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# the Montrose Mirror

## BOCC CONTINUES WAYPOINT WEST RV PARK SPECIAL USE APPLICATION HEARING



*Applicant Steve White discusses the proposed Waypoint West RV Park Special Use at the BOCC meeting of Wednesday, Aug. 16. Meeting screenshot.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All Commissioners were present for the regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Wednesday, Aug. 16.

BOCC Chair Sue Hansen called the meeting to order; BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Eric Durante of Grace Community Church delivered the invocation. He began by quoting Matthew 25:40, "...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of one of these you did for me..."

"I thank you for these faithful servants here in our county," Durante said. "...Lord I just pray that today's meeting would just be encouraging...what they are doing here, it matters to this community...as they make decisions would you just give them wisdom, and insight and knowledge, God, that only comes from you..."

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## CURRY ANNOUNCES RUN FOR HD 58

*Mirror staff Report*

GUNNISON- In a news release issued last week, Rancher Kathleen Curry of Gunnison announced that she will seek the Colorado House District 58 seat in the upcoming general election.

With current HD58 Representative Marc Catlin term-limited in 2024, "It's important that rural Colorado continues to have informed and experienced leadership," Curry said. "I see an opportunity-- I really want to work on issues that are important to House District 58."

A Western Slope resident, Curry--who is running as a Democrat--has lived through the droughts, driven the roads, and experienced firsthand the challenges that face Colorado's remote, rural communities.

"We need effective leadership at the state house," Curry said. "We are the minority, and we need to make sure our voices are heard—it's a really challenging environment, but my eyes are wide open. I know about the long hours. I am hoping that I can appeal to enough voters and earn their support."

"The folks in the general assembly with a heart for these issues are just a handful."

As a former three-term legislator first elected in 2004, Curry chaired the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee for five years and successfully carried numerous pieces of



*HD58 Candidate Kathleen Curry. Courtesy photo.*

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Applications are due by September 8, 2023, and recipients will be announced after September 29<sup>th</sup>. Please mail completed applications to SJHF at 800 South Third Street, Montrose, Colorado 81401 or email to [ac-chavez@sanjuanhf.org](mailto:ac-chavez@sanjuanhf.org).

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## NUCLEAR NOW FILM TO BE SHOWN AT FOX THEATER AUG. 21

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-A number of legislators and advocates are planning on hosting a showing of the new Oliver Stone documentary "Nuclear Now." This film makes the case that we should be looking towards a renaissance of nuclear power in order to decarbonize the grid and boost reliability. There are some conversations ongoing about re-

powering the Craig, Hayden, and Pueblo power stations with a new generation of small, modular nuclear plants when the existing coal fired power plants as these sites retire over the next seven years. Economic development and assisting these communities through the energy transition is a big part of the story. Associated Governments of Northern Colorado, (AGNC) & CMU have

obtained a non-profit license for 5 showings of the film. Montrose is one of the communities where they want to have the movie shown.

The film will be shown this coming Monday Aug. 21 at 6 at the Fox Theater. It is a 2-hour film and legislators will be on hand to do Q&A. Click on the link below to learn more about it. [www.NuclearNowFilm.com](http://www.NuclearNowFilm.com)



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legislation addressing the state's water and natural resources challenges.

Since leaving office the first time, she has continued to work at the state and local levels and believes her experience and understanding of Colorado's water as well as her ability to work with other lawmakers will help HD58 navigate today's challenges. Curry presently works for Western Slope water providers, agricultural producers, and wildlife advocates at the Capitol as a professional lobbyist. She believes her experience interacting with entities such as the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association (UVWUA) is an asset.

"I'm seeking the House District 58 seat to provide effective leadership in Denver on issues important to western Colorado," Curry said. "Our rural communities need someone who knows the issues and has experience bringing together both sides of the aisle to find meaningful solutions that work for the entire state. As the next representative from House District 58 I will ensure that our concerns are heard and addressed. Whether we are discussing water supply, agricultural sustainability, education funding, or affordable housing - I will fight for the people of this district."

A Colorado native, Curry is married to

Gunnison rancher Greg Peterson, has two sons, and helps with the family cattle operation. She serves as a member of the Colorado River Water Conservation District board of directors and as vice-chair of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. She is an

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PAGOSA SPRINGS – A suspect has been arrested in the death of Michael Kroll.

Mr. Kroll was reported missing from the Pagosa Springs area on October 19, 2021.

His remains were later located in a remote area of La Plata County on September 25, 2022.

The suspect, 60-year-old Glen Canyon Lee Hunt, formerly of Archuleta CO was identified through a joint investigation by Pagosa Springs Police and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

Hunt was taken into custody this morning in Kit Carson County and is being held on a \$50,000 bond, for second-degree murder in connection to the disappearance and death of Michael Kroll.

The Pagosa Springs Police Department and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation would like to thank the public for their assistance in the investigation.

Anyone with information related to this case is asked to contact Detective Neagle at the Pagosa Springs Police Department. 970-264-4151 ext. 241.

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## BELL, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, MURA WORK DIRECTLY AGAINST OUR MEDICAL COMMUNITY

*Editor:*

Just about 20 years ago my wife and I moved from Saguache County to Montrose primarily because of the quality of healthcare services offered by medical professionals through the Montrose Regional Hospital that were simply unavailable near us.

We both have utilized those services over the years, and seen the quality of services continue to improve, as our hospital has won many awards. As far as we are concerned, our regional hospital is our community's greatest asset!

In February 2022 the viability of our 501<sup>st</sup> Regional Hospital came under attack thanks to Colorado Outdoors, MURA, and

Bill Bell proposing a competing medical facility with our hospital the same day under highly dubious circumstances. Thankfully, the proposed Colorado Outdoors medical facility project did not develop under intense public scrutiny!

Now comes Colorado Outdoors, Mura, City Council president Barbra Bynum, and city employee Bill Bell with another scaled down medical facility proposal. In the press release City officials [ Bell, Bynum, City Council] assured us there will be no competition for our hospital, but in my opinion that is pure unadulterated horse pucky!

The Montrose Regional Hospital circulates and supports our community with millions

of dollars that stay right here and directly supports our community.

The Medical community must be on fire over the way MURA and the out of state Alabama clinic came to their attention.

Once again Bell, City Council members/ MURA have worked overtime to upset and work directly against our medical community using some twisted logic that not talking with our established stakeholders and medical providers in advance is good economic development practices.

It is past time that all affected in our community step up, be heard, and attend the next MURA meeting at 2pm August 30 in the Old Elks building Council chambers.

*Dee Laird, Montrose*

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## **BOCC CONTINUES WAYPOINT WEST RV PARK HEARING From pg 1**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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

### **COUNTY MANAGER**

County Manager Jon Waschbusch asked that Item C-2, "Consideration and possible adoption of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_-2023 expressing the County's intention to commit to the local jurisdictional requirements under Colorado State Title 29, Article 32, as referred to as Proposition 123," be removed from the agenda.

Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously with C-2 removed and with Resolution No. 39-2023 assigned to Item 6.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Assistant County Attorney Joe Gaffney presented for consideration and first reading proposed ordinance 2023-01, "Repealing Ordinance No. 2015-02 and Amending and Reenacting the Rules and Regulations Governing the Control of Rubbish and Junk through adoption of Resolution No.- 2023."

The BOCC voted unanimously to adopt the resolution, directing staff to publish the junk ordinance as written in a local newspaper. The ordinance will come back for approval on second reading following publication.

### **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

The first item to be considered was the Waypoint West RV Park Special Use [SU23-005] proposal to establish an RV Park. The applicant is Steve White, the project is located at Parcel 399326108001, 20121 6720 Lane. The Zoning is General Agricultural. The proposal is for 20 RV sites.

BOCC Chair Sue Hansen opened the public hearing.

Planner Tallmadge Richmond presented the proposal.

While there is a moratorium in place on RV parks in the general agricultural district, "This application was submitted prior to the moratorium," Richmond said.

"...The moratorium specifically applies to new applications."

Commissioners spent some time in discussion on specific issues including access, and then opened the floor to comment from the applicant and from the public.

Applicant Steve White spoke about the project. He said he has agreed to every condition the Planning Commission has

proposed.

This is the first special use permit application which has the junk ordinance attached to it, White said. He objected to complaints made about the special use proposal by those who were not close neighbors.

"My wife and I have tried our best to be sensitive to our neighborhood," White said. "I don't want to live next door to people who are unhappy with me."

Others who spoke during the hearing included Melissa Sullivan. "I am asking you to deny the SUP...safety issues are paramount...the whole scenario is troubling for several reasons...I believe that there is an issue of ethics surrounding the entire situation...and what about the moratorium...the personal and professional relationships between the applicant and the decision makers suggest that he might have received special treatment at the expense of the community...let's build RV parks in areas already zoned for them."

James Sullivan spoke as well, "...I'm the guy that you see on a green tractor, trying to cross that highway to go cut hay...I hate to see our farmland constantly being paved..."

Brooke VanDyke, who said she lives next door to White, spoke. "He was not honest about his plans...he told us five tiny homes...it made me upset and sad that he would do that."

Steve Middendorp said that the parcel in question is classified as prime agricultural land by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "It's not just any farmland we're talking about here."

Other speakers expressed concern about conserving viewsheds and prime farmland.

Albert Kruger said, "Food raised in this county keeps us alive...no hay will be harvested, no cow or sheep will graze that land and none of our future farmers will raise a crop to feed our nation or continue our agricultural heritage..."

Joe Loup raised concerns over traffic at the intersection at Trout Road and Hwy 550.

Other concerns raised by speakers included fear that the quiet ambience of the neighborhood would be lost.

The final speaker, Peggy Woods said that she is living in the house where she grew up on Trout Road, and objects to the pos-

sibility of a commercial spot being allowed right there. A couple of "barn-dominiums" have already ruined the view where she lives, Woods said, and she would hate to see that happen with the proposed RV park.

"If you look at the commercial up and down that highway, we have plenty," she said. "...it is a wonderful place to live, and I came back because of that view. I am very dismayed that it was ruined."

Hansen closed the public comment portion of the hearing.

Commissioner Keith Caddy asked to continue the matter until Sept. 20 at 930am, to allow more time for review. "I want to talk to CDOT...and I want to feel a lot better about this than I do right now."

Commissioners voted unanimously to continue the hearing to Sept. 20.

Hansen said that the County's master plan, which dates to 2010, is being redone.

"...and to the ethics thing...we have been here a long time, we know everybody, we have to be very clear about what our boundaries are...and so the ethics comment I take a little bit personally just because I feel that we have done above and beyond to remove ourselves in any kind of situation, any kind of conversation, and so I hope going forward I hope we can focus on the facts of what we're talking about here and not the ethics," Hansen said.

