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METHENY APPOINTED TO DMEA DISTRICT 2 SEAT



During the Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Special Meeting held on Nov. 9, Steve Metheny was appointed to fill the District 2 Board Seat. Metheny replaces Kyle Martinez, who resigned earlier this year. (L to R) Steve Metheny is welcomed to the board by DMEA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jack Johnston. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Nov. 11 Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors Special Meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m.

The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, determination of a quorum, and approval of the agenda with one additional item added to the Executive Session. All members were present either in person, or through Zoom (Jacob Gray, Damon Lockhart and Enno Heuscher).

Executive Session:

- a. Appointment of District 2 Board Seat (discussion)
- b. Discussion of PURPA 111(d) Public Hearing
- c. Corporate Regulatory matters and litigation.

Background: Aug. 31st was the close date for applications to fill the District 2 seat. Three applications were received.

Meeting

The board went immediately into Executive Session. Following their return to the

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WOLF REINTRODUCTION ADVOCATES HOWLING WITH JOY

By Lauren Hall Ruddell, Ph.D.

COLORADO-The Colorado wolf reintroduction project was nearly gobbled up by time and uncooperative neighbors. Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming all said no way to donating animals to this voter mandated effort. Washington state is still sitting on the fence, probably hoping the whole issue will just go away, and it looks like it has.

In a strange historical twist, the government was forced to turn to indigenous peoples for assistance. The same people who were persecuted by various government entities were approached to assist with the re-establishment of an apex predator wiped out in Colorado by 1940.

Not all indigenous peoples are as thrilled with this reintroduction as you might think at first. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has officially expressed concern that releasing wolves near tribal lands could further stress elk populations in the San Juan Basin, which are already impacted by drought, habitat loss, disease, and recreational activities. By releasing wolves only along the I-70 corridor, the tribe maintains that this will create a crucial buffer zone, preventing or delaying potential impacts in tribal lands.



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MONTROSE-Everyone is invited to come to the Colorado Archaeological Society meeting in Montrose next Wednesday, to hear a talk about what the Fremont people of Utah were eating, based on their dietary remains known as coprolites.

Riley is the Director of Archaeology at the USU Prehistoric Museum located in Price, Utah. His research focuses on how Utah's past people used their plants, both wild and farmed, for food, medicine, and materials. One of his favorite artifact types is the lowly coprolite, or desiccated fecal material. These rare records of past diet provide a window into how one person combined different plant and animal components into a meal, and also into other ingredients and cooking techniques. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose.



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MONTROSE RED HAWKS SPORTS ROUNDUP: CROSS COUNTRY

Red Hawk runners card their best times at the state meet

By Cliff Dodge

MONTROSE-The Montrose Cross Country teams (boys and girls) competed well at the CHSAA State Cross Country meet in Colorado Springs last weekend. The boys' team was led by senior Elijah Echols who finished in 39th place, and the girls' team was led by senior Kenzie Bush who finished in 50th place.

Head coach Brian Simpson noted that virtually all Red Hawk runners carded their best times at the state meet in Colorado Springs. Simpson noted that the returning athletes bode well for the Cross Country team next season, with a year of growth and maturity factored into the mix.

The Red Hawk boys' team followed Echols across the finish line in the following order, with six runners finishing between 127th and 145th. Sophomore Vash Veatch, Sophomore Phin Howe, Sophomore Deklan Wooden, Freshman Gransen Vidman, Junior Jose Chavez and Sophomore Tyler Surles contributed to the team's 20th place finish.

The girls' team was led by Senior Kenzie Bush. She was followed across the finish line by Sophomore Millie Crane in 58th place. The rest of the Red Hawks contingent placed 126th through 151st in the following order. Senior Olivia Cook, Sophomore Jaiden Brettsett, Junior Georgia Ficco, Sophomore Emmy Maxwell and Senior Annabelle Hawkins all contributed to the Red Hawks 19th place finish.

The future looks very bright for the Red Hawks cross country teams as virtually all of the athletes will return for next season. This year's performance at the state meet portends good things in the near future.

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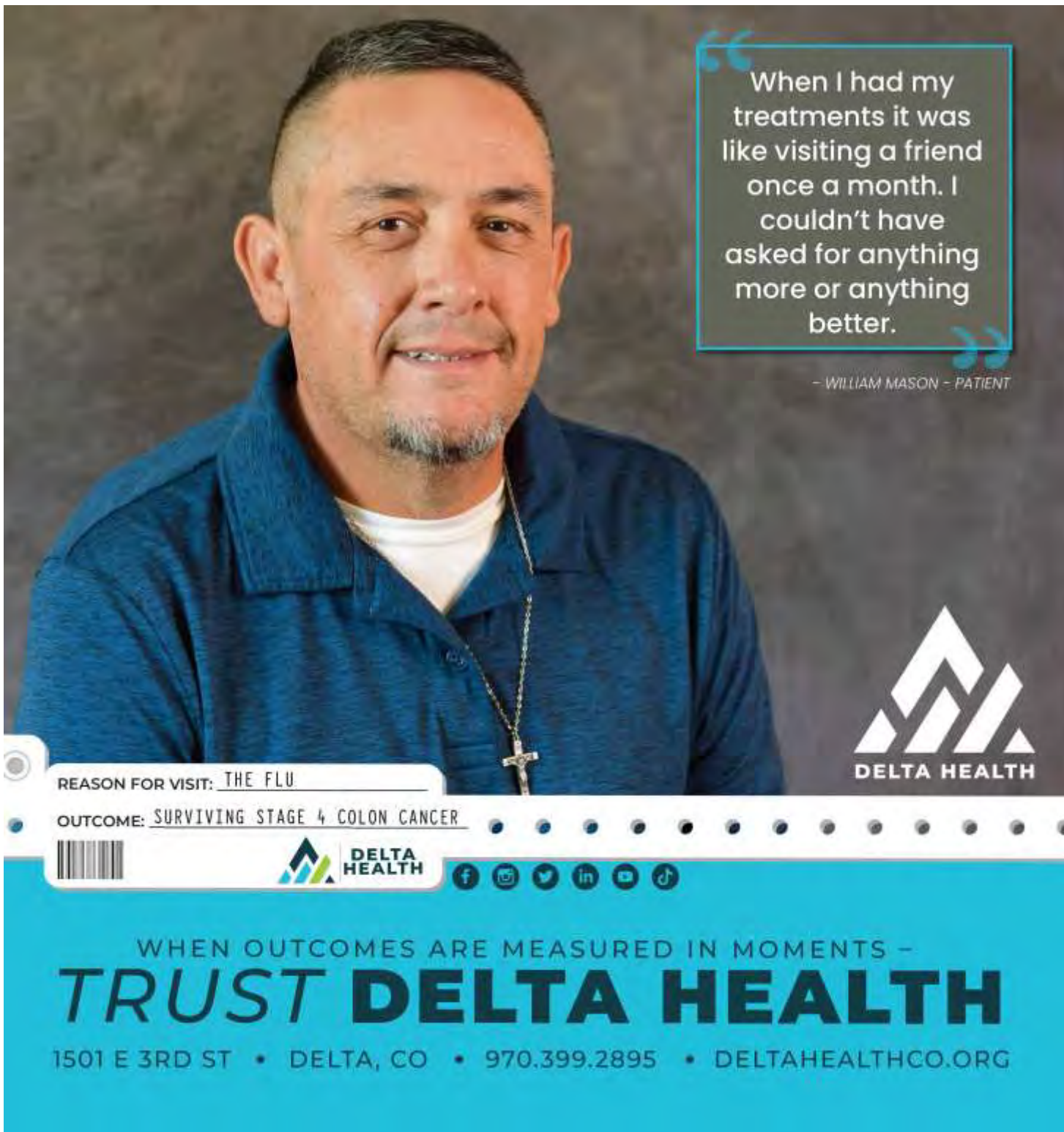
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GRATEFUL FOR OPPORTUNITY TO RUN FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Editor,

I would like to share my appreciation to the community of Montrose. One of the most beautiful freedoms is the right to vote! I am grateful for the opportunity I had to run for a district that I love. Teachers and students will always be my heart. Thank you to a community who supported and worked on my behalf during the campaign. I have been humbled by the outpouring of support. Marian Wright Edelman said it so well when she was quoted "Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it". I hope in some small way I have accomplished that.

Dawn Schieldt, Montrose



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MONTROSE RED HAWKS SPORTS ROUNDUP: FOOTBALL



The Montrose Red Hawks Football Team takes the field. Photo by Cliff Dodge.

By Cliff Dodge

MONTROSE-The final score of the round of 16 games between the Cyclones of Pueblo West and the Red Hawks of Montrose did not tell the full and complete story of how this contest unfolded. With a final score of 35 to 28 in favor of the Red Hawks, one might think of a close game with the ebb and flow switching back and forth. This playoff game was a study in contrasts. This was a game of two very different 24-minute halves.

