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FAMILY COURT JUDGE PUTS CHILDREN, FAMILIES AT RISK



For many of the families whose cases have been entrusted to 7th Judicial District Family Court Judge Donald "Cory" Jackson, the term "Justice" can seem like a cruel joke. Judge Jackson's rulings have drawn outrage across Colorado and the United States, but despite concerns and increasing media attention, the controversial judge remains on the bench. Photo B. Switzer.

By Steve Middendorp, Mirror Courts Reporter
MONTROSE-For Montrose Family Court Judge Donald "Cory" Jackson, the bad news keeps on coming as media outlets across Colorado and the U.S. spotlight Jackson's courtroom. The youthful judge has been the subject of a recent bombshell [Propublica article](#) by Hannah Dreyfus, which exposed Jackson's courtroom for dismissing proven child sexual abuse and even awarding full custody to the abusive father. This involved dismissing reports of abuse by a licensed evaluator in favor of a newly-hired evaluator from the Front Range to whom the father paid \$17,000, presumably to tell the story of a mother brainwashing her son into believing he was abused. The case was also riddled with obvious conflicts of interest. The "Special Consultant" quoted in the article who first refuted allegations against the abusive father in 2015--Susan Coykendoll--is married to 7th Judicial District Chief Judge J. Steven Patrick. Despite serious evidence to the contrary, including a confession by the father to having sexually abused

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ERIE TIGERS DEFEAT RED HAWKS 38 TO 28

By Cliff Dodge
MONTROSE-The 2023 football season continues to take twists and turns as the season progresses. The 5th ranked Montrose Red Hawks hosted the 4th ranked Erie Tigers to the stadium on Friday evening and saw their one game win streak snapped.



Quarterback Gage Wareham (#9) prepares to hand the football to running back Blake Griffin. Photo by Cliff Dodge.

The Red Hawks won the toss, deferred and forced Erie into a three and out situation deep in Montrose territory. The Red Hawks defense stiffened and forced Erie to turn the football over on downs.

The Red Hawks turned their offense loose and drove 80 yards in nine plays to take the early lead. Senior Jaxon Killen ran 44 yards for the score. The two-point conversion was good, making the score 8-0 in favor of the Red Hawks.

The Tigers took the ensuing kickoff and marched 75 yards as quarterback Blake Barnett found Kyler Colbert in the end zone with a five yard scoring pass. The PAT made the score 8-7 in the Red Hawks favor.

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MONTROSE-Please join us for a special event and tour on Friday, Sept. 15 at Hampton Inn Montrose: 1130a Meet and Greet the 2023 Montrose School Board candidates. At noon, Montrose Clerk Tressa Guynes will speak, then lead us on an on-site tour of the new Clerk's Office and Elections.

OLATHE FIRE DISTRICT BENEFITS BOSOM BUDDIES BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-A fundraiser was hosted by the personnel of the Olathe Fire District to benefit Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group. Through personal and community donations, those involved raised more than \$800 to help locals affected by breast cancer. Kim Jones (left) and Patti Powel (right) of Bosom Buddies gratefully accepted the donation from some of the personnel of the District.

"There is so much need right now," said Jones. Powel added, "Thank you to the Olathe Fire District for spearheading this amazing effort."



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The Red Hawks returned the favor with a five play scoring drive of their own as the offense gained yardage in large chunks. Elijah Womack capped the drive with a three yard touchdown run. Austin Zimmer added a successful two point conversion to make the score Red Hawks 16, Erie Tigers 7 at the end of one quarter of play.

The Tigers drove the ball deep into Red Hawks territory as the second quarter unfolded. The drive stalled and the Tiger's brain trust opted to attempt a 27 yard field goal. The successful kick made the score 16-10 in the Red Hawks favor.

The Red Hawks could not sustain their offensive drive and turned the ball over on

downs to the Tigers who quickly turned it into points. Gavin Lusk capped a three play driver with a seven yard touchdown run. The Tigers converted the point after and took their first lead of the game, 17-16.

The Red Hawks next drive was ruined by a holding call and the home team eventually turned the ball over on downs. The Tigers took four plays to score, this time on a 21-yard touchdown pass to Braylon Toliver, advancing the score to 24-16 as the half ended.

The Red Hawks took the opening kickoff of the second half and put together a 65-yard drive in six plays as Blake Griffin ran the final two yards for the score. The two point conversion attempt was not good and the Tigers lead melted to two points, 24-22.

The Tigers added another touchdown in the third period to increase the visitor's lead to 31-22. The teams battled without scoring during the waning moments of the third quarter.

The Tigers added yet another score to their total in the fourth quarter as Tolliver hauled in an 11-yard TD pass to increase the lead to 28-22.