Rash said that Steve White did not approve those zoning regulations, the Board of County Commissioners did. "...We worked directly with Steve and Tallmadge to create that document. We are very aware of what's in that document and we approved it. So to make insinuations that there is something nefarious going on, it bothers me as well, because we really pride ourselves on being open and honest and we have worked hard to maintain that...if this board approves or denies this, it won't be because of an ethics concern on my part, or because of a relationship..."

Commissioners took a five-minute break before holding three more public hearings on planning and development items. The BOCC voted to deny the second item, a proposed Rezone from General Agricultural (A) to General Commercial (C) at Parcel 399322110001.

The S&B Colorado LLC Rezone RZ23-004

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RZ23-004 Rezone from General Agricultural (A) to General Business (B) at Parcel 3372336300020, 60987 HIGHWAY 50 was approved unanimously.

Next to be considered was the Cimarron Dog Training LLC Special Use [SU23-002] proposal by Dallas Williamson to operate a dog boarding and training business at Parcel 372319300012, 8237 5700 RD.

Caddy asked about the distance from

neighbors, which was said to be around a half mile. Rash said, "We've got pictures of a building already constructed...once again, a citizen has created a business and then come to us asking for approval...to me that's bothersome."

Richmond said that the county had been alerted by a concerned citizen. The kennel was found to not be properly permitted. Enforcement processes were initiated, and

the applicant applied for a permit.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve.

The final item to be approved was the Jigsaw Road Dedication proposal to dedicate right-of-way along a portion of Jigsaw Rd. at Parcel 376510102002, 59665 Jigsaw Rd.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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## ADAM FRISCH, QUIT DRIVING AROUND AND ADDRESS THE ISSUES

Dear Editor,

Adam Frisch sounded as if he should drive his "Beat Boebert Buggy" to his County Clerk today and change his party affiliation after reading about his election run in the August 16th Daily Press statement which announced his candidacy for Colorado District 3 listing his reasons why he is the guy for the job. But then, there were several issues that came to mind that Adam Frisch did not include, all of which directly and deeply affect District 3 voters even if Adam Frisch doesn't think so: 1/Deferred Police/Judicial funding. 2/ Prosecution of proven crimes committed. 3/ Drug traffick-

ing intervention and prosecution. 4/ Illegal emigrant prosecution. 5/ Open Borders. 6/ Real Estate Sales to foreign governments. 7/ Colorado retaining their share of over-appropriated water to the lower basin states. 8/ Trans gender males participating in female sports. 9/ Government school intervention in parental control of their children and school curriculum. /10 Forgiving Student loans. /11 Drag men near **any** children activities /12 Selling the National Oil Reserve to keep gasoline prices lower and buying low grade oil from people who don't like us at market price while we have more under our feet than anywhere else

in the world. /13 Insisting and adjudicating that electricity become our primary energy source even when there are not enough of the materials on this earth to accomplish the feat while killing whales on the East Coast which is in violation of the environmental law. /14 Using the FBI and DOJ as a political weapon against opposing political ideas and people. /15 Religious Freedom, to name but a very few of the issues Adam Frisch is skipping.

Adam Frisch, quit driving around and address the issues, the gas you are wasting could be your own.

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## JEFF HURD ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR U.S. CONGRESS IN COLORADO'S 3RD DISTRICT

*Special to the Mirror*

GRAND JUNCTION - Jeff Hurd, a successful rural Colorado attorney, former Board

Chairman of the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, husband, and father of five, announced his candidacy for

U.S. Congress as a Republican in Colorado's 3rd District.

"I grew up in Western Colorado and have always been proud to call it home. It's an honor to work, live, and raise my kids here. As an attorney, I fight for issues that matter to rural Colorado and to working families—things like lowering the cost of living, keeping electricity bills low, and making sure Coloradans have high-speed internet for work, for school, and for healthcare. I see that it's critical for Western and Southern Colorado to have a sincere and hard-working voice in Congress that prioritizes their families, their communities, and their businesses," Hurd said. "Colorado's Third Congressional District needs a representative in Washington, DC, who is committed to consensus-building and has a proven track record of being part of the solution, not creating more problems. I'm ready to provide serious leadership for rural Colorado."

Jeff Hurd is running to represent the 3rd District, which covers Grand Junction, Durango, Aspen, Glenwood Springs, Ignacio, and Pueblo. A native Coloradan, Jeff built a successful law practice in his hometown of Grand Junction and remains active in the community through his church, the chamber of commerce, and several other volunteer organizations. Jeff and his wife Barbora are currently living and raising their five children in Grand Junction.

Jeff Hurd's campaign for U.S. Congress is co-chaired by Hank Brown, former United States Senator and United States Representative, and Tim Foster, former Colorado House of Representatives Majority Leader and President Emeritus of Colorado Mesa University.



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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

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**MONTROSE**-Congratulations to Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group of Southwestern Colorado 2023 Bosom Buddies scholarship recipients. First-time recipients include Connor Bell, Quincy Cooling and Shelby Ortega (not pictured) all from Montrose High School. Continuing educational scholarships were awarded to Teagan Bailey and Tessa Bailey of Montrose, and Sarah Ireland of Telluride. Courtesy photos.



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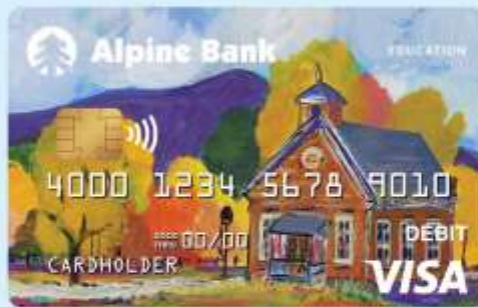






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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

# BLM SEEKS COMMENTS ON PLAN FOR REGULAR FEE INCREASES AT FOUR CAMPGROUNDS

*Special to the Mirror*

GUNNISON — The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comments through September 21 on a draft business plan to allow for regular fee increases at four Gunnison Field Office campgrounds located in Gunnison and Hinsdale counties, CO.

The proposed fee increases are based on a fair market analysis of fees charged at comparable public and private campgrounds in the Crested Butte and Lake City areas and at nearby U.S. Forest Service campgrounds.

“We look forward to hearing from the public and our partners as we work to improve recreational opportunities in the Gunnison Field Office,” said **Gunnison Field Manager Jon Kaminsky**.

“Constructive feedback helps shape the future management of these recreation sites.”

The proposed fee increases would apply

to the [Oh Be Joyful Campground](#) (including River Flats), [Mill Creek Campground](#), [Red Bridge Campground](#), and [The Gate Campground](#). Labor, supplies, and maintenance costs for these campgrounds have increased significantly over the past two decades and current fee revenue has not kept pace. Revenue generated through camping fees is used to directly fund campground operations and recreation projects and enables the BLM to address maintenance and capital improvement needs at these sites. Regular campground maintenance includes the cleaning and pumping of restrooms, repair and replacement of picnic tables and fire rings, and regular testing of drinking water systems at Mill Creek and The Gate campgrounds. Fee revenue would also fund additional park ranger patrols in the campgrounds.

When preparing the business plan, the BLM recognized that natural areas and

recreational opportunities on public lands are essential to the health, well-being, and prosperity of American families and communities. The Southwest Resource Advisory Council unanimously supported the fee increase proposal at their June 2022 meeting.

To review the draft business plan, visit: <https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2023-08/Gunnison%20Field%20Office%20Business%20Plan%20for%20Fee%20Campgrounds%20DRAFT.pdf>.

**Submit comments through September 21**, by email to

[blm\\_co\\_gu\\_admin@blm.gov](mailto:blm_co_gu_admin@blm.gov) (Subject: Draft Campground Business Plan) or by U.S. mail to BLM Gunnison Field Office, Attn: Draft Campground Business Plan, 2500 East New York Ave., Gunnison, CO 81230. For more information or questions on the draft plan, contact BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner Jim Lovelace at (970) 642-4953 or [jlovelac@blm.gov](mailto:jlovelac@blm.gov).





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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## TRAFFIC HOLDS FOR I-70 IN GLENWOOD CANYON

*Special to the Mirror*

COLORADO —The Colorado Department of Transportation and Xcel Energy will oversee safety-critical helicopter operations in Glenwood Canyon on Tuesday, Aug. 22 through Thursday, Aug. 24.

Traffic holds for Interstate 70 will be limited to 10 minutes. Holds are necessary in order to allow crews to safely conduct work for replacing power poles in the canyon. A maximum of 15 flights will be spread out over the three workdays. The

goal will be to complete the work without needing 15 flights. Holds will only be allowed from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and are not allowed during morning and evening commute times.

During helicopter operations, crews will hold eastbound and westbound traffic in both directions. Traffic will be held for 10 minutes in order to protect the traveling public and provide a safe work zone for crews. Occasional lane closures may also be necessary. The Glenwood Canyon rec-

reation path, rest areas and river access will not be affected by the helicopter operations.

**Traffic Impacts**

On Tuesday Aug. 22, Wednesday, Aug. 23 and Thursday, Aug. 24, eastbound and westbound traffic will have 10-minute traffic holds.

Limited holds will be allowed 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Holds will not take place during the morning and evening commute. Occasional lane closures

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# REGIONALNEWS BRIEFS

## US50 LITTLE BLUE CREEK CANYON IMPROVEMENTS

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-Announcement: Night work schedule change and Labor Day holiday traffic impact schedule

### NIGHT WORK UPDATE

The roadway will open in the late evenings M-Thurs. next week. US 50 MP 123 - 127 will OPEN to two-way

traffic in the evenings from approximately 9:00 p.m. - 6:30 a.m. on all weekdays from the dates of Aug. 16 - Aug. 25. US 50 will be passable to all traffic and emergency vehicles during these windows. Traffic will continue to be open to one-way traffic from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. M- Thurs., traffic will only open after 9:00 p.m. to

two-way.

### LABOR DAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE

US 50 will open to two-way traffic with no delays from Friday, Sept. 1 at 12 p.m. through Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30 a.m. Summer traffic continues with long delays. SH 92 is the recommended detour.

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**Ink & Drink at** **MOSAIC**

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# COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

## CBI REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE AN IN-CUSTODY DEATH

*Special to the Mirror*

LA PLATA COUNTY, CO. CBI—Just after 9:30 p.m. on Aug. 16, 2023, staff at the La Plata County Sheriff’s Office (LPCSO) discovered an unresponsive male in his cell at the county jail. He was later pronounced dead.

The LPCSO has requested the assistance of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate the in-custody death.