The Red Hawks won the toss and kicked off. The Cyclones fumbled the kickoff and the Red Hawks recovered. Seven plays into the contest the Red Hawks quarterback Gage Wareham scored from three yards out. Jaxon Killen scored a two point

conversion making the score 8-0.

The defense took its turn as they snuffed out the Cyclones first drive by forcing a punt. The Red Hawks took over and moved the ball into Cyclone territory before turning the ball over on downs as the Pueblo West defense started to stiffen.

The second quarter saw the Red Hawks embark on a seven-play drive that resulted in a two-yard touchdown run by Sophomore Elijah Womack. The PAT kick was blocked and the Red Hawks led 14-0. The teams exchanged possessions until late in the quarter when the Red Hawks unleashed a five-play drive for a score. Senior Gage Wareham threw a 34 yard touchdown pass to Senior Austin Zimmer with 46 seconds remaining in the quarter. The

Cyclones took over and a series of penalties moved the ball back toward their goal line. The punt team saw the high snap mishandled and senior Roman Sackman pounced on the loose ball for a Montrose touchdown, making the score 28-0 at the half.

The Red Hawks received the second half kickoff and proceeded to stall on offense and punted the ball back to Pueblo West. The Cyclones drove 60 yards in 11 plays to make the score 28-7. The Red Hawks offense then drove 61 yards in 10 plays, increasing the score to 35-7.

The fourth quarter started well for the Cyclones as they moved 79 yards, the majority being a 52-yard touchdown pass to close the gap to 35-14. The Red Hawks punted and the Cyclones marched deep into Red Hawk territory when Junior Cooper Ross intercepted a Cyclones pass to kill the drive. The Red Hawks offense stalled and punted.

The Cyclones scored very quickly in time, running down in the fourth quarter closing the score to 14 points, 35-21. The Pueblo West on side kick was recovered by the Cyclones and very quickly converted a 20 yard touchdown pass to close the gap 35-28. The Cyclones scored four touchdowns in the second half.

The Cyclones then attempted their second on side kick, only this time Gage Wareham recovered for the victorious Red Hawks preserving the 35-28 margin of victory.

The quarterfinals will be played as follows. Palmer Ridge hosts Heritage. Mesa Ridge will host Broomfield. Erie will host Dakota Ridge, and Montrose will host the Windsor Wizards.

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Editor:

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We noticed that the tens of thousands of dollars of dark monies from Denver and Missouri that was spent on the slate of 4 (Children First Montrose), did not guarantee a victory for all of them. One can only imagine the positive impact the tens of thousands of dollars could have if those funds would have been injected into our school district.

Eric Westesen, hold your head high, you ran a positive campaign focused on public education, community outreach, and championing for our valuable Latinx neighbors. I hope you will continue to be a voice for public education in Olathe.

Kevin Kuns, Montrose Proud

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT

Editor:

I had the opportunity to tour the Waste Management MRF, materials recovery facility in Denver where our baled, single

stream recycling ends up to be processed. Many town's recycling in Colorado as well as New Mexico and Wyoming is processed here . It's a huge facility. The unbaled recy-

cling is piled high and then it is introduced to the first of many conveyor belts. A variety of different methods, mechanical and human are used to separate the various products. The conveyor belts move rather fast and extracting the contamination is not always successful. If plastic bags, Styrofoam or anything that is considered contamination enters the final baled product, it lowers the market price of the product.

Cardboard, aluminum and plastics #1&2 are in the highest demand and fetch the highest price, but paper, metal and plastics #4 & 5 are also baled and sold in the market.

The final amount of waste removed from the recycling is about 10% that goes to the landfill. I cannot stress enough how important it is to keep contamination out of single stream recycling. Recycling should be clean and free of food scraps. Pizza boxes cannot be recycled because it is oil soaked unless the top of the box is removed and recycled.

If a plastic is a #1,2,4,5, it's recyclable. Also keep glass and those plastic bags out. The best advice is: when in doubt, throw it out.

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*Lesley Hallenborg
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MONTROSE COUNTY LAUNCHES MASTER PLAN UPDATE: OPEN HOUSES NOV. 14-15

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MONTROSE— Montrose County is updating its Master Plan, an important document that guides the growth and physical development of the unincorporated area of the county. This week, contractors and staff will host open house meetings across the county for the public to provide feedback that will help create the vision for the future of the county's physical development.

The Master Plan was last updated in 2010, and the update will incorporate changes throughout the county over the last 13 years. The update process focuses on engaging the public at each step, from social media to public open houses. The goal is to develop a community-driven vision for

the future of Montrose County. The Master Plan will address a variety of topics, including natural resources, agriculture, economic development, recreation and tourism, utilities and services, transportation, and land use.

"The Master Plan is an important tool for guiding the growth and development of Montrose County," said Montrose County Planning Department Director Tallmadge Richmond. "We want to make sure that the updated Master Plan reflects the needs and priorities of our community. Residents will have the opportunity to view areas of the county and provide feedback as to what makes sense for development in a given area."

The Montrose County Master Plan allows

the county to make consistent decisions on planning and development issues and provides long-term goals and policies for the different elements that guide how those ordinances are created and/or amended. The plan is the non-regulatory advisory document used to inform decisions regarding land use, zoning regulations, subdivisions, hazard regulations, annexation decisions, development review, and other development decisions. Open Houses will be held in Montrose, Naturita, Maher and Olathe during the week of November 14th. The detailed schedule is listed below. All residents of Montrose County are welcome to attend. For more information, please visit [//montrosecounty.net/masterplan](https://montrosecounty.net/masterplan).

Nov. 14

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4-6pm, Naturita Community Center (411 West 2nd Ave.)
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Nov. 15

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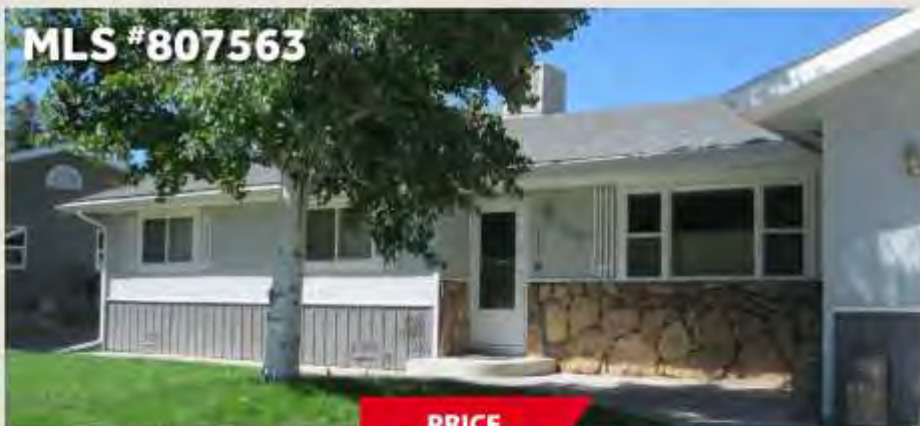
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BLM SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT FOR PLAN TO SUPPORT GUNNISON SAGE-GROUSE RECOVERY

Special to the Mirror

LAKEWOOD— The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comment on a plan to preserve and enhance habitat for eight Gunnison sage-grouse populations on public lands across southwest Colorado and southeast Utah. Gunnison sage-grouse are a federally protected species distinct from the greater sage-grouse, and only inhabit portions of Colorado and Utah. This planning effort is separate from the BLM's greater sage-grouse planning effort.

To develop the draft plan, the BLM evaluated 11 existing land use plans to identify management actions with potential to impact Gunnison sage-grouse populations and habitat. The draft details five alternative management approaches for addressing the habitat and conservation needs of

the species, in balance with the many other resources and activities the BLM manages for, including recreation, livestock grazing, lands and realty, wildland and prescribed fire, and energy and minerals.

"Public feedback during this comment period is critical in shaping our management that benefits this threatened species," said **BLM Colorado State Director Doug Vilsack**. "Public input on the draft will help us finalize an approach that allows for the Gunnison sage-grouse population to recover—and perhaps eventually be removed from Endangered Species Act listing—while continuing the important work the BLM does to manage public lands on behalf of the American people."

The Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement analyze management is-

suces and incorporate recommendations from the 2020 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Final Recovery Plan For Gunnison Sage-Grouse.

A Notice of Availability will publish in the *Federal Register* to begin a 90-day public comment period that ends February 6, 2024. Written comments can be submitted through the "Participate Now" option on the BLM National NEPA Register (preferred) or delivered to: BLM Southwest District Office, ATTN: GUSG RMPA, 2465 S. Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO 81401. Additional documents, maps, resources, and other information are also available at the online register.

