaspell celebrate MADA's La Raza kitchen during the Thank you Party (above) on Friday, Oct. 20.

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