The La Plata County Coroner identified the deceased as Daniel John Foard (DOB: 07/10/1991).

Updates will be released as they become available.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MRH HEALTH FAIR RETURNS SATURDAY, AUGUST 26



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#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE – Montrose Regional Health is holding its popular Health Fair event on Saturday, August 26 from 6:30 A.M. to 11 A.M. at the Montrose Pavilion. Complete with reduced rate blood draws and free

screenings and consultations, the event is known for helping the community to connect with resources and information to improve their health. For more than thirty years, the Health Fair has been an annual mainstay in Montrose. This year's event will feature multiple free screenings including oral cancer screenings from 6:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., vision screenings from 6:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., and hearing screenings from 7:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Blood draws will be available from 6:30 A.M. to 11 A.M. and require a 12 hour fast. The following blood tests will be offered at the Health Fair: HealthScreen (Chemistry) and Lipid Panel, \$55. Hemoglobin A1C, \$38. PSA for Prostate Health, \$42. Complete Blood Count, \$25. Vitamin D, \$45. Vitamin B12,

\$45. Male Testosterone, \$45. Advanced Lipid & Heart Health Panel, \$85. HsCardioCRP, \$40. Female Testosterone, \$45. Female Hormone Panel, \$125. Participants are encouraged to talk with their provider to see which screenings are right for them. Insurances cannot be billed for blood draws. Cash, checks, credit, debit, HSA and FLEX cards are all accepted. Walk-ins are allowed, but pre-registering is encouraged for faster service. Visit [MontroseHealth.com/HealthFair](http://MontroseHealth.com/HealthFair) to register now. Montrose Regional Health is the main sponsor of the event; co-sponsors include Alpine Bank, Avient, Mountain West Insurance and TEI Rock Drills. For more information about the Health Fair, call 249-2211 or visit [MontroseHealth.com/HealthFair](http://MontroseHealth.com/HealthFair).

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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## MOTORISTS TRAVELING US 50 MONARCH PASS CAN EXPECT DELAYS



**CDOT urges motorists to watch for workers and follow work zone speeds while crews pave a segment of US 50 approximately three miles west of Monarch Pass Summit. Courtesy photo.**

*Special to the Mirror*

GUNNISON COUNTY—The Colorado Department of Transportation will pave a short segment of US Highway 50 between Sargents and Monarch Pass (Mile Points 196 - 197). Next Monday through Wednesday, motorists will experience full stops and delays from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CDOT crews will work as swiftly as possible to complete the surface treatment however resurfacing operations are weather dependent.

Traffic Impacts

Operations will take place August 21-23. Daytime work hours will range from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Motorists should plan for up to 20-minute delays and allow for extra travel time.

Vehicles will be guided by cones, signs and flagging personnel.

Access in and out of intersections may be

restricted at times.

A speed reduction of 40 mph will be enforced through the work zones.

Know Before You Go

Travelers are urged to “know before you go.” Gather information about weather forecasts and anticipated travel impacts and current road conditions prior to hitting the road. CDOT resources include:

Road conditions and travel information: [COtrip.org](http://COtrip.org)

Download the COtrip Planner app: [bit.ly/COtripapp](http://bit.ly/COtripapp)

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# LOCAL SPORTS BY CLIFF DODGE

## INTERVIEW WITH BRAD SCHAFER, THE NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL

By Cliff Dodge

MONTROSE-The Montrose Mirror continues to expand their coverage of the Montrose community. One of those areas will be the coverage of Montrose High School sports.

Cliff Dodge will patrol the sports scene for the Mirror and report stories and scores and will keep the readership up to date on what our young athletes are accomplishing as they grow and progress.

Here is an interview with Brad Schafer, the new Athletic Director at Montrose High School as he settles into a new position.

"I grew up ten miles south of Greeley on a family farm. My dad, my brother and my grandfather kind of took it over. I graduated from Valley High School, enrolled at Western State College in Gunnison and played basketball. I graduated in 01 and started my coaching career in 01. I just finished 21 years of coaching including 17 at the college level."

**CD:** Being a college/high school coach is a great deal different then running an athletic program with many moving parts. What is this experience like?

"Inheriting twenty programs? We have over twenty sports programs here. It's a unique challenge is the best way to put it. Learning how individual coaches operate, they all operate differently, and what they

set culture-wise for their programs is a major challenge for me. Our number one goal is to serve the students. It's a daily job and it is certainly different than simply coaching basketball for the past 21 years"

**CD:** As an administrator with many responsibilities including overall supervision of 20 different programs, coordinating travel, food service, practice and a host of other duties, is there a secret to making things progress smoothly with as few bumps as possible?

"I guess the main ingredient is hiring and keeping an outstanding staff, and communicating all of the time so that our coaches have their transportation arranged, have their food service taken care of, and arrange for practices. My part is communicating with Athletic Directors of our partner schools to make certain this is our date, our start time is set, we have our officials tied down and all will run smoothly."

**CD:** The season is almost upon Montrose High School. Are you ready?

"I had better be and our coaches and teams need to be ready as well. The golf



MHS Athletic Director Brad Schafer. Photo by Cliff Dodge.

team is already playing. They have tangled with Fruita-Monument and Kent Denver.

"The softball team traveled to Gunnison last Wednesday to take on the Cowboys. The Cross Country team went to Delta on Friday along with the golfers to do battle with the Panthers. And things really get rolling next week including the volleyball and soccer teams. The football season kicks off on next Thursday as the Red Hawks travel to Palmer Ridge."

**CD:** Stay tuned.

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## LOCAL SPORTS BY CLIFF DODGE

### RED HAWK CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS SHINE AT GRAND MESA TRAILS MEET

By Cliff Dodge

MONTROSE-The Montrose Red Hawks boys' and girls' cross country teams dominated the Grand Mesa Trails meet hosted by the Cedaredge Bruins on the Grand Mesa course on Friday, Aug. 18.

The Red Hawks boys' team took first place scoring 34 points.

The Red Hawks Elijah Echols took first place in the meet posting a winning time

of 19:45.40 seconds. Other Red Hawk finishers included Phil Howe (4<sup>th</sup>), Jose Chaves (8<sup>th</sup>), Vash Veatch (10<sup>th</sup>), and Deklan Wooden (11<sup>th</sup>).

Coal Ridge High School placed second while Delta and Cedaredge ended up third and fourth.

The Red Hawks girls' team placed second scoring 37 points. Kenzie Bush led the Red Hawks with a second place finish,

posting a time of 23:39.80 seconds. Millie Crane finished 4<sup>th</sup> and Jaiden Bresett took 5<sup>th</sup> place.

The Delta Panthers won the event scoring 30 points. Cedaredge placed third with 70 points while Coal Ridge finished fourth with 82 points.

Next action for the cross country teams will be a road trip to Pueblo Central on Saturday, Aug. 26.

## MONTROSE RED HAWKS ROUNDUP

By Cliff Dodge

**Girls' Softball:** Head coach Casey Killins and her Red Hawks softball team got off to an interesting start on Wednesday as they tied the Gunnison Cowboys 1-1 in a weather shortened contest. The contest was postponed after two innings and will hopefully be made up later in the season. Gunnison drew first blood in the bottom half of the first inning as they pushed across a single run. The Red Hawks answered in the top of the second inning as junior Addyson LeBlanc reached second base with a ringing double. Junior Cal Fulks picked up the RBI with a single scoring LeBlanc.

Next up for the Red Hawks a weekend doubleheader in Delta for two games with the Panthers.

**Girls' Volleyball:** Varsity volleyball coach is a home-grown legend. Shane Forrest grew up here in Montrose, went to school here, enrolled at what is now Colorado Mesa University, played varsity volleyball for four years and then went into coaching. This will be her 27<sup>th</sup> year coaching the varsity here in Montrose.

Forrest said, "Our season begins on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> with first serve scheduled for 6:30 PM here at the Montrose Field House. The Red Hawks have seven returning seniors so we have a lot of experience coming back."

The coach expects first and foremost that this team play together as a cohesive unit. She said, "They are solid, they are close. I think that chemistry will help us meet our

goals, which are to win the Western League and host the regional tournament."

Forrest noted a very difficult schedule facing the Red Hawks. The first two opponents, Delta and Palisade, both went to State a year ago. She explained the schedule is dotted with tournament teams from last season, all of whom are aiming to repeat.

Coach Forrest suggested that her team is not without talent. "Taygan Rocco is our starting center. Maggie Legg, all conference last year, is returning. Logan Matoush, all conference last season, is also returning. Brooke Williams returns a lot of height and power. She will team with Madison Lucero and the rest of the team to give us a fighting chance in every match. The key is communication and teamwork.

**Boy's Soccer:** Cassandra Snyder, the varsity boys' soccer team coach, grew up in Canon City, played high school sports and then enrolled at Fort Lewis College in Durango. Cassie played college soccer with the Sky Hawks and then moved into coaching.

The Red Hawks have a big game to open up our season. "We host the Fruita-Monument Wildcats right out of the barrel. I believe we are ready to go. We have been training hard these last three weeks. We had a real good soccer camp at Denver University this summer. I am confident in the boys. I think they are ready." Coach Snyder named four captains for the



*Cassandra Snyder, the varsity boys' soccer team coach, grew up in Canon City. Photo by Cliff Dodge.*

Red Hawks this season. Senior Chris Lucero is one of our leaders. Snyder also named Christian Viscara and Thomas Chandler, both seniors, along with one junior, Tommy Montoya.

"We try to be balanced between offense and defense but honestly we want the ball as much as we can possess it. We want to have the ball and the way we play defense is to press hard immediately and try to get it back. We are going to build into the offensive end and score as many goals as we can."

Coach Snyder explained that the biggest difference between this year and last year is the team's mindset going into games, winning those one-point games instead of just competing.

# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

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## MONTROSE COUNTY ANNOUNCES PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR DRAFT WILDFIRE AND WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—Montrose County is announcing a public review period for the draft Montrose County Critical Community Wildfire and Watershed Protection Plan (CWP<sup>2</sup>). The review period will be open from July 24 to Aug. 25, 2023. The CWP<sup>2</sup> is a comprehensive plan that identifies and prioritizes wildfire and watershed risk in Montrose County. The plan also includes recommendations for reducing wildfire risk and improving watershed health.

“The CWP<sup>2</sup> is an important tool for identifying areas that need wildfire mitigation and provides recommendations to help reduce that risk and improve watershed health in Montrose County,” said Emergency Management Director Scott Hawkins.

“We encourage the public to review the draft plan and provide feedback so that we can make the plan as effective as possible.”