For additional information, please contact Sage-Grouse Coordinator Leah Waldner at (970) 244-3045 or BLM_CO_GUSG_RMPA@blm.gov.

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METHENY APPOINTED TO DMEA DISTRICT 2 SEAT

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public meeting, Steve Metheny was brought into the boardroom where the board voted unanimously to appoint him to fill the District 2 Board Seat. With the addition of Metheny, DMEA has a full complement of nine board members.

Background on Executive Session item:

The Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) of 1978 (PURPA) was implemented to encourage conservation and increase efficiency of electric energy.

Public Hearing

Attorney Sarah Abbott gave a summary of PURPA Section 111(d)(20) and (21) Standards Regarding Demand-Response Practices and EV Charging Programs. Abbott said, "This amendment (a new law) requires 500,000 megawatt hours. DMEA has exceeded that threshold for some time. You are within the deadline. [Today this is about] whether you are going to adopt the Standards. You can adopt all or some of the Standards."

In a PowerPoint presentation DMEA Chief Engineering & Energy Resources Officer Mateusz Pena went through the Standards.

He said, "Standard 20 has two components and Standard 21 has four components, for a total of six."

Pena noted that neither Standard had real teeth requiring DMEA take specific action. He said, "It's [the wording] not the cleanest Standard, there is some wiggle room." Speaking about Standard 20 he said, "We're already doing Demand Base Rates. The Standard says we 'shall promote.'¹ We are already doing that. Staff recommends we adopt the Standard."

Standard 21 concerns Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging programs. DMEA owns one charging station located at their headquarters and they have a partnership with Charge Point, which is in downtown Montrose. Pena said, "It's prudent that we adopt this, staff recommends it be adopt-



The Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Special Meeting was held on Nov. 9. The newly remodeled boardroom has improved video and sound. (Center) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jack Johnston said, "We've had a lot of changes, even in staff, but I think we have built a good team. We want to be transparent." Photo by Gail Marvel.

ed."

Emily Sanchez said, "If the State comes back with something that has more teeth we can revisit."

Steve Metheny said, "At this point there are no PURPA Police."

The hearing was opened for public comment.

Executive Assistant Amy Taylor had one written comment from member Joseph McGill requesting information. Member Tony Hoag learned about the meeting while in the lobby conducting business. Unfortunately, by the time he entered the room the PowerPoint presentation had already been completed.

A resolution to adopt Standard 20 and 21 was approved unanimously and the

meeting was adjourned.

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WOLF REINTRODUCTION ADVOCATES HOWLING WITH JOY

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Photo courtesy of Nez Perce Nation

Further, Southern Ute Indian Tribe members are concerned that northern gray wolves inhabiting this southern portion of the state may impact the Mexican gray wolf, the most endangered subspecies of wolf in the world, through competition and interbreeding.

Enter the Nez Perce. With many thousands of acres of prime wolf habitat under their management in Idaho, and with a thriving wolf population of their own, they were happy to help. In early October, coordination began with a consultation between the tribe and governor Jared Polis. The Memorandum of Understanding process began at that time.

Why their eager willingness? The *Himi-in* (gray wolf in the Nez Perce language), occupies an important place in their culture. Wolves have spiritual significance to many Nez Perce, and many tribal members have adopted or been given the name Wolf in various forms to reflect that relationship throughout their history. Nez Perce leaders have pointed to similarities between Nez Perce culture and the social structure of wolves in terms of support for one another, the importance of family bonds, and use of the landscape. Further similarities in the ways in which the Nez Perce and wolves were treated during Euro-American expansion into the Tribe's homeland have not been forgotten.

Their thriving wolf population was determined to be able to spare a few non-paired individuals, and the tribe was not terribly moved by the objections of Idaho's state officials. Just the opposite, in fact. This harkens back to 1997. Jaime

Pinkham, then a member of the tribe's executive committee, told the Los Angeles Times that, "The Nez Perce and the wolves are a mirror of one another. We were both displaced to make space for settlers. And now, we are both trying to find our way home. In a sense you might call it a recovery mirror; and as the wolf comes back, it is a reflection of the tribe's strength." Fast forward 25 years and it is easy to see why they are proud of this accomplishment and eager to share the wealth.

However, even though this potential donor was more than willing, time was quickly running out.

Enter Oregon. In a canine Hail Mary maneuver, Oregon got off the fence and into the game.

Oregon has agreed to let Colorado officials capture and transport wolves from eastern parts of the state between December and March if we pay any associated expenses, such as staff time and helicopters. Oregon Fish and Wildlife will share wolf location information and methods for best capturing the animals. Once trapped, the wolves will gradually be introduced to Colorado's Western Slope, encompassing Vail and Aspen.

"Removing 10 wolves from this area (northeast Oregon) is not expected to have a detrimental impact on the wolf population," said Michelle Dennehy, a spokesperson for Oregon Fish and Wildlife, in an email to *The Washington State Standard*. "The intent is for Colorado to take wolves 1- to 5-years old from a mix of larger established packs. This is the age that wolves normally disperse anyway, striking out on their own to find new territory and a mate." Ten is the minimum number permitted by the Prop 114. They were all supposed to be setting up residency by Jan. 1st, but it looks like it may take a few more months, as interstate moves tend to, for both wolves and humans.

Oregon's population of gray wolves has only recently returned and grown following decades of absence. The first gray

wolves to return to Oregon wandered into the eastern part of the state in the late 1990s, more than 50 years after they had been effectively hunted out of the state. By 2009, the wolf population in eastern Oregon became naturally established, but growth has leveled off. It remains to be seen whether this will be the case in Colorado, or not.

This turn of events has conservationists in both Oregon and Colorado howling with delight, while ranchers and outfitters are growling with dismay.

Tony Prendergast's XK Bar Ranch cattle ranch sits south of Crawford, Colorado. In a recent interview with an Aspen newspaper, he stated that he feels wolves are an important part of the local ecology. "I may eat my words," he told reporter Amy Hadden Marsh. "But I'm willing to accept the challenge." He admitted to being a bit nervous but was determined to remain open-minded.

Other folks are much less sanguine. One outfitter has gone on record decrying the devil's spawn and wondering how many Colorado children will be 'disemboweled' by the beasts.

The West Elks do offer prime habitat and are a mere 60 miles from the northeastern border of Montrose County. Although wolves tend to stay within a 60 square mile home range under ideal circumstances, when overcrowded or facing a scarcity of game, they can travel great distances quickly. The National Wildlife Federation has a section under their wolf biology post that states under *Fun Facts* that... "Wolf packs usually hunt within a territory, which can range from 50 square miles (129 square kilometers) to over a 1,000 square miles (2,590 square kilometers)."

Whether or not these facts are indeed fun depends entirely upon which wolf camp you find yourself in. Although it is unlikely that wolves will be running through the streets of Montrose disemboweling children, there may, within a few years, be sightings and even impacts on livestock producers in eastern Montrose County. Stay tuned.

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CITY CONSIDERS SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR OTTER POND DAM REPLACEMENT PROJECT



City Engineer Scott Murphy (second from right) presented information at last week's City Council work session, above.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council met for a [work session](#) and a special meeting (Executive Session) on Monday, Nov. 6. All councilors were present for the work session. Council conducted applicant interviews for three open seats on the City's Historic Preservation Council.

Applicants interviewed included Darlene Mora; John Eloë; Kenn Huff; Kent Kinsey; and Marleen Gravitz. Applicant Peg Evanoika was not present for the work session. Planner William Reis informed Council that at least two of the three open seats must be filled by applicants who reside within the city limits of the City of Montrose. There is already one alternate member of the Historic Preservation Council.

Applicants Mora, Eloë, and Evanoika are city residents; Huff, Kinsey, and Gravitz are not, Reis said. Mora, Eloë, and Huff have previously served on the Historic Preservation Council. Kinsey currently serves on the Montrose County Landmark Advisory Commission.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Barbara Bynum left the room during the first discussion item, as she resides in the neighborhood being discussed. Christina Files of the Otter Pond Homeowners Association was present.

City Engineer Scott Murphy spoke about an initial request from the Otter Pond Subdivision Homeowner's Association (HOA) to create a repayable special improvement district (SID) for the relocation of water

and sewer utilities around the HOA's dam replacement project on Otter Pond Circle and to restore the street (curb, gutter, sidewalk, and paving) following completion of the dam.

Murphy also presented information on city financial participation. Detailed information is included in the [work session packet](#).

City Manager Bill Bell said the city had tried "to stay out of it," and wanted to keep the dam replacement project at arms' length. "It's not a city project."