The public is invited to review the draft CWP<sup>2</sup> and provide feedback. The plan and a public survey are available [online](#). The CWP<sup>2</sup> is a critical component of Montrose County’s efforts to reduce wildfire risk in our community. The plan will help the county secure future grant dollars and identify opportunities for wildfire mitigation and watershed improvement.

The public review period for the CWP<sup>2</sup> will end on August 25, 2023. All feedback will be considered as the plan is finalized. To learn more, please visit the plan [website](#).







## THIRD ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

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**DATE:** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

**TIME:** 5:30pm – 9:00pm

**PLACE:** Montrose Elks Lodge, 801 S Hillcrest Dr, Montrose

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Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Players names:

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*Special to the Mirror*  
**MONTROSE**-On August 26, 1920, Women were officially granted the right to vote in America. The Nineteenth Amendment of the Constitution was ratified by Congress after 42 years of intense campaigns, marches, protests and court battles. The Suffrage movement made its way from Europe to America with the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention in New York. For 70 years organized women pursued this issue. The Amendment made it illegal to deny a citizen the right to vote based on sex. Suffragettes were empowered by the fact that all citizens should have the right to participate and have a voice in our great Republic.

Our Montrose Republican Women were one of the first eleven Chapters in the United States to be organized in 1936 through Congressional oversight in the effort to promote the education of women in good governance and to be actively engaged in political discourse and directly participate in government. Make time to register to vote - [GoVoteColorado.com](https://GoVoteColorado.com)



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# CITY COUNCIL APPROVES FUNDING, EXTENDS CLOSING FOR RATHBONE HOTEL PROJECT



**Asbestos truck in front of the Rathbone.**

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All Councilors were present when the Montrose City Council convened for a regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 15. Mayor Barbara Bynum called the meeting to order.

The first item of business was a MADA Day Proclamation, proclaiming Aug. 19, 2023 as MADA Day in honor of the Mexican American Development Association (MADA).

MADA Executive Director Bethany Maher was present to accept the award on behalf of the organization. Maher said that MADA has been making changes over the past three years and is now working with the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning (Region 10) to complete a commercial kitchen at the MADA facility, one that will serve as a resource for entrepreneurs and for the community. MADA also offers meeting space for non-profits and private rental use.

## CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizen Darlene Mora invited the City Council and Montrose County to attend the Fiesta on Aug. 19. "We're going to start off with the parade and the car show and then the Fiesta at La Raza Park. I'd like to see each and every one of you there." Mora invited Council to take part in the parade as well.

Also addressing Council during the time for public comment was Citizen Jeff Rice, on behalf of the Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance (MABA). "...You guys have been doing some work out at Oak Grove...I am just here to really thank you for

that...also...the new bike lanes on South Junction that are coming through, that's super exciting. As Montrose continues to grow, more vehicles are gonna be on the streets, so as we try to get more bikes, more bike lanes, it's just super exciting to see all the bike infrastructure coming."

Citizen Butch Zinsli stepped forward, but as his comment was regarding an agenda item, he did not speak yet.

Mayor Bynum announced that the city now has an online submission form for citizen comments, for those who wish to make public comment on the record without attending the meeting. Comments submitted through the form are included in the [meeting packet](#).

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve minutes of the July 31, 2023 special City Council meeting, the Aug. 1, 2023, regular City Council meeting, and the Aug. 9, 2023, special City Council meeting.

## RESOLUTION 2023-13

Council voted to adopt Resolution 2023-13, rescinding the City Manager's declaration of a public health emergency within the City of Montrose.

## RESOLUTION 2023-15

As discussed previously in work session, Council voted to adopt Resolution 2023-15, authorizing the filing of a Community Development Block Grant application to fund housing development opportunities within the City of Montrose. Resolution 2023-15 notes that the Montrose County Housing Authority is acquiring Sunshine Peak Apartments, a 49-unit affordable housing project in the city, and that the City is requesting a Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) through the Colorado Division of Housing (DOH) in an amount up to \$2,600,000 to fund the financing gap for the project.

## RESOLUTION 2023-16

Also discussed previously in work session, Council voted to approve Resolution 2023-16, making a commitment to increase affordable housing units consistent with

Colorado Proposition 123.

## RATHBONE HOTEL ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND HISTORICAL RESTORATION ASSISTANCE

Council considered a request by the Rathbone Hotel developers for funding in the amount of \$556,786 for asbestos abatement and historical restoration of the historic KP Building at 33 S. Cascade Avenue.

City Business Development Specialist Anthony Russo presented information on the funding request. "...These historic projects are very difficult, the costs that go into them to restore these buildings are astronomical right now, especially with the current marketplace and things that are going on, so this request comes from a position of necessity to make this project work."

When the project was first incentivized, around \$500K was issued, Russo said. Total project costs are now at \$6,650,000 with potential to go even higher. "...We are looking now to approve \$556,786 additional dollars to be paid through AARPA funds returned through a previous project."

Present for the discussion were the project developers Clay Bales and Jason Raible. Bales said that after a year and half and an equity investment of \$2.25M they finally feel they have uncovered most of the issues with the structure. "We continue to find things but feel like we have found the bottom of the barrel in terms of scope increases to this project."

Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed spoke. "I'd like to raise one issue that we probably haven't spent much time talking about, and that's the culture of this community, and the fact that I believe that this council and staff pays a lot of attention to the health, safety, and welfare of our community...this building that we're talking about tonight is not unique to the Downtown of the City of Montrose. Many of our old historical structures are in the same condition."

Reed said, "We've heard time and time again that the citizens of our community want to protect our culture, want to maintain our culture, want to maintain our

# CITY COUNCIL APPROVES FUNDING, EXTENDS CLOSING FOR RATHBONE HOTEL PROJECT

## From previous pg

our small town feeling and want to preserve our history.

"Quite frankly, a private developer in today's market can't come into today's market and bear all the costs of structural mold asbestos mitigation. It's simpler and cheaper for them to simply raze the building. And if we as a city and a community don't participate and preserve that culture and that history, ten years from now our Downtown will not look like it looks today, and I feel we have an obligation and a duty to protect that...so are we committed to maintaining the culture and the history that we have or are we going to let it go by the wayside."

"Well said," Mayor Bynum said. "...You're right. But for the City's help, this building may have deteriorated that the city paid money to have the bricks removed once they collapsed..."

Councilor Dave Frank said, "...We're not just faced with the idea that perhaps a developer would come in and just knock the building flat. I am also equally concerned about the fact that we would send a message that developers just don't even need to bother coming here. They don't need to come and invest in Montrose. They don't need to come and rehabilitate our older buildings. They can just go to another city. I think that's a pretty chilling message for business as well."

Councilor Doug Glaspell said that there are expenses involved with tearing a building down. "If you tear it down you still have to do all the asbestos removal...it's kind of a win-win situation...I think this is a good step forward..."

Council voted unanimously to approve funding in the amount of \$556,786 for asbestos abatement and historical restoration of the historic KP Building at 33 S. Cascade Avenue.

### AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACT FOR SALE OF HISTORIC CITY HALL

As discussed extensively in work session, Council voted unanimously to approve [amendments to the contract](#) for the sale of the historic City Hall building at 433 S.

First Street in Montrose. Closing is extended until Aug. 15, 2024.

### ORDINANCE 2637-FIRST READING

Council considered Ordinance 2637 on first reading, amending the zoning district designation of two tracts within the Seasons Subdivision from B-4, Neighborhood Shopping District, and R-3A, Medium High-Density District to R-4, High Density District.

Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt presented [detailed information](#) and maps. Staff had recommended approval. Mayor Bynum opened a public hearing.

Seasons resident Butch Zinsli asked about changes to allowed height. Bynum said height would not be any different than under the current zoning.

"I'll be glad to get rid of the prairie dog town," Zinsli said.

Shawn Woolford said she is not in favor of the rezone and discussed some of her concerns. "For me, this is not a safe development...as far as police, fire, one exit in, one exit out--not good."

Council approved Ordinance 2637 on first reading in a four to one vote with Ulibarri voting to deny.

### ORDINANCE 2634 - SECOND READING

As previously discussed in work session and on first reading, Council voted to approve Ordinance 2634 on second reading, amending Title 9 Chapter 4 Section 1 and Title 6 Chapter 1 Section 21, regarding the removal of snow and/or ice and unreasonable noise.

### ORDINANCE 2635 - SECOND READING

Council voted to adopt Ordinance 2635 on second reading, regarding the cable franchise agreement between the City of Montrose and Spectrum Pacific West, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc.

### ORDINANCE 2636 - SECOND READING

Also approved was Ordinance 2636 on second reading, authorizing the conveyance of an interest in City-owned real estate pursuant to § 1-9-2 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose (Clear Networx easement).

### WOODGATE/EAST OAK GROVE ROUNDABOUT AND BACKAGE ROAD DESIGN CONTRACT AWARD

Council voted unanimously to award a professional services contract to Felsburg, Holt, and Ullevig in the amount of \$215,211.40 for completion of design studies and civil design associated with the Woodgate/East Oak Grove Roundabout and Backage Road Project.

All Points Transit will have a permanent location along the roundabout, City Engineer Scott Murphy said.

### BROWN RANCH FILING NO. 8 FINAL PLAT

Council voted unanimously to approve the Brown Ranch Filing No. 8 Final Plat to create 17 residential lots and associated rights of way and easements.

### ORDINANCE 2638 - FIRST READING

Planner II William Reis presented Ordinance 2638 on first reading, designating the Coors Building, 134 North 1st St, Montrose, Colorado, as a City of Montrose Historic Property. Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 2638 on first reading.

### STAFF REPORTS

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the [Sales, use & Excise Tax Report and the Second Quarter Budget Review](#).

Assistant City Attorney Matt Magliaro presented the Proposed Final Distribution of Assets and Settlement Release from the Estate of Deborah Hawk to the Montrose Animal Shelter.

Councilor Glaspell said that staff did a nice job with FUNC Fest.

Mayor Bynum said the City's Office of Business & Tourism played a huge role, and thanked various partners as well as the Montrose Police. She thanked volunteers and all those who helped make the FUNC Fest happen. "This is a really great event."

Bynum thanked event coordinator Katie Shroer for her efforts and thanked the community as well.

With no further business, "So moved, we're adjourned," Bynum said.



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## MONTROSE ALPINE BANK'S COLORADO DAY AND 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DONATIONS



Montrose Branch presenting CASA with their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Philanthropic donation.



Montrose Alpine Bank branch presenting Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Philanthropic donation.



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Montrose Branch presenting Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club with their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Philanthropic donation.



At left, Montrose, Delta and Ouray County branches are represented giving HopeWest their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Philanthropic donation.

At right, Montrose and Ouray County Alpine Bank branches are represented giving Peer Kindness their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Philanthropic donation.



### **ALPINE BANK'S COLORADO DAY & 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DONATIONS From previous pg**



**Montrose Branch presenting MABA (Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance) with their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Philanthropic donation.**



**Jane Marie Amundson, Director of Community Outreach in Montrose, chose the Academic Booster Club for her 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Philanthropy recipient. She serves on the ABC board as the Treasurer and is excited to be able to grant more money to our amazing teachers in our community because of this extra \$500!**



**Montrose Alpine Bank branch presenting Mrs. Claus for a Cause with their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Philanthropic donation.**



**Montrose Alpine Bank branch presenting Centennial Middle School with the Montrose County School District with their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Philanthropic donation.**



**At left, Montrose Alpine Bank branch presenting Montrose County Fairgrounds and Event Center with their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Philanthropic donation.**



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## SOS ADOPTS NEW AND AMENDED CAMPAIGN AND FINANCE RULES

Special to the Mirror

DENVER– The Secretary of State’s Office has permanently adopted amendments and new rules to implement Senate Bill 22-237 (Ballot Measure Campaign Finance) and Senate Bill 23-276 (Modifications to Laws Regarding Elections), and to revise rules concerning the completion and accuracy of personal financial disclosures.

The permanently adopted rules are intended to promote increased transparency of funds used in ballot measure campaigns by detailing when an organization meets the major purpose standard, clarifying statutory terms, and establishing reporting requirements for independent expenditures, direct ballot measure expenditures, and earmarked contributions and expenditures. The rules also clarify reporting requirements for candidates, candidate committees, and issue committees; clarify disbursement requirements for excess or unexpended funds and deadlines to terminate candidate committees; and establish a pleading threshold for all complaints submitted to the Elections Division’s campaign and political finance enforcement team. Additionally, the preliminary draft rules establish an enforcement structure for complaints about the content of personal financial disclosures and fines for failure to file accurate and complete affidavits, disclosures, or contribution expenditure, or other finance reports, as well as a corresponding fine schedule.

A public rulemaking hearing was held on July 20, 2023, at 1 p.m. MT to receive testimony concerning the preliminary draft of permanent rules. This hearing was conducted in-person and via webinar.

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While viewing the natural landscapes and wildlife can be part of the fun as you head to your final destination, the Colorado State Patrol wants drivers to pull off at scenic overlooks and rest stops instead of driving while distracted or parking on the shoulder of the road.

Last year, the Colorado State Patrol investigated 380 fatal and injury crashes on Colorado’s Western Slope related to lane violations from Memorial Day weekend

through Labor Day weekend. Crashes were most frequent on Friday-Sunday with the majority of incidents occurring between noon and 8 p.m. each of those days.

“Many mountain roads are only a single lane in each direction with steep grades and blind curves. Simply put, a partial lane obstruction is a major hazard,” cautions Major Dave Rollins, District 4 Commander, Colorado State Patrol. “Additionally, if you were distracted enough to pull over on a road with limited or no shoulder, chances are the person behind you or coming toward you could be equally distracted.”

Ideally, motorists will locate a designated

pull-off or scenic overlook. Since the area will see traffic including RVs and trailers lane obstructions can be particularly challenging for motorists.

As part of a summer awareness campaign, Super Cruising in Colorado, the Colorado State Patrol has created a web resource to help prepare visitors on the scenic byways and mountain roadways throughout the area as well as common traits of two-lane roads. In addition, check out the video on how to properly distribute weight on your trailer.



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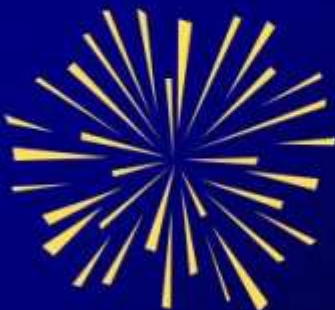
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# MIRROR IMAGES: DOG DAYS AT THE FIELD HOUSE



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Montrose Animal Protection Agency's Dog Days of Summer at the Field House Pool Sunday afternoon gave local fur babies the chance to play and get a break from the heat. Dogs both big and small turned out for the fundraiser which benefits the MAPA spay and neuter program.

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# COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

## CDOT TO PERFORM PAVING OPERATIONS ON US160

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# CITY COUNCIL MEETS FOR WORK SESSION, INTERACTIVE WORK SESSION



*City of Montrose Interactive work session. Meeting screenshot.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-THE Montrose City Council met for both a [citizen interactive work session](#) and a regular work session on Monday, Aug. 14.

## **CITIZEN INTERACTIVE WORK SESSION**

All councilors were present for the Citizen Interactive Work Session.

"It is Monday, October 14, 2023, 9am," Mayor Bynum said. "This is a new idea that Council came up with so that we could have dialog with citizens on certain topics that would go beyond what can happen during a regular city council meeting or a work session.

"We've set aside this special time, this is the first one, and today we're excited to welcome Lesley Hallenborg and Claudia Rogers, who are with the Citizens Advisory Recycling Committee."

No decisions would be made, but ideas and recommendations on where to move forward with recycling in Montrose would be explored, Bynum said, adding that Council hopes to continue holding interactive work sessions prior to the second regular work session of each month.

After going around the table to introduce one another, councilors, staff, and the two citizens discussed recycling in depth for the next hour. To view the discussion, visit the [City's You Tube Channel](#).

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

At 10am, Council convened the regular work session; all councilors were present.

### **Introduction of new city employees**

Eric Williams, who is joining the Public Works Department's Facilities staff, said that he previously worked for the City of Ouray Hot Spring Pool and in Telluride

before coming to work for the City of Montrose.

After six years as a part-time employee, Donna Rouse of Black Canyon Golf Course has agreed to work full-time as Pro Shop Manager.

Animal Shelter Volunteer Ashley Erdmier, 18, is now a seasonal, part-time

staff member. "I have a crazy passion for animals...I had to wait 'til I was of age to work for the city."

A high school graduate, Erdmier is working to earn her Bachelor's degree in Animal Health and Behavior.

### **Discussion items**

City Engineer Scott Murphy and Public Works Manager Jim Scheid presented an update on capital projects, both "horizontal" and "vertical."

### **Horizontal projects (presented by Murphy):**

- 6700 Road Construction;
- Anderson Road Paving;
- South Third Street Plaza construction;
- Junction Avenue-AC Waterline replacement;
- Odelle Road-dedicated right-turn lane;
- Slurry seals;
- North Ninth Street-Storm Line replacement and repavement;
- Miami Road near Cedar Creek Cemetery-Fixing dips in roadway;
- Work in front of Pomona Elementary;
- Overlay of Bridges Drive;
- Block 93 sewer work and alley repaving;
- San Juan to Airport waterline upsizing;
- Niagara-Hillcrest stormwater line, roundabout, and acquisitions;
- Otter Pond Dam Utility Relocations;
- Water Resources Inventory;
- West Main Revitalization-a decision has been made to keep all four lanes. Project goals including walkways and bike lanes can still be met with a modified design. Construction will not begin until 2025.

### **Vertical Projects (Presented by Scheid):**

- City Hall Phase II Façade Replacement;
- Buckley Park Playground (nearing com-

pletion);

- Solar panels at Public Safety Complex;
- Cerise Park Storage Building;
- Street light upgrades (partnership with DMEA)
- Wayfinding signage including trail maps;
- Roundabout renovation (Woodgate and Ogden).

Council considered [Stormwater Utility Fee Study Results](#) as well, which are included in the work session packet. Present to discuss the study was Carollo Engineers Representative Cody Berg. Deputy City manager Ann Morgenthaler said that there are communities in which stormwater is considered a utility and is fee-based.

**Background-**A memo from Scheid to Council states, "Carollo Engineers Representative Cody Berg will be presenting the results of the Stormwater Utility Fee Study. The options presented for discussion are the culmination of several months of research and work performed by Carollo Engineers. The City Council awarded a contract with Carollo Engineers in October 2022 for the Stormwater Utility Fee Study. This study was initiated to provide a recommendation for rate fee structures for the City Council to consider, the study will include evaluating possible rate fee structures by comparing them to benchmarks in the industry and to structures used by other agencies within the state of Colorado. The study is considered to be the first phase of this project with a potential continuation into the implementation phase. After the presentation from Cody regarding the results of the study, City staff would like to initiate discussions with City Council regarding the implementation phase. The approach under this consideration would be to use a monthly stormwater fee based on the property's impact to the stormwater system. The stormwater utility system would be designed to create a system in which properties pay for their portion of the stormwater system's expenses and provide a predictable and sustainable funding source to properly maintain and update the stormwater system. The topics that staff would be initiating for discussion would be; What are the benefits of the revenue source? Does

# CITY COUNCIL MEETS FOR WORK SESSIONS *From previous pg*

City Council wish to continue into the implementation phase? If so, at what level of options presented from the study results would be the target for the implementation phase? What would be the desired timeline for the implementation?"

Community Development Specialist Christopher Ottinger and Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt discussed Proposition 123 Affordable Housing Opt-In Information. There is no downside to opting in, staff said.

**Background**-A memo from Ottinger and Hochwalt states, "...The City of Montrose, on behalf of itself and its community partners, has the opportunity to opt-in to state funding that is specifically focused on increasing affordable housing stock as well as housing and services for the homeless population. This funding is available to local governments as well as non-profits, land trusts, tribes and private developers. Proposition 123 was a citizen-initiated ballot measure that seeks to address funding gaps in affordable housing and homelessness through two dedicated housing funds at the state level. The mechanism of funding is deburring 0.1% or ±\$300M from the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) annual refunds that would have otherwise been remitted back to state taxpayers. This is an ongoing program, with funding being limited to excess revenues. These monies are managed by two different agencies, the Division of Housing (DOH) and the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT). They will be splitting the funding 40% and 60% respectively. OEDIT's programs will be administered by the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA). Each agency has specific programs that address housing and homelessness. These programs will be available to tribes, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and private developers, depending on the program."

Amendments to the Contract for the Sale of Historic City Hall were also included on the work session agenda. The amendments include extending the date of Closing to Aug. 15, 2024. Council spent time in discussion.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Councilor Dave Frank said that the 2023 FUNC fest was amazing. Pavilion and Community Event Manager Katie Schroer presented an update on the FUNC Fest, which took place Aug. 12-13. It was the first time since 2019 that it was a two-day format. Saturday was a huge success, with around 2,500 people throughout the day, she said. On Sunday turnout was good with around 500 people. Competitors were excited and planned to return. Shroer said, "We had people from Buena Vista, Salida and Gunnison. I just feel like this is going to continue to grow."