Background- memo from Murphy to Council states, "Recognizing the dam replacement project was likely infeasible without additional participation from outside agencies, the City Manager agreed to contribute an additional \$100k in ARPA funds towards completion of the project. This brought the HOA's portion down to \$730k or \$8,588 per lot. The \$8,588 per lot was still above what many residents within the neighborhood were able to finance or pay outright. As a result, another option considered was the potential creation of an SID for the portions of the project that were public (i.e., the water/sewer relocations and restoration of the street). As shown in Table 1, these public improvements total \$420k. The general premise would be to create an SID and be repaid for the \$420k in public infrastructure and then contribute the funds that were slated to be used for the water and sewer relocations (\$370k) directly to the project from the other City funds...Once repaid, the net cost to the City is the same as what is currently planned... Consistent with past practice on other SID's, the City typically would accept repayment over 20 years at 4% interest. The assessment would be collected by the County Assessor and dispersed to the City's SID fund on an annual basis. A \$420k SID equates to an assessment of \$4,941 per lot within the Otter Pond HOA. For the repayment terms presented above, the cost to each individual lot is approximately \$365 per year. With an SID in place, the remainder to be funded directly by residents is \$3,647 per lot (\$730k-\$420k/85 lots). This lower amount improves the feasibility for the individual residents to fund their remaining obliga-

tion through the use of a personal loan or credit card payment for those still needing financing options...Funding of a \$420k SID would require payment from the City's general fund using reserves and a likely budget supplement for 2024 as this contribution has not been budgeted. It should also be noted that some residents may pay their SID obligation outright instead of spreading it out over the 20 years. Any upfront payment would reduce the overall \$420k SID amount that would need to be loaned."

Councilors Ulibarri and Frank spoke in support of a Special Improvements District. Said Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed, "We may not be legally bound, but I feel a moral sense of obligation."

Following the discussion, council took a break before returning to discuss the Proposed Municipal Code Update to Title I, Section 14, Municipal Court Rules of Procedure and Sentencing; the Niagara-Hillcrest Roundabout Construction Contract Award; and a Phase 2 Land Development Code Update Contract with Plan Tools, LLC.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief Blaine Hall presented the [Third Quarter Crime Statistics and 2A Report Card](#). The Department now has four School Resource Officers, two mental health co-responders, and two fully functioning and working K9 units, Floki and Kilo. Code Enforcement has been very busy. The Police Department recently hosted a Regional Advanced Domestic Violence Strangulation Course, "That we invited all our regional partners to attend, including the District Attorney's Office," Hall said, "...to learn about how we can be better in investigating domestic violence." Hall recently traveled to Tacoma, Washington, as well as Seattle on a recruiting trip to attempt to hire new officers.

"We've done a lot of recruiting," he said.

SPECIAL MEETING

Following the work session and a brief recess, Council met for an Executive Session, to discuss a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(2)(f); and the following additional details are provided for identification purposes: city attorney applicant interview.



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Dear Editor,

All trust in the Montrose County Commissioners - GONE!

Several weeks ago, on October 19th, 2023, We the People attended an appalling Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting at the new city facility, in North Montrose, just off Lasalle Rd. and Highway 50. Most of the public in attendance were at this particular meeting to lend support for the Montrose County Sheriff's Department's NEED for receipt of the funding allocated to the SD starting way back in 2008. The Public Safety Sales Tax (PSST) was voted in by the voters so .75% of every dollar WE spend, be appropriated to.... PUBLIC SAFETY. Of the .75%, 70% of the PSST was, unquestionably, intended to be additional funding to support the NEEDS of Montrose County Sheriff's Department. This PSST revenue is completely separate from the requirements of the CC to fund the SD from the general fund.

It appears to have become a habit of the BOCC to allocate these millions of dollars, from the PSST intended for the SD, ELSE-WHERE! They continue to claim 'transparency', yet there is NONE! The commissioners, mainly Sue Hansen, would not honor ANY public questions or input regarding the proposed 2024 Budget. In fact, without authority, Roger Rash threatened to have a Sheriff's Deputy remove a concerned citizen from the building for simply attempting a question. In addition, our honorable Sheriff Gene Lillard was called 'dishonest' by Commissioner Roger Rash. Appallingly, Commissioner Keith Caddy (former City of Montrose Police Dept. Commander) sat by watching it all without comment. Considering his prior position, wouldn't you think he would want our Deputies, etc. to have all the equipment afforded to them to stay safe protecting themselves and us?

It is my opinion these commissioners are out of control! I believe their immoral appropriation of millions of OUR dollars, tells us, they have ZERO respect for us, who spend our hard-earned money in Montrose County. In addition, their current budget projections for the PSST shows it will be in the RED in 2 more budget cycles. Ask yourself, "How can that happen"? I believe they continue to confiscate this tax money. Where did the \$54,000,000 + go? YES – 54 MILLION intended for the SD)

As public electees, you – Roger Rash, Sue Hansen, and Keith Caddy, have lost ALL credibility! RESIGN!

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ULIBARRI VOTES 'NO' ON 2024 CITY BUDGET ORDINANCE, CITES UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall called for a moment of silence at the start of the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, Nov. 7, to honor the life of Deputy Richard "Rick" Mayer, who passed away Nov. 6 while on duty at the jail. Mayer was a 16-year veteran of the Montrose County Sheriff's Office, having joined the department on Nov. 26, 2007, as a detentions deputy. "He was an incredible man, a man of God," Hall said.

All City Councilors were present for the meeting and joined Mayor Barbara Bynum in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A planned proclamation in support of Colorado Gives/Uncompahgre Gives and an acknowledgement of City Attorney Ben Morris did not go forward as planned, as nobody was present on behalf of either agenda item.

"Our city attorney couldn't be here tonight, so we're not acknowledging him," Bynum said, adding that Council could acknowledge Morris the following day.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve minutes of the Oct. 17, 2023, regular City Council meeting.

NEW FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE LICENSE APPLICATION

Council voted to approve a new Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine license at 113 W. Main Street for S & F Market LLC, doing business as El Patron Mexican Grocer, Beer, Wine and Smoke Shop for consumption off of the licensed premises.

OSPREY ADDITION ANNEXATION

Council approved items related to the Osprey Addition Annexation:

-Resolution 2023-23: City Council consideration of Resolution 2023-23, Findings of Fact for the Osprey Addition;

-Ordinance 2647 - First Reading: City Council consideration of Ordinance 2647 on first reading, for the annexation of the Osprey Addition; and



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-Ordinance 2648 on first reading, providing for the zoning of the Osprey Addition as a P, Public

District, R-4, High Density District, and R-3A Medium High-Density District.

BLUFF HARBOR LOT ADDITION ANNEXATION

Council approved items related to the Bluff Harbor Lot Addition Annexation:

-Resolution 2023-24: City Council consideration of Resolution 2023-24, Findings of Fact for the Bluff Harbor Lot Addition Annexation;

-Ordinance 2649 - First Reading: City Council consideration of Ordinance 2649 on first reading, for the annexation of the Bluff Harbor Lot Addition; and

-Ordinance 2650 on first reading, zoning the Bluff Harbor Lot Addition as an MHR, Manufactured Housing Residential District.

ORDINANCE 2645 - FIRST READING

Council considered Budget Ordinance 2645 on First Reading, providing and appropriating funds for defraying the expenses and liabilities of the City of Montrose, Colorado, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024. Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented slides and discussed the City's 2024 Budget.

Mayor Bynum said that members of the public can contact Wittenberg if they have questions.

With a motion and a second on the floor to pass the budget, Councilor Ed Ulibarri said, "Madam Mayor? May I make a comment?"

Ulibarri asked whether he could abstain from the vote, as he had some unanswered questions on the budget process.

Mayor Bynum said that Ulibarri would have to vote, and asked City Manager Bill Bell and Assistant City Attorney Chris Dowsey for advice. Bell said that he would be happy to answer Ulibarri's questions during the meeting.

Ulibarri said that he had already had a short conversation with the Finance Director, and felt that a meeting with Bell in his office regarding his questions would be the most appropriate way to have his questions answered.

Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed said, "I agree with the Mayor--you have to vote..."

Said Ulibarri, "I can vote, I mean I don't have a problem with that, I'm just not sure I can support the budget at this time. Does it have to be unanimous?"

Mayor Bynum expressed frustration. "It does not have to be unanimous; you know we strive for that. That's one of the reasons we talk about the budget for hours and hours and hours. That's one of the reasons that staff tells us to come and see them any time they have questions. I

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ULIBARRI VOTES 'NO' ON 2024 CITY BUDGET

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I guess I was frustrated that we have a council member who, who, who, didn't take the time to get their questions answered before tonight. That's frustrating." "This is how I prefer to do it," Ulibarri said. He voted "No" to Ordinance 2645, which was passed in a four to one vote.

RESOLUTION 2023-21

Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2023-21, repealing and replacing Chapters 3-1-1, 3-1-2, and 3-1-3 of the City of Montrose Regulations Manual and adopting the 2024 fee schedule.

ORDINANCE 2643-SECOND READING

Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2643 on second 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.

ORDINANCE 2644 - SECOND READING

Council approved Ordinance 2644 on second reading, repealing and replacing Title 6 Chapter 1 Section 21 (6-1-21) regarding unreasonable noise.

ORDINANCE 2646 - FIRST READING

Also unanimously approved was Ordinance 2646, amending Section 11-7-12 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose, concerning the zoning of new additions to the city and rezoning parcels already in the City limits.

RESOLUTION 2023-22

Resolution 2023-22 was approved as well, setting January 2, 2024, as the hearing

date for the Blowers Addition annexation.

RIO GRANDE RIGHT OF WAY AND PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY PROPERTY PURCHASE

Council voted to approve the purchase of 16.0± acres near the intersection of Rio Grande Avenue and East Oak Grove Road at a purchase price of \$800,000 to acquire the rights of way necessary for the southern extension of Rio Grande Avenue to the Target shopping center, and for use as the City's new public works facility.

"...For the transportation needs of the city, we need something besides Townsend," City Engineer Scott Murphy noted. He presented slides and information, and Public Works Director Jim Scheid spoke about the lengthy process leading up to the purchase.

USED TRASH TRUCK PURCHASE RATIFICATION

Council ratified the purchase of a used 2019 Peterbilt refuse truck from Elliot Equipment in Commerce City, for the total purchase price of \$219,800. "We should be seeing it soon," Scheid said.

TRASH TRUCK REPAIR RATIFICATION

Council ratified an emergency repair to a trash and recycle refuse truck, for a complete engine replacement performed by Nextran Truck Center in Fruita, in the amount of \$42,763.

The emergency repair has already been completed, Scheid noted, and the truck is in working order. "This truck has been back in operation this week." He thanked Council and city management for facili-

tating the process for a quick turnaround. "This happens to be a holiday week so having it back, it was just in time. We use all of our trucks on a holiday week. It was badly needed..."

STAFF REPORTS

Scheid gave an update on leaf collection. The City's annual leaf cleanup runs Nov 13 -Dec. 7. Scheid asked that citizens use clear bags and leave the filled bags by the curb for city crews to pick them up. There is no charge for pickup. Leaves are donated to those who want them for tillage or gardening.

Councilor Frank said, "If anybody ever has a question about what a nimble, responsive, government looks like, look around this room."

"Our staff is the very definition of nimble, responsive and compassionate city government. I think you guys are awesome. Thank you for all the hard work you do."

"You make our jobs easy."

Mayor Bynum said, "thank you for giving us all the good information so we can sit up here and make good decisions." She said she would hold the Colorado Gives/Uncompahgre Gives Proclamation in case a representative from the Community Foundation would come and accept it.

A citizen attending the meeting asked for an opportunity to speak, but Mayor Bynum said that the time for public comment had passed and that Council would speak with the citizen after the meeting, which was then adjourned.

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MONTROSE RED HAWKS SPORTS ROUNDUP

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT: RED HAWKS VOLLEYBALL

By Cliff Dodge

MONTROSE-The Montrose Red Hawks volleyball team cruised through the regional qualifying and advanced to the State Tournament held at the Denver Coliseum on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Nov. 9th, 10th and 11th. The champions in all five classifications were crowned on Saturday evening.

In order to qualify, the Red Hawks traveled to Jefferson County and subdued the Green Mountain Rams 3-0 and then took on the Frederick Golden Eagles who met the same fate 3-0.

"The long trip to the Front Range was very well worth it," Varsity Head Coach Shane Forrest said. "We had a great trip going over and the kids were ready to play. We had a great practice on Friday

afternoon when we got there, and the team carried it over to Saturday. The girls played extremely well and basically dominated Green Mountain and Frederick."

Twelve teams qualified for the state tournament. The venerable Denver Coliseum was the site of the action. The top four teams, Lewis Palmer, Thompson Valley, Palmer Ridge and Windsor had a bye and the eight other teams a play off ahead of the double elimination tournament.

"The Red Hawks are going in as the number twelve seed and we will play the number five seed, the Lutheran Lions from Parker, Colorado. The winner will advance to play Thompson Valley, the number 4 seed," Varsity head coach Shane Forrest said earlier, "Our girls set a goal of making it to the state tournament and they ac-

complished this goal. We are there and we are very happy about it. There is no pressure on us and our girls will go and have fun and see what happens."

The Red Hawks first match was on Thursday morning at 9:30 AM. The Coliseum had five courts set up, one for each of the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) classifications, with non-stop matches until the winner was crowned on Saturday evening.

Other first round matches included Holy Family vs Cheyenne Mountain; Palisade vs Niwot; and Eagle Valley vs the Classical Academy.

According to Coach Forrest, "This is one of the best state tournament events in this state, but also in this entire country for the sport of girls' volleyball."

RED HAWKS STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

By Cliff Dodge

STATEWIDE-The Red Hawks first state tournament game was against the Lutheran Lions from Parker, Colorado. The Lions ran their season record to 22 wins and 7 losses as they defeated the Red Hawks 3-1. The Lions took the first game 25-20 while the Red Hawks bounced back to win the second game 25-20. The Lions then took over the match, winning 25-14 and 25-16.

This loss placed the Red Hawks into the

consolation bracket where they tangled with the Palisade Bulldogs upsetting the higher seed 3-2. The Red Hawks won the first, third and fifth games to move on in the bracket. Palisade finished the season at 21-7.

The Red Hawks then were roughed up by the Classical Academy who sported a 24-5 season mark. The Titans dominated the Red Hawks 25-11, 25-18 and 25-13.

The Red Hawks made great strides in the current season. The team won their

league 8-0, qualified for and advanced through the regional tournament, and played well at the State Championships, winning one game and losing a pair. The Red Hawks final record for the season was 17 wins and 11 losses, and an undefeated league record of 8-0. Coach Shane Forrest loses seven seniors but returns seven underclassmen in addition to JV and freshmen players who will compete for slots on the varsity next season. The future looks bright.



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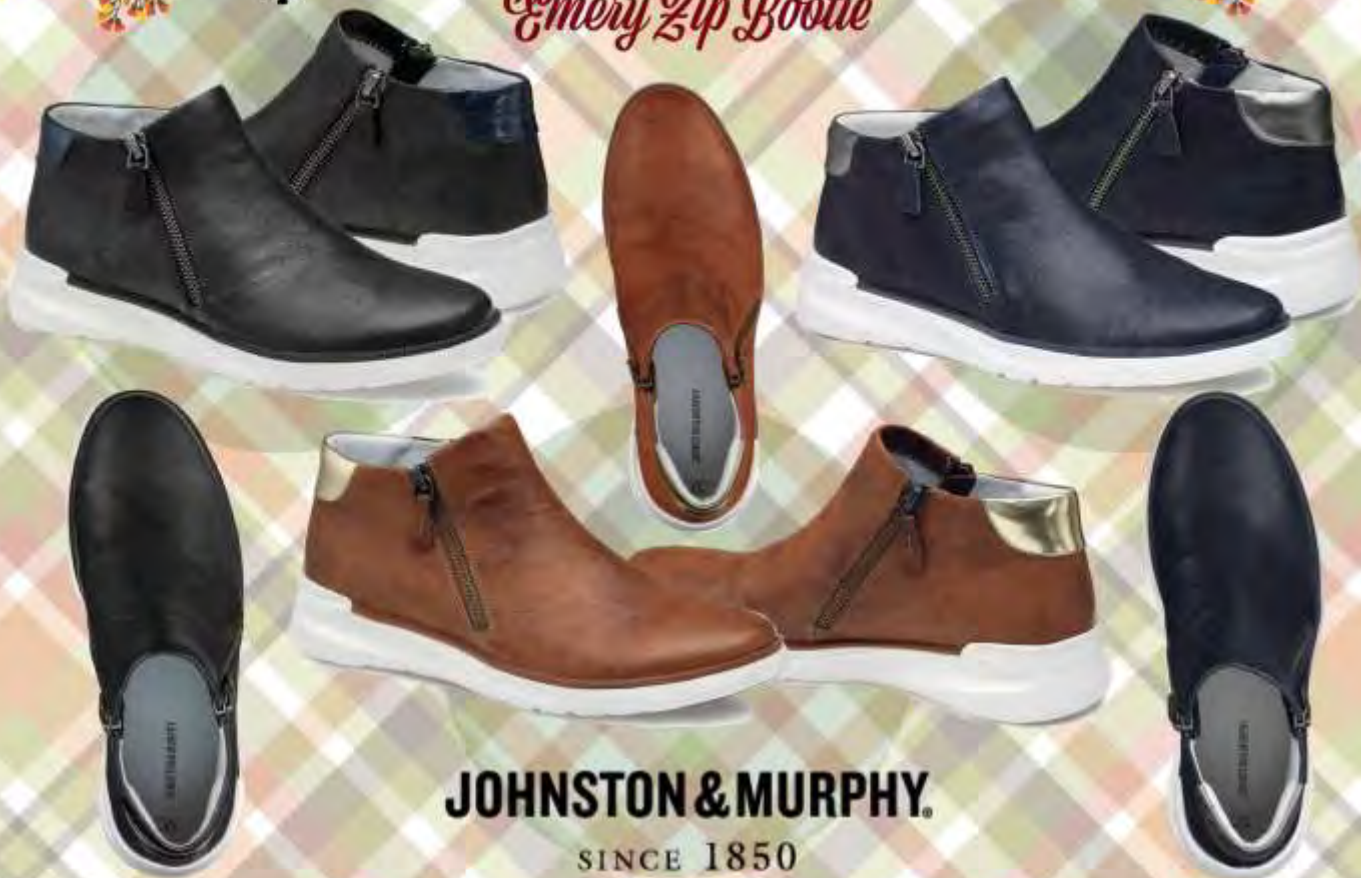
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MCSO STATEMENT: DEATH OF DEPUTY RICK MAYER