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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## CPW TO MEET AUG. 24-25

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**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS** – At a hybrid meeting in Steamboat Springs, the Parks and Wildlife Commission will consider regulations regarding red swamp crayfish possession and licensing requirements and receive an update on wolf restoration, as well as hunter outreach to inform the 2025 - 2029 Big Game Season Structure.

The Commission will open for final consideration an extension of the pilot testing of the timed entry reservation system at Eldorado Canyon State Park and updating the property specific regulations for Fishers Peak as the park is developed.

The Commission will also open for annual consideration of regulations adjusting license fees and license agent commission rates according to adjustments to the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Consumer Price Index.

The Commission will open for annual review of fishing regulations including: Removing two special fishing restrictions on the Upper Arkansas River, adopting special condition regulations for artificial flies and regulations for trout fishing on the Upper Square Top Lake, Lower Square Top Lake, Duck Creek to Duck Lake, West Fork Clear Creek, and Williams Gulch and modifying regulations on the Blue River, Tenmile Creek and Dillon Reservoir in response to a decline in brown trout.

The commission will open for final consideration on the consent agenda a clean up to Chapter W-9 regulations, and a season date update for hunt code BE087U6R. Consider emergency regulations to remove John Martin Reservoir State Wildlife Area from Chapter W-9. As well as consider adopting regulations prohibiting fishing around the Hermosa Creek Confluence Fish Barrier.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thu., August 24 and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. The commission will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Fri., August 25 and adjourn at 12 p.m. The meeting will be streamed live on CPW's YouTube page.

A complete agenda along with all materials for this meeting can be found on the CPW website for public review. The public is encouraged to email written comments to the commission at [dnr\\_cpwcommission@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_cpwcommission@state.co.us). Details on providing public comments for hybrid meetings are available on the CPW website.



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# COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

## REP. MARC CATLIN APPOINTED TO COLORADO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION'S EFFICIENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER-State Representative Marc Catlin's has been appointed to the Transportation Commission of Colorado's Efficiency and Accountability Committee. Two members of the Colorado House of Representatives are appointed each year to the committee. The Efficiency and Accountability Committee serves to study and report on how the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) can effectively comply with federal and state legal requirements, recommend improvements, review quality assurance procedures, examine contracts and project completion. The committee reviews the short-, medium- and long-term plans of CDOT, such as: reporting the progress made on the 10-Year Transportation Plan.



**State Representative Marc Catlin. Courtesy photo.**

Representative Marc Catlin is joined by 20 other individuals ranging from Transportation Commissioners, CDOT employees, a county commission, industry representatives, nonprofit representatives, and legislators. The 3 other legislators appointed to committee are Rachel Zenzinger (D-SD19) of Jefferson County, Byron Pelton (R-SD1) of Logan County, and Jennifer Parenti (D-HD19) of Weld County.

Representative Catlin says, "It is an honor to be appointed to the Efficiency and Accountability Committee. The Western Slope has great challenges when it comes to roads and transportation. We, as a state, need to ensure that we stay as efficient and transparent as possible to create infrastructure that meets our growing state's needs."

Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin represents the eight counties of Dolores, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel. Representative Catlin Vice Chairs Agriculture, Water, & Natural Resources Committee, is a member of the Capital Development Committee and is Ranking member of the Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee.

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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## NEPALESE DIGNITARIES VISIT MONTROSE



*At left, Sonam Gyalzen Sherpa, member of the House of Representatives, Upper House of the Nepalese Parliament; Marc Catlin, Colorado State Representative, Mingma Tshering Sherpa, mayor and Tashi Lhamu Sherpa, deputy mayor, Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Municipality in Nepal met recently with the Board of Directors of the Western Colorado Friends of the Himalayas, who presented the Nepalese dignitaries with peace medals to honor their visit to the Western Slope. They are visiting other communities and local government representatives in the United States where Sherpas from Nepal now make their homes.*



*Marc Catlin, Colorado House of Representatives, met with Nepalese dignitaries, and representatives of the local Sherpa community, at an informal meeting hosted by the Board of Directors of the Western Colorado Friends of the Himalayas in the meeting room of the new Montrose Public Safety complex. The group posed outside the building for a photo to commemorate the visit. Courtesy photo.*

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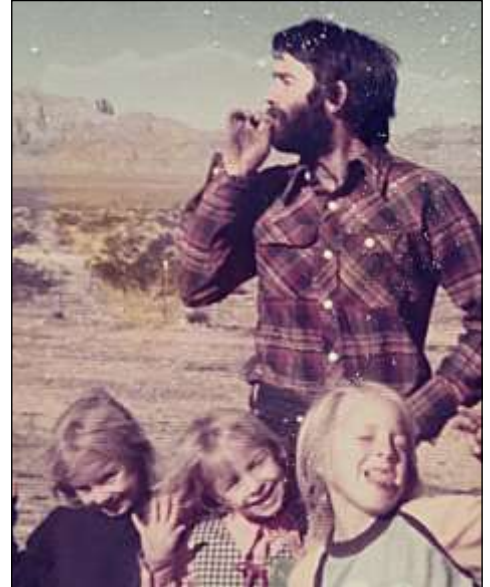


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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

# LARRY PRESTON RATTAN

## *April 3, 1943 — August 14, 2023*



If you never met Larry Rattan you are suffering the greatest loss. You have missed the opportunity to meet a character as great as any in the many history books of Western Colorado that Larry was so fond of reading.

Larry was born in Hugo, OK to John and Cindy Rattan and raised in Fort Worth, TX. He was known to be a happy if mischievous boy, qualities he held throughout his life. His love of animals led him to be an assistant to a veterinarian and a horse jockey while still in high school. A freak accident on the track ended his racing career and left him with a broken pelvis that sidelined his senior year.

After school Larry worked briefly at an auto plant and joined the Air Force Reserves where he trained as an airplane mechanic. Around that time, he met Linda Casper. They spent many nights dancing to live music at the Stagecoach Inn, and soon were married and starting a family. Their son Lanham was born in 1966 and the twins, Lisa and Lori, joined the family in 1968. Legend has it that at that time in Texas, mere possession of marijuana could lead to a life behind bars so Larry packed up his family and moved to Telluride in 1971. Larry worked in mining and construction and for a time he and Linda ran the world-famous Roma Bar. He learned to

ski on The Plunge and Spiral Stairs, and once rode a horse into the Sheridan Bar prompting the sheriff to exclaim, "Rattan, get the hell off that horse!" Many of the people Larry met in Telluride remained his friends for the rest of his life.

The next stop for the Rattans was Montrose where they opened and ran The Parlor, a wild-west counter-culture hippy saloon. In 1982 they moved to Ouray and purchased the historic Western Hotel. They lived on the second floor while renovating the first floor. Upon completion, the family operated it as a hotel, bar and Mexican restaurant for five+ years. You could find Larry behind the bar pouring drinks and dispensing tall tales to tourists and locals. He claimed the secrets to success were high profit margins on beans, rice, and Margaritas and never, ever reporting cash earnings.

Larry and Linda moved to Grand Junction around 1987. They were able to buy a few old houses downtown on the cheap and turn them into rentals. They eventually grew their rental business into a comfortable life with Linda managing the rentals and Larry taking care of maintenance. That is, at least, when he wasn't on the Lincoln Park golf course in his cowboy boots (or flip flops) hustling up-valley golfers and making new friends among the

locals.

In his later years Larry returned to horse racing with a collection of Appaloosas and the occasional thoroughbred. He quickly gave up racing as he found he preferred to irrigate pastures with a shovel in one hand and a beer in the other and watch the horses graze.

So, they all retired together, Larry, Linda, and the horses to a farm north of Grand Junction to live in a house Larry built with considerable help from his golfing electrician buddy, Mike Harrington. When not in his fields Larry could be found sitting at the kitchen counter doing the daily crossword, rolling a joint, playing cribbage, watching his favorite daytime talk and game shows, and chatting with friends on the phone. Larry died peacefully in that same house on August 14, 2023. Larry was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Linda, his son Lanham (Laura), his daughters Lisa (Wayne) Smith, Lori (Ken) Strong, and his grandson Alexander. Larry loved people, except for sheriffs and other authority figures, and he always had time to tell a story, even when the listener didn't have time to hear it. The family asks that you honor his memory by taking a risk, befriending a stranger, telling a joke, and remembering to enjoy the beauty of life.

# COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

## THOMAS ANDRE JENSEN

**September 25, 1962 - August 15, 2023**



THOMAS ANDRE JENSEN, 60, of Norwood Colorado passed away on August 15, 2023, surrounded by family and loved ones after his extraordinary battle with cancer. Tom was born September 25, 1962 in Montrose Colorado, the third child of Edward and Jessie (Davis) Jensen. Tom lived in and around the Norwood area his entire life. Tom attended Norwood High school where he excelled in football and wrestling. Tom Graduated from Norwood High in 1980. In 1981 Tom married his high

school sweetheart, Renee Banks. Tom and Renee had two children, Chance and Corey Jensen. In 1987 Tom and Renee divorced and Tom became a timeless bachelor who was dedicated to his work, however Tom and Renee remained lifelong friends.

Tom cherished his sister Bernice who forever looked after him as only a big sister can, the two had a wonderful bond and affection for each other. Tom is survived by Chance Jensen, Corey Jensen and his beloved granddaughter Emily Jensen, as well as his sister Bernice White and brothers Mike and Jim Jensen. Tom is preceded in death by his Father, Edward Jensen and Mother, Jessie Jensen.

Tom was extremely proud of his boys joining the military. Chance becoming a US Marine and Corey a U.S. Airman. Tom was loved by all who lived in and around Norwood and was known for his hard work, honesty, and passion about construction. Tom's hobbies included being outdoors, hunting, fishing and spending time with family, as well as searching for and collecting arrowheads, rebuilding and restoring old Mustangs.

In 1975, at age 11, Tom began working during the summer months for his family's business, Ed Jensen Construction, Inc. After high school Tom remained with the

family business advancing to heavy equipment operator where he took on the responsibility of building Forest Service logging roads throughout the Uncompahgre Plateau. After the company acquired logging equipment in the early 80's Tom began learning the art of Timbering, loading log trucks and restoring landing areas as well as continuing with the road construction. Tom spent many years working around the Gunnison, Telluride, and the Norwood areas.

Tom was known to be one of the most honest and hard-working individuals by all who knew him and was extremely proud of carrying on the family legacy of running Edward Jensen Construction which he took over in 2003.

Ed Jensen Construction then began constructing House Sites in and around the Telluride area along with reservoir sites and in 2003 Tom became the owner and continued to operate in and around the Norwood area for the remainder of his life. There will surely be an empty spot in the hearts of all of those who knew him and loved him. Services will be held at Redvale Community Church on August 26th at 11 am, Graveside services will commence after at the Norwood cemetery with a Potluck lunch at the Redvale Community Center.



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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### RUTH "ELAINE" SIMO

On Wednesday, August 16, 2023, Ruth "Elaine" Simo of Montrose, Colorado passed away at the age of 76. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother and her legacy of generosity, baking and quilting will be everlasting in the hearts of those who knew her.

Elaine was born in Wyandotte, Michigan to Alice Neikirk (Recker) and Paul Neikirk. She attended Capital University, Eastern Michigan University and the Detroit College of Business. Elaine retired from Mesa Verde National Park where she worked as an administrative assistant to the Superintendent.

Elaine was the loving wife of almost 50 years to Joseph Glen Simo, mother of Kristen Simo, Malynda Simo (husband Duane), Alyssa Esser (husband Fred), and Joseph Simo (wife Jamie). She was the grandmother of Joey Simo, Jordyn Simo, Roman Esser and Alexya Esser; sister to Jerry Neikirk (sister-in-law Nancy Neikirk); and aunt to Jeffrey Neikirk, Susan (Neikirk) Simms, and Keri (Swensen) Sikora. Elaine was preceded in death by her parents, loving husband and brother.

At Elaine's request, there will be no funeral or memorial service. She asked that friends and loved ones make a small contribution to the Northern Arizona University Foundation - Simo-Neikirk Carter Family Scholarship Fund at <https://alumni.nau.edu/giving.aspx>.

Elaine will be eternally remembered by her family and friends.

Crippin Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting Mrs. Simo's family. 970-249-2121



### JEWEL EDWARD SCHOTTEL

***September 15, 1940-August 10, 2023***



Jewel was born in Montrose, CO to Preston and Lillie Schottel. Jewel grew up helping on the family dairy and after graduating from Montrose High School in 1958

joined the U.S. Navy serving as a Sonar man on the U.S.S. O'Brien.

A native of Montrose, Jewel helped on the family farm raising dairy cows and farming. Jewel joined the Montrose Coun-

ty Sheriff's office in 1981 where he spent 18 years after being on the Montrose County Sheriff's Posse for 12 years. Jewel enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, boating and spending time with family and friends. Jewel married Ella Arthur on August 8, 1959 and they had four children. On January 8, 2020 Jewel married Pat (Knifer) Collins the "Love of his Life." They enjoyed spending time at the cabin in Cimarron, riding the side by side, hunting and fishing on Blue Mesa.

Jewel is survived by his wife Pat, his sister Connie (John) Cox of Phoenix, AZ, his daughters Kim Lovlin and Kandi (Del) Dawson of Grand Junction, Brenda (Chris) Walsh of Craig, CO and sons Chris (Shaye)

Schottel, Ron (Janet) Collins, Dwayne (Kathy) Collins and Jack McKeehan all of Montrose, CO. Jewel is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Preston and Lillie Schottel, sister and brother in law Janet and Bill Horner, his son Scott Jewel Schottel, son-in-law Gordon Lovlin and grandson Russell Walsh. Services will be held August 26, 2023 at 2 pm at the Montrose Methodist Church with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers the family requests you make a donation to Montrose County Sheriff's Posse P.O. Box 717, Montrose, CO 81402. Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose is assisting the family. (970) 249-2121

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# ART & SOL

## YOUR BRAIN ON NATURE – WHAT’S BUGGING YOU?



By Lauren Hall Ruddell, Ph.D.

### Greetings Mirrorites!

Fall is my most favoritest time of year, with one exception. Flies. Late August and early September afternoons in Olathe are often too warm to wear long sleeves. But even when you do, flies will still crash into your face, going for your eyes and mouth. They often drive me indoors when I am just starting to get my chill on. And if that wasn't enough, cold nights start driving spiders indoors to crawl on me while I'm trying to sleep. All it takes is one for me to imagine that they are BACK and crawling around under the covers, even though part of my more rational mind knows it's only my imagination.

I don't have phobias, but I can certainly sympathize with those who do and how encounters of the entomological kind can



Photo courtesy of Christine Glade.

ruin a nature moment. Folks with insect phobias can experience panic attacks that include nausea, a choking sensation, racing heart, trembling, difficulty breathing, chills and sweating. Pretty awful stuff, so much so that in extreme cases, people with a phobia of pests avoid going inside their own houses or workplaces if they've recently had an infestation. They also could be afraid of anywhere but their home because they believe it's the only safe space.

I don't have to endure something this

bad, but when there are tons and tons of stable flies assaulting me, I get an overly jittery response that gets me slapping at things that aren't there. It becomes a bit like the psychiatric condition of Delusional Parasitosis (DP), a feeling that non-existent bugs are crawling all over (or even under) your skin. The fears and sensations are life altering and very real to the sufferer. People with phobias seem to have a dual brain route of fear processing through the insula and/or the anterior cingulate cortex. Both of these regions are

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are responsible for many of the *benefits* of time outdoors. If these paths are occupied by fear and anxiety responses, then the benefits are blocked and one may as well stay inside.

There are repellents that can help make the space outdoors much more pleasant and fly/mosquito free. Citronella candles are not a new item, and neither are they an effective one, so unless you just like their scent, don't buy them.

N,N-Diethyl-*meta*-toluamide (DEET), is still considered by many to be the most effective and long-lasting repellent currently available, but is also dogged by concerns for use on children and by pregnant women. The University of Michigan, among others, declares DEET safe for use on children. I grew up in the generation that was told that Jungle Juice would destroy your DNA, among other things, so I still avoid DEET out of habit, except to spray on clothes and hats. But for Ludites like me there is a new product on the market that I fully intend to invest in. And it's a food item, if you can believe that.

MCT oil is a coconut-based derivative. While coconut oil itself won't repel insects, it can be altered to be effective

against a broad array of blood-sucking arthropods including biting flies, ticks, bed bugs, and mosquitoes. In laboratory bioassays, these altered fatty acids repelled biting flies and bed bugs for two weeks after application, and ticks for one week. Early testing has demonstrated that repellency is stronger and longer lasting than DEET for both flies and mosquitoes. A liquid starch-based formulation containing natural coconut fatty acids was shown to protect pastured cattle from biting flies up to 96-hours in the hot summer. Nothing else has ever been proven to be that effective, so far. DEET is only 50 percent effective against stable flies, while the coconut oil compound is more than 95 percent effective.

As a food additive it has been around long enough to be considered safe and many people on a keto diet add it to their morning beverage for extra energy. For use as a repellent, the USDA has applied for a patent. In the meantime fly-o-phobes can acquire the product for topical use from a number of sources on Amazon. Try it and find out for yourself whether or not it works. This product is already in use on skin and hair as well as internally. MCT oil supposedly provides powerful antimicro-

bial properties and it's reported to be soothing, combat fungi, and is easily absorbed into the skin without clogging pores. It can help reduce acne breakouts and other skin infections, resulting in a healthier and clearer complexion, or so they say.

They also say, it's an excellent moisturizer for the skin and hair and supposedly helps prevent dry, itchy skin. Better still, it helps improve the skin's elasticity and defies wrinkles.

These anti-aging benefits stem from its ability to moisturize and improve the skin's youthfulness. Regular application of MCT oil—combined with collagen—may help reduce the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles, leaving the skin looking smoother and younger.

OK, so I have ordered myself a spray just to see if it works on flies. Anything else is definitely a bonus and I will certainly report my results back to my gentle readers. I have ordered an organic spray from [Better Body](#) on Amazon for \$14, and if it works, I will certainly consider the cost well worth it!

Avoid getting bugged however you choose and be sure to get outside to enjoy the cooling weather.

## Local Immunization Providers



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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## MONTROSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS OFFICER JASON HEWITT

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Montrose County Historical Society presents Officer Jason Hewitt of the Montrose city police force sharing the history of Montrose as presented to new officers recruited and hired. Officer Hewitt shares, with pride, the history and development of Montrose in such a way, new officers recruited from other parts of areas are as well versed in the town's history, culture and growth. The program starts at 7 pm. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, in rooms 1 and 2 in Montrose County Events Center. Admission is free, the public is invited. Light refreshments may be available.



# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## CONGRESSWOMAN LAUREN BOEBERT ANNOUNCES 2023 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION WINNER: SENIOR REGINA SIKES FROM PAGOSA SPRINGS



Pagosa Springs high school senior Regina Sikes won first place with her oil painting, *Ghost Ranch*. Her piece will be displayed in the Capitol Building. Courtesy photo.



Congresswoman Boebert visited Regina's family to see a mural that Regina completed at the Pagosa Springs High School.

### Special to Art & Sol

COLORADO- Congresswoman Lauren Boebert has announced that Pagosa Springs senior Regina Sikes from Pagosa Springs, Colorado won the 2023 Congressional Art Competition.

**Congresswoman Lauren Boebert (CO-03)** proudly announced, "I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Regina Sikes from Pagosa Springs, Colorado, on her well-deserved victory in the 2023 Congressional Art Competition. Her masterpiece, *Ghost Ranch*, brilliantly captures the beauty of the southwestern skies and landscapes. Regina's exceptional artwork will hang in the halls of the Capitol Building, where it will be admired by Members of Congress, U.S. Senators, and countless daily visitors who will undoubtedly be captivated by its beauty. On top of winning this year's competition, Regina has also earned an honorable mention for her two paintings in-

spired by her great-great-grandmother. These will be displayed in my Durango Office."

"I'd also like to congratulate Amara Fancher from Cedaredge High School and Julia K. Powell from Centennial High School for receiving honorable mentions from my office for their outstanding submissions for the 2023 Congressional Art Competition. Amara's art piece will be displayed in my Grand Junction Office, and Julia's will be displayed in my Pueblo Office. I am excited to show off these amazing pieces of art to all my constituents. Finally, I'd like to congratulate and thank all the contestants for submitting entries for the 2023 Congressional Art Competition. It was such a competitive year, and all the students' work was truly remarkable. I am always amazed to see Colorado students' incredible artistic talent."

### Background:

High school senior Regina Sikes from Pagosa Springs won the 2023 Congressional Art Competition with her piece, *Ghost Ranch*. Her artwork will be displayed for one year in the Cannon Tunnel to the U.S. Capitol, where Members of Congress and over 1 million visitors per year will see it as they enter the Capitol.

Regina and her family were invited to and attended an award ceremony and reception in the U.S. Capitol unveiling her artwork. The trip included free airfare for her and a family member as well as a full, exclusive tour of the Capitol Building by Congresswoman Boebert's office.