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MONTROSE—On Nov. 6, Deputy Richard “Rick” Mayer unexpectedly passed away while on duty as a Classifications Deputy in the jail. Rick succumbed to a medical episode while at his work station. Rick began his career at the Montrose County Sheriff’s Office on Nov. 26, 2007, as a detentions deputy. The services are to be determined.



Deputy Rick Mayer.
MCSO Courtesy photo.



NEW MARQUEE SIGN ENHANCES DELTA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS' VISIBILITY

Special to the Mirror

DELTA COUNTY— The Delta County Fairgrounds is excited to announce the installation of a brand-new marquee sign, a significant enhancement that will serve as a valuable tool for promoting the public events hosted at the fairgrounds each year. This dynamic marquee will not only spotlight a diverse array of events, including rodeos, rallies, craft fairs, and various community gatherings but also play a crucial role in ensuring public safety by delivering timely emergency alerts to the local community.

“The new marquee sign represents a con-

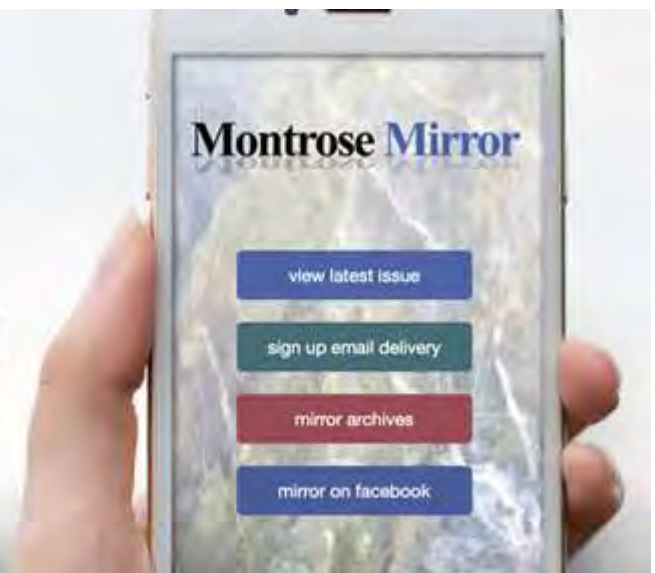
siderable step forward in enhancing the fairgrounds' visibility and community engagement,” said Ryan Bates, Delta County Fairgrounds Coordinator. “By prominently featuring upcoming events, it will help residents and visitors stay informed about the exciting activities and opportunities the Delta County Fairgrounds has to offer. Whether it's a family-friendly festival, an adrenaline-pumping rodeo, or a vibrant craft fair, the marquee sign will be a beacon of information and entertainment for the community.”

It's important to note that the marquee sign is designated for promoting public

events that are hosted on the Fairgrounds property with the intent to attract residents and guests. Personal messages, such as announcements of births, birthdays, weddings, or memorials, will not be displayed on the sign to maintain its focus on Fairground public events. The marquee sign will not be used to promote political messages.

For further information about the Delta County Fairgrounds and its upcoming events, please visit www.DeltaCountyCO.gov or contact smill-holand@deltacountyco.gov for Delta County Fairground event reservations.

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HIGHWAY CONTRACTORS INVITED TO PROJECTS BRIEFING

Special to the Mirror

SOUTHWEST COLORADO — Area contractors and subcontractors are invited to learn more about upcoming highway construction projects set to break ground in southwest Colorado. A project briefing will be held Fri., Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 21636 US Highway 160 in Durango. Contractors have the option of attending either in person or virtually. Online registration is required for both in-person and virtual participants at: SWColoradoProjects.eventbrite.com. Since lunch will be provided for in-person attendees.

The event is hosted by the Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado Contractors Association, Western Colorado

Contractors Association and Connect2DOT (CDOT's partnering agency for small business development).

At the event, CDOT project engineers will present information about scheduled infrastructure projects soon to be advertised for bid for the 2024 construction season. Representatives from local municipalities, counties, special districts and federal agencies will also provide information about upcoming construction projects planned throughout southwestern Colorado.

Topics of discussion include planned scopes of work, relevant program changes for contractors and other requirements associated with small business certifications like DBE (Disadvantaged Business

Enterprise) and ESB (Emerging Small Business). "This is a great opportunity for contractors and subcontractors to get a head start on marketing and networking efforts," said CDOT Regional Transportation Director, Julie Constan. "We encourage companies or firms with small business certifications, like DBE and ESB, to attend." The DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) program is a federal effort to encourage participation by underutilized businesses on public projects. ESB (Emerging Small Business) is a race-and gender-neutral program that fosters small business participation on CDOT projects. For additional information about the event contact Cathy Kramer at 970-903-6108 or lauren.davey@state.co.us.

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Above, Chicago-based non-profit Unify Montrose, which came to Montrose at the request of Don Coram and Linda Gann to work on the issue of child care, held a final meeting at the Bridges last Tuesday, above. Unify Founder Harry Gottlieb spoke to those in attendance. Photos by B. Switzer. Below, Alpenglöw. Photo B. Switzer.



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Durango and Ridgway). Work will include sealing of cracks in the pavement, pothole patching and erosion control. Travelers will encounter some delays through Friday, November 17 at the below locations:

US 550, MP 35-50 (Hermosa to Purgatory): Crews will continue to perform month long surface treatment operations to repair major cracks and potholes.

US 550, MP 86-88 (Ironton to Ouray): Crack sealing operations will take place approximately 5-miles south of Ouray.

US 550, MP 95-97 (North of Ouray): Crews will work to clean and reinforce the ditches along a 2-mile section of highway just north of Ouray. This 2-day operation will take place Nov., 15-17.

CDOT crews will work as swiftly as possible to complete the road repairs; however operations are weather dependent.

Traffic Impacts

Operations will take place Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. -Motorists should plan for 10-15 minute delays and should allow for extra travel time.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

RICHARD STEVEN MAYER

August 12, 1963 - November 6, 2023

On November 6th, 2023, Richard Steven Mayer joined his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Rick was born in Woodbury, New Jersey on August 12th, 1963, to William Mayer and Charlotte Witts. Rick spent his early years in New Jersey with his parents and later moved to Saguache, Colorado during the mid 1970's. In 1980, Rick moved to Montrose Colorado, the place he called home for the remainder of his life. During his high school years, Rick joined the family of Tom and Myrna Thorp and through that became a big brother to Tim, Kendra, Toby, and Kori.

Rick graduated from Montrose High School in 1982. He married Tina Ergott in the spring of 1988 and from that union, Joshua, and Sara Mayer, were born. Rick worked as the meat department manager at City Market for almost 18 years. Rick was the kind of person who never met a stranger, and this served him well in that job. In 2002, Rick married the love of his life, Duber Diaz, and Givoanni Mayer became his third child!

In 2007, Rick took a position with the Montrose County Sheriff's Office. He worked as a corrections deputy and later in the courts. His heart for people and his love of God served him well in that role.

Rick was a devout Christian and follower of Christ and a longtime member of Grace Community Church. His character and strong faith were evident to all that knew him. Rick loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman and hunter, a love shared by his daughter, Sara. They had many adventures together in the mountains of Western Colorado in pursuit of those hobbies. Rick enjoyed spending time with his children, playing paintball or discussing literature with his son Josh, and four wheeling and hiking with his son Giovanni.

Rick was preceded in death by his father William and his mother Charlotte. Rick is survived by his wife Duber, and his children Josh, Sara (Ft. Collins), and Giovanni (Montrose), and the many members of his adopted family, the Thorp's.

A celebration of life was held at Grace Community Church in Montrose on Saturday, the 11th of November.