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.



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# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

## ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Member of the Diocese of the Rocky Mountains and the Anglican Church in North America. Address: 2057 S. Townsend, Montrose, CO 81401.

**Office Hours:** Varies and by appointment  
Contact Information: (970) 249-2451 <https://www.allsaintsmontrose.org/>

**Priest:** The Rev Preston Gordon.

**Worship Service Times:** Sunday, 9AM, Holy Eucharist. Wednesdays, 11AM Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing.

Wednesday, Noon, Multi-denominational Community Prayer Hour.

There are multiple Bible Studies during the week.

All Saints Anglican Church is Biblical, Anglican and Orthodox. The order of service is from the Anglican Church in North America Book of Common Prayer (2019). Music is a combination of traditional hymns, contemporary, and more modern songs.

Children's Christian Education Program is conducted during the 9AM service. This is a

family-sized church that welcomes all individuals and families. We are currently comprised of families and singles, ages 13 to 90. Fellowship time follows each Sunday Service with a fellowship meal following the service on the 3d Sunday.

Welcome home to a family celebrating Christ, in fellowship, growing in the truth of God's Word, with worship in the Anglican tradition. Mission statement: Restoring Hope.

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## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Olathe, Co 81425

Tuesday-Friday Phone: 970-808-1021

[www.biblebaptistchurcholathe.com](http://www.biblebaptistchurcholathe.com)

Pastor Gabe Skillo

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Sunday 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer 7 p.m.

## CELEBRATION CHURCH

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

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

**Office Hours:** By appointment

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

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

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

**Senior Pastor:**

Pastor Brandon Mathis

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

**Demographics:** Multi-generational

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

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

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

**Other Discipleship Opportunities:**

Youth Night: First & Third Wednesdays of month 6pm

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

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

Celebrate Recovery: Friday nights @ 6:30pm

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Denomination:** Christ Lutheran Montrose

**Affiliation:** Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

**Contact:** 970-633-0226

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

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

**Pastor:** Tim Onnen

**Worship:** Sundays at 9 AM

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

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

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

## FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

**Denomination:** Church of the Nazarene

**Address:** 705 South 12th Street

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

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

**Pastor:** Buddy Cook

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

Wednesday: Prayer Boot Camp - 7 PM

Mission Statement: *Montrose First Church of the Nazarene exists to make Christlike*

*disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.*

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

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

**Affiliation:** Presbyterian

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

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

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

**Pastor:** Jesse Mabanglo

**Worship Service times:** 9:30AM,

Student Worship at 6PM. *We strive to encourage, 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 ministries.*

# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

## HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Denomination affiliation:** United Church of Christ  
**Address:** 611 South Hillcrest Drive, Montrose, CO 81401  
**Office hours:** By appointment  
**Contact information:**

Phone number: (970) 249-9047  
 Email address: [office@montroseucc.org](mailto:office@montroseucc.org)  
 Website: [montroseucc.org](http://montroseucc.org)  
**Current Pastor:** Rev. Wendy Kidd  
**Worship service times:** Sunday, 10 a.m.  
 Hillcrest Congregational UCC is a welcoming, open and affirming church, open to all no matter who you are or where you are

on life's journey.  
 Church demographics: HCUCC welcomes all ages to worship with us. (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles)  
 We offer inter-generational worship with a children's "prayer-ground" and activity packets. A cry room is also available.

## MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Denomination Affiliation:** United Methodist  
**Address:** 19 S. Park Avenue Montrose CO. 81401  
**Office Hours:** M-Thu, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**Contact Information:** 970-249-3716, [office@montroseumc.org](mailto:office@montroseumc.org), [mont-](http://montroseumc.org)

[roseumc.org](http://roseumc.org)  
**Current Senior Pastor:** Rev. Kevin Young  
**Worship service times:**  
 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual  
 9:45 a.m. Christian Education & Fellowship  
 11 a.m. Sanctuary  
 Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully inclusive, loving, and just servants of

Christ. Our church family welcomes people from various cultural and faith backgrounds: single, married, remarried, with or without children, from diapers to dentures.  
 Wherever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come discover hope, joy, peace, purpose.

## ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

**Affiliation:** Southern Baptist  
**Address:** 1598 E. Niagara Road, Montrose, CO 81401  
**Office Hours:** Tues-Thurs, 9am-4pm  
**Contact information:**  
 Phone: 970.249.4887  
 website: [www.RosemontBaptist.org](http://www.RosemontBaptist.org)  
 email: [office@rosemontbaptist.org](mailto:office@rosemontbaptist.org)  
**Senior Pastor:** Rolland Kenneson  
**Worship Service Times:** Our engaging and relevant Sunday Worship Service is at

10:45 AM. We also have Bible Study for All Ages Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. We provide a professionally-staffed nursery throughout both.  
 Rosemont Baptist's desire is to passionately bring people face-to-face with the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.  
 We are a multigenerational church from different walks of life who love Jesus, love each other, and love our community. Everyone comes dressed in whatever is comfortable. We love meeting new people no

matter what stage of life they are in.  
**Children's services:** We have a fun Sunday School for children from four years old through youth. We provide Children's Church during the Sunday Worship Services where children four years old through 9 years can learn to be worshippers of Jesus.  
 We provide a nursery for children under four years old with paid staff providing excellent care during Sunday Morning Bible Study and Worship Service.

## SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

**Denomination affiliation:** Independent Interfaith  
**Address:** Meeting at Lions Park Community Building, 602 N. Nevada, Montrose  
 Office hours: Tues-Fri, 9 am to 4 pm,  
**Home Office** – 970-252-0908  
**Contact information:** Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, 970-252-0908, [arlyn@spiritaware.org](mailto:arlyn@spiritaware.org), [www.spiritaware.org](http://www.spiritaware.org)  
**Name of current pastor:** Rev. Dr. Arlyn

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

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

## ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

**Denomination:** Anglican-Reformed Episcopal Church (REC)  
**Address:** 2405 Sunnyside Road, Montrose 970-249-4868  
**Contact:** [ststephensmont-](http://ststephensmontrose.com)

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[www.ststephensmontrose.com](http://www.ststephensmontrose.com)  
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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](mailto:summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com)

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

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

Sario

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

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

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

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

## VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

**Denomination Affiliation:** Independent Baptist

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

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

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

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

**Current Pastor:** Roland Kassales

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

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

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

**Church Directory**

*Mirror Editorial Staff*

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

**information to the Montrose Mirror:**

**Name of church**

**Denomination affiliation**

**Address Office hours**

**Contact information (phone number, email address, website)**

**Name of current Senior Pastor**

**Worship service times**

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

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

**Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?**



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# COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

## VAULT TOILET UPGRADES SCHEDULED FOR WARD LAKE

*Special to the Mirror*

GRAND JUNCTION— The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Grand Valley Ranger District will upgrade two vault toilets in the Ward Lake recreation area on the Grand Mesa. Replacement of the vault toilets will begin Aug. 21, 2023.

The replacement process requires heavy equipment to be utilized. For public health and safety, the area surrounding the vault toilets will be closed for the duration of the project.

The first vault toilet, situated at the Ward Creek parking lot, will undergo replacement. As a result, the southern end of the parking lot will be closed to public use. Access to the Ward Lake boat ramp will still be available to ensure no disruption to recreational activities on the lake.

A temporary closure of National Forest System Road (NFSR) #121.1E will be required for the second vault toilet replacement.

Recreational activities are prohibited in the closure area. The public is asked to adhere to this closure and pay close attention to all signage. Travelers and forest visitors should be alert and avoid areas

where heavy equipment is working.

The project is expected to be completed by Sept. 1, 2023.

For questions or additional information, contact the Grand Valley Ranger District at (970) 242-8211. For more information on

current fire restrictions, conditions and recreation opportunities, visit the [forest website](#) or

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## FRUITA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOST FROM SOIL TO SUPPER

*Special to Art & Sol*

FRUITA-The Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to host From Soil to Supper, presented by Skips Farm to Market. From Soil to Supper will take place at Fruita Civic Center from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm on Aug. 26. Tickets are for sale at [events.fruitachamber.org](http://events.fruitachamber.org)

From Soil to Supper is a community dinner centered around supporting local businesses and local agriculture. The dinner will feature a 3-course meal, live music and educational presentations that highlight the importance of local agriculture in our community and how you can help support the growth of our rich agriculture in Western Colorado. These speak-

ers include:

Janie VanWinkle, the owner of VanWinkle Ranch

Lowell King, Hit the Hay Farm

Greg Bolton, owner of Western Slope Worms

Alisha Wenger, Executive Director of Community Food Bank

Prepared by Cattlemen's Café & Catering, the dinner will utilize fresh, locally sourced produce from across the grand valley.

From Soil to Supper will proudly showcase the efforts of not only Cattlemen's Café & Catering but the dedicated local farmers and producers responsible for growing and raising the food we enjoy.

Attendees can look forward to being served refreshing beverages from Copper Club Brewing Company, accompanied by live music by The Killens.

The night before From Soil to Supper will be the final Fourth Friday of summer, also at Civic Center Park in Fruita! Come by from 5 pm to 8 pm on August 25th for food trucks, local artist's booths, and live music!

There will also be beer served by Suds Brothers Brewery as a fundraiser for the Fruita Area Chamber Foundation!

We hope to see you both Friday and Saturday night. Learn more about From Soil to Supper and Fourth Friday at [fruitachamber.org](http://fruitachamber.org)



FREE Program

## Western History with Kate Burke

### The Bachelor Syracuse gold mine that saved Ouray

Powerpoint presentation includes historic photographs, maps, geological surveys, and a few fascinating tidbits from Ouray's old newspapers. Mining display, on loan from the Bachelor Mine.



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# FROM SOIL TO SUPPER

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5:30PM-8:00PM



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

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

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

## **RIDGWAY TRUE GRIT WALKING TOUR**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MONTHLY

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

**Sept. 6**-The Montrose County Historical Society presents Officer Jason Hewitt of the Montrose city police force sharing the history of Montrose as presented to new officers recruited and hired. Officer Hewitt shares, with pride, the history and development of Montrose in such a way, new officers recruited from other parts of areas are as well versed in the town's history, culture and growth. The program starts at 7 pm. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, in rooms 1 and 2 in Montrose County Events Center. Admission is free, the public is invited. Light refreshments may be available.

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

**Sept. 21**-West Region Wildfire Council's next All Areas Meeting will be on Sept. 21 from 1-3 pm at the Uncompahgre Room, 2505 S Townsend Ave in Montrose (south end of the north / BLM building).

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