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

WILLIS R SMITH

March 27, 1937-November 7, 2023



In loving memory of Willis R Smith, born March 27, 1937, Olathe Colorado. Passed November 7, 2023, Montrose Colorado. Willis attended South Western Bible College for two years prior to being drafted into the US Navy as a Hospital Corpsman in the Vietnam era. He served two tours 1968-1969 in Vietnam, three tours in Antarctica 1970-1972. Retired after 30 years of service.

Survived by his wife Joy Smith, sons Chris Smith, John Smith, Jack Smith, and Andrew Smith, and Lisa Frasier (daughter). Siblings Donna, Phil, and Jim.

Willis and Joy loved RVing, traveling to spots far and wide.

He was an avid painter, golfer, fisherman, and hunter. A devoted member of his church and loved by his church family.

Service to be held at Crossroads Victory Church, 515 Hillcrest Dr. Montrose Colorado at 10 AM Wednesday November 15, 2023.

Interment to follow at Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado. With full military honors, at 3 PM 2830 Riverside Parkway, Grand Junction Colorado.

Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory of Montrose is assisting the family. (970) 249-2121.

DAVID ALAN DOLAN

August 14, 1955- November 5, 2023

DAVID ALAN DOLAN, a lifelong resident of Montrose, Colorado, passed away Sunday, November 5, 2023. David was born on August 14, 1955 to Jim Dolan and Carol (Barnes) Dolan and was the grandson of Clarence and Jessie Barnes and Emmett and Sylvia Boyer. He was a graduate of Montrose High School then went to Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, where he received a BA Degree. He had his business, Community Staffing, for over 30 years, retiring three years ago. David had an enjoyable sense of humor and was fun to sit and visit with.

He is survived by his mother, Carol Dolan, two aunts, Faye and Donna. He was preceded in death by his father, Jim Dolan, brother Timothy Dolan, and his maternal and paternal grandparents. Per David's wishes, there will be no planned services.



In lieu of flowers, please donate to: Hope West Hospice, PO Box 1804, Montrose, CO 81401 or Circle 3 Cowboy Fellowship, 62885 LaSalle Rd, Montrose, CO 81401. Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory of Montrose are assisting the family. (970) 249-2121.



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ART & SOL

CITY OF MONTROSE ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE — The City of Montrose will host a wide range of events to celebrate the upcoming holiday season. This year's theme, "Holly Jolly Wrangler," pays tribute to the farming and ranching history of Montrose. City of Montrose Pavilion and Community Events Manager Katie Schroer said, "Over the years we have tried to keep the small-town feel incorporated with our holiday events, and Holly Jolly Wrangler is our way to blend our community with its history."

"From the annual Tree Lighting to Small Business Saturday to the community Parade of Lights, we are encouraging everyone to keep in mind the farming and ranching lifestyle that made this valley what it is today when decorating their floats, homes, and businesses," Schroer said.

The annual Tree Lighting is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 24, at 5:30 p.m. on South First Street in between the historic Montrose County Courthouse and the U.S. Post Office.

Santa will make an appearance at the Tree Lighting and will then stop by his cabin located on Main Street in the lot east of the Brooks and Brooks Law office

from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Other dates include Nov. 25, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Dec. 9, 16, and 22 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Kids can drop off their letters to Santa at the cabin anytime from Nov. 24 through Dec. 17.

The annual Parade of Lights, the illuminated tour of historic Main Street, is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. Please dress in warm clothing, as dozens of floats will make their way down Main Street in front of a horse-drawn carriage carrying Santa.

Residents are invited to participate in the city's annual Montrose Bucks program. For every \$50 of Montrose Bucks purchased, customers will receive \$60 in return that can be spent at participating businesses throughout the community. The Montrose Bucks sale begins Saturday, Nov. 25, at 10 a.m. at the Montrose Visitor Center located at 107 South Cascade Avenue. The promotion is limited to \$400 cash (\$480 Montrose Bucks) per household. For more information about the Montrose Bucks program and to see a list of participating businesses visit <https://www.cityofmontrose.org/510/Montrose-Bucks>.



2022 Montrose Parade of Lights. Mirror file photo by Harry Switzer.

City of Montrose Development and Revitalization Team (DART) coordinator Michelle Wingfield said the Montrose Bucks sale falls on Small Business Saturday, when the post-Thanksgiving holiday shopping season begins. "Small businesses are essential pillars of our community. They create a sense of place that is unique to Montrose," Wingfield said. "Our hope with Small Business Saturday is that locals come out to enjoy the weekend while supporting our local businesses."

See more information about the Holly Jolly Wrangler at www.cityofmontrose.org/621/Holiday-Events



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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Denomination: Christ Lutheran Montrose
Affiliation: Lutheran Church Missouri Syn-
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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-](mailto:in-

 form@fpcmontrose.com)

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.*

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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 dentures.

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

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

Affiliation: Southern Baptist

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

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

Contact information:

Phone: 970.249.4887

website: www.RosemontBaptist.org

email: office@rosemontbaptist.org

Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson

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

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

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

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

matter what stage of life they are in.

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

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

ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Denomination: Anglican-Reformed Episcopal Church (REC)

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

Contact: [ststephensmont-](http://ststephensmontrose.com)

rose@yahoo.com

www.ststephensmontrose.com

Rev. Dec. Garrett Agajanian

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

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

Sunday: Holy Communion 10 am.

Fellowship following service.

Children's nursery available (unstaffed).

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation:

Southern Baptist

Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

Office hours: Varies

Contact information:

phone number: 970-275-7026

email: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com

website: www.summitchurchmontrose.org

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?

Local Immunization Providers



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Questions? Call (970) 252-5011

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27



FREE
Program

Western History with Kate Burke Otto Mears' 2 northerly NG Railroads to the San Juan Mines



Questions or reservations. contact Cindy Marino at MRD. 970-252-4884.

1 pm. Mon., Nov. 27, 2023 | Montrose Senior Center, Montrose Pavilion

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6



FREE
Program

Western History with Kate Burke The Silverton Train & Red Mountain Mining District



SAVE THE DATE

Related story, <https://kathrynrburke.com/silverton-railroad/>

8 am. WED., DEC. 06, 2023 | THE FORUM. Cascade Hall, Montrose.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

FRUITA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY LIGHTING WITH SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Special to the Mirror

FRUITA-Join the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce in downtown Fruita on Saturday, Nov. 25, for a day filled with holiday spirit, shopping, and community! On November 25th, shop small and make a big impact at all your favorite local businesses, where you can find the perfect Christmas and holiday gifts! That's not all. Make sure to stick around town for more fun at Fruita's Annual Downtown Holiday Lighting, which will include a community gathering to view the holiday lights being turned on for the season.

Small Business Saturday will take place from 10:30 am-6:30 pm. Businesses all over Fruita will be open late and have special deals to ensure that you will find the perfect gifts for everyone on your shopping list, while also making an impact by supporting local businesses. Local artists will also be set up along Aspen Ave, selling their work! The holidays provide the perfect opportunity to support businesses right here in our community, and we hope that this Christmas, you will choose to support local!

At 5:30 pm at Circle Park, Fruita will be lit

up with thousands of holiday lights at Fruita's Downtown Holiday Lighting by none other than the one and only Santa Claus! Watch Fruita shine with colorful lights while you sip on hot cocoa! Then stick around for pictures with Santa and free horse carriage rides around Fruita! Thank you to the presenting sponsor for this year's downtown holiday lighting, Labor Etc. Staffing. And thank you to the City of Fruita for supporting this event. For more information on Fruita's Downtown Holiday Lighting or Small Business Saturday, go to fruitachamber.org

KITCHEN MANAGER NEEDED!

MONTROSE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING Dinner looking for a KM or CO- KM's to manage the kitchen, as we look forward to 2024 and beyond.

-Collaborate with a hands-on experienced board and awesome volunteers.

-This person or persons will have exceptional training, to execute a successful dinner.

-Join a fun team that is passionate about serving our community, a family tradition of a Thanksgiving feast.

Email kevinkuns@gmail.com or call 970-275-7561.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

COWBOY POET FEATURED AT NORWOOD LIBRARY



Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

NORWOOD-This month on the third Wednesday of the month the Stories & Poems series at the Lone Cone Library welcomes word wrangler John Nelson of Gunnison to perform his original work Nov. 15th at 6:30 pm.

"I first met John when we both appeared in David Rothman's 1998 anthology: *The Geography of Hope: Poets of Colorado's Western Slope* (Conundrum Press)," explained Talking Gourds Director Art Goodtimes. "He's a fine storyteller in lyric form."

Nelson recently retired from forty years of leading horseback pack trips and trail rides into spectacular Rocky Mountain wilderness country as the owner and operator of The Gunnison Country Guide Service.

In the early years of that career, he began reciting cowboy poetry from his favorite authors to entertain guests and wranglers around the evening campfires. When one guest inquired, "Hey John! You're pretty good at reciting other people's poetry, but have you ever written any of your own?" It spurred him into action.

Since then, he has authored a pack load of his personal writings. In addition, he has performed and entertained at numerous gatherings, celebrations, banquets,

guest ranches, hunting camps, clubs, outdoor sports shows, school classrooms and on tv and radio. His work has been published in a couple of anthologies, and in many outdoor sports magazines and newspapers.

Stories & Poems follows a simple format. There will be a performance of a featured storyteller or poet, followed by a question & answer session and then a Gourd Circle. At that point, everyone present will be invited to tell a story, perform a poem (an original or a favorite written by someone else), sing a song, read a short section of prose, or simply pass the gourd to the next person.

Stories & Poems is free and open to all ages, sponsored by private donors and the Fischer Cantor poetry contests. www.tellurideinstitute.org/talking-gourds. For more information, text 970-729-0220 or email Goodtimes at shroompa@gmail.com



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MASON NAMED TO THE DEAN'S LIST AT PALMER COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

Special to Art & Sol

DAVENPORT, IA-- James Mason of Montrose, CO has been named to the 2023 summer trimester Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa.

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, California; and Port Orange, Florida.

CROSS ORCHARDS' MODEL TT AND EARLY TRUCKS PRESENTATION

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION-Matt Darling, the Curator of Cross Orchards Historic Site of the Museums of Western Colorado and the museum's railroad historian will give the Nov. 16 history talk for the Palisade Historical Society. He will present an interesting program about the development of early trucks, and the impact the Model T had on American life. He will also talk about the vintage orchard hoopies at Cross Orchards and keeping the Model TT at Cross Orchards in tip top shape over the years.

The presentation will be held at The Ordinary Fellow Winery located at 202 Peach Avenue in Palisade. This program is open to the public, and as food will not be available on site, people can bring food to the history talk program. The Ordinary Fellow Winery's tasting room opens at noon and is a relaxed and comfortable setting for people to learn about Palisade's unique history and enjoy a glass of wine.

November 16, 2023, 6 pm - 7 pm at The Ordinary Fellow in Palisade, Colorado.

For more information visit: www.mowc.co Instagram: @museumsofwesternco Facebook: @MuseumsofWesternCo Twitter: @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.

The Palisade Historical Society is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and communicating the unique history of this small, Western Colorado town which was settled in the 1890s. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, and depend on donations and volunteers for our efforts to preserve Palisade's history before it disappears.



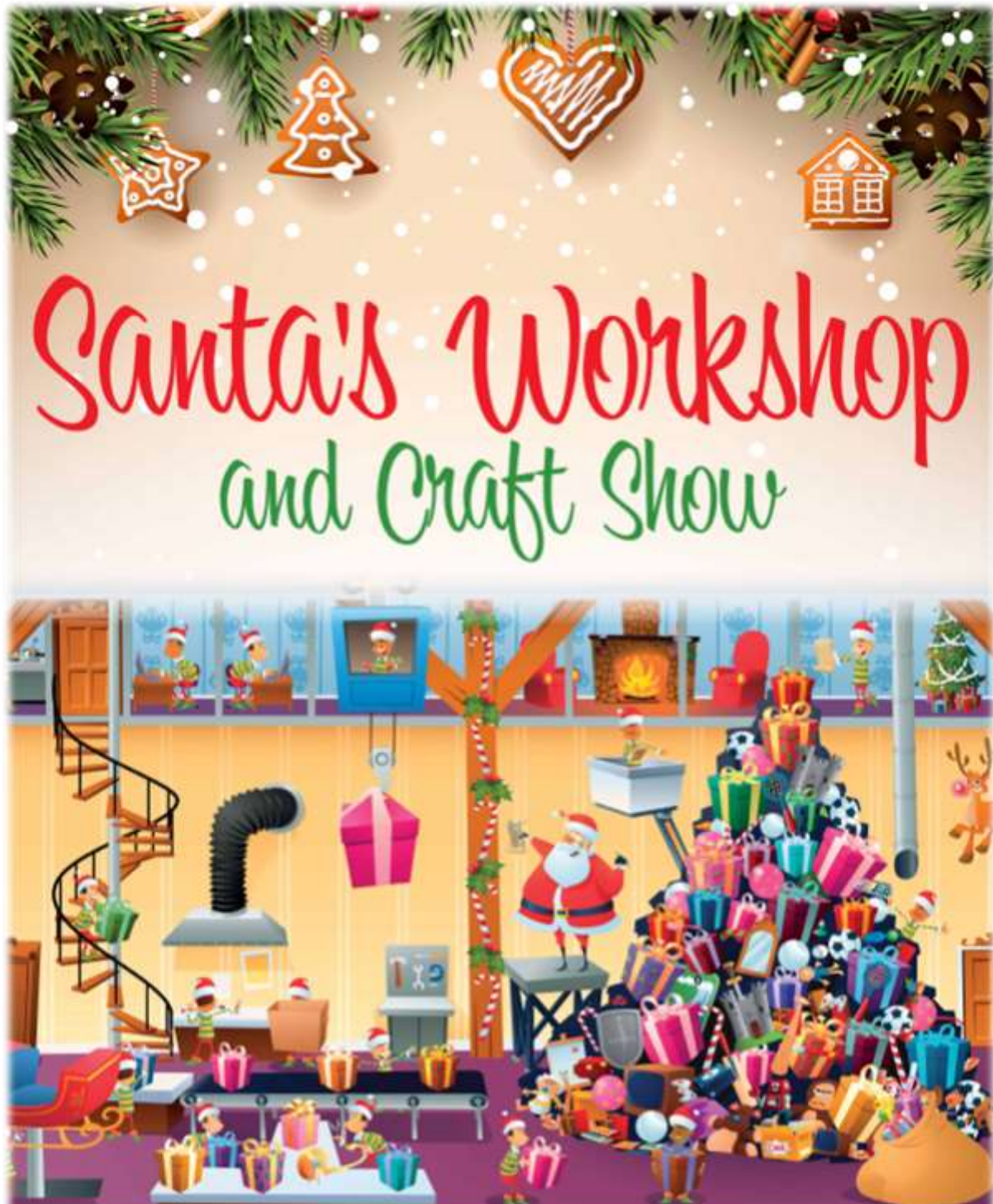
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Sunday, Dec. 3rd • 11am to 4pm

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SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

ONGOING-

MONTROSE ALTRUSA-1st Tuesday of the month Program meeting; 2nd Tuesday of the month committee meeting; 3rd Tuesday of the month Business meeting. Meetings are held at the Field House on the corner of Colorado Avenue and Rio Grande Avenue at Noon.

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

Register at: RosemontBaptist.org/events/griefshare or call at (970)249-4887

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

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.

Nov. 13-Join the Colorado Gerontological Society for a Medicare Monday session, hosted by Volunteers of America, to learn about Medicare Parts A, B, and D changes, and to learn what Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement, and Medicare Prescription Drug Plans are available in 2024. Nov. 13, 2023 9:30am at the Ute Indian Museum, 17253 Chipeta Road Montrose. Medicare Monday will feature Medicare experts answering your questions about changes, updates, and things you need to know! Questions - call 303-333-3482

Nov. 13-On Monday Nov. 13 at 5pm Citizens' Climate Lobby meets in person at Montrose library meeting rm, National, Non-partisan, environmental people supporting methods to mitigate climate change, All Welcome Info on Facebook and 970-765-9095.

Nov. 15-Attend the Colorado Archaeological Society meeting in Montrose on Wednesday, Nov. 15, to hear a talk about what the Fremont people of Utah were eating, based on their dietary remains known as coprolites. Speaker Dr. Tim Riley is Director of Archaeology at the USU Prehistoric Museum located in Price, Utah. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose.

Nov. 17-Join us for our 7th Annual Giving Thanks Civic Awards 2023, presented by the Montrose Republican Women on Friday, Nov. 17, noon at the Montrose Hampton Inn. Doors Open at 11:30a. Help us recognize and celebrate community members for their volunteer service. Thanksgiving Potluck, bring your favorite side dish or dessert. For information contact Kerri at 970-209-5170.

Nov. 24-The annual Tree Lighting is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 24, at 5:30 p.m. on South First Street in between the historic Montrose County Courthouse and the U.S. Post Office.

Nov. 25-The Montrose Bucks sale begins Saturday, Nov. 25, at 10 a.m. at the Montrose Visitor Center located at 107 South Cascade Avenue. The promotion is limited to \$400 cash (\$480 Montrose Bucks) per household. For more information about the Montrose Bucks program and to see a list of participating businesses visit <https://www.cityofmontrose.org/510/Montrose-Bucks>.

Dec. 2-The annual Parade of Lights is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. Please dress in warm clothing.

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