The Red Hawks put their offense in gear with 8:28 remaining in the 4th quarter. The Hawks marched 70 yards in eight plays as Aiden Grijalva scored from two yards out to close the gap to 38-28. The teams battled the final few minutes of the contest without denting the scoreboard again. The final score remained Erie 38, Montrose 28.

The Red Hawks season mark fell to 1-2 while the Tigers improved to 2-1 for the young season. The outcome of this game will certainly have a bearing on the 4A Colorado High School Activities Association's rankings. The Red Hawks travel to Palisade on Thursday, Sept. 14. The kickoff is scheduled for 7pm.



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MONTROSE COUNTY DONATES BUILDING FOR WEST END FAMILY LINK

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-With all commissioners present, Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Chair Sue Hansen opened the regular meeting at 9:30am on Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Pastor Roland Kassales of Victory Baptist Church delivered the invocation, "...This is a beautiful time to live here in Montrose County...we ask for your blessing on this meeting...Lord help us...be a blessing for those in government...thank you for today."

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Speaking during the public comment period, Scott Scarborough asked about a recently enacted moratorium (Resolution 14-2023) on acceptance of new applications for power generation, campground and RV Park uses in Montrose County. "What is the story on RV's...I just need some clarification..."

Commissioner Keith Caddy suggested speaking with the Planning Department. "They should give you the information."

Scarborough said, "I did, and they advised me to come here...I have some concerns on what I've heard... there's RV parks, 20-30 units, then there's these other type of areas where you camp overnight...there's a lot of that going on...18 months is a long time to try to figure out something. A lot of business could or couldn't be lost in that period of time."

Hansen said the County is embarking on the master plan. "We want to make sure that we put thoughtful consideration into where, how, and how much of that we would like in Montrose County...we're going to be reaching out to the public for comment, and we would invite you to also be part of that process."

Scarborough said that he would be willing to work with anybody or anything on trying to come up with regulations. "...I just wanted to bring that to your attention. I'm concerned about that...it's a big deal."

COUNTY MANAGER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners voted to accept Consent Agenda Items, with Resolution No. 41-

2023 assigned to Item 4; Resolution 42-2023 assigned to Item 6; Resolution No. 43-2023 assigned to Item 9; Resolution 44-2023 assigned to Item 12, Resolution 45-2023 assigned to Item 13; and Resolution No. 46-2023 assigned to Item 16.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt on second reading proposed [Ordinance No. 2023-01](#), repealing Ordinance No. 2015-02 and Amending and Reenacting Rules and Regulations Governing the Control of Rubbish and Junk.

Also approved unanimously was [Resolution 47-2023](#), declaring surplus property for disposal and donation to the West End Family Link Center. The donated property is the building that has been leased to West End Family Link Center; a [quit claim deed to the property](#) was included in the BOCC meeting packet and was unanimously approved as well.

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash said, "I want to thank the folks at the Family Link for the outstanding work that they do. They feed a lot of mouths over there...this is really a big honor for this board to be able to donate this building so they can improve their property and even make it more efficient to feed more people."

Rash said that his own mother depended on resources like the Link Center to feed her four small children. Also, the Quit Claim Deed ensures that the county's asset will be protected. "I think this is a win-win for both the county and the citizens of the West End," Rash said.

Chair Sue Hansen said that the county does not usually give away buildings. "You continue to do outreach, and serve, and add programs, and make what that community needs available...we feel that you are doing worthy work, we're proud of you, and I know that community appreciates what you do too," Hansen said.

Doris Van Ness of the West End Family Link Center board of directors was present, and thanked county officials for the donation.

"I can't tell you how great this is," she said. "This is a great day...I can't thank you enough."



Montrose County Commissioners voted to donate a building to West End Family Link at the meeting of Sept. 6.

Commissioner Keith Caddy said, "I think this will give you the opportunity to take it to the next level. You guys do great work over in the West End for the people over there. It's needed over in that part of the county right now more than ever since the closing of the mines, closing of the power plant. Things are not where they need to be on the West End and people need a lot of help over there."

Commissioners voted to approve a proclamation declaring September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Montrose County.

Maria Valadez of Tri-County Health Network was present; she spoke of the need for suicide prevention awareness and thanked commissioners for the proclamation.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Kim Ficco of the Planning Department presented three minor subdivisions for consideration. Commissioners voted to approve all three minor subdivisions below with one vote:

The [Gard Minor Subdivision \[MI23-007\]](#) proposal to divide 16.70 acres into two lots at Parcel 399325206001, 67844 Trout Road;

The [Good Time Minor Subdivision \[MI23-017\]](#) proposal to divide 6.86 acres from 63.18 acres at Parcel 39931310022 & 399118200041; and

The [Deer Hollow Minor Subdivision \[MI23-018\]](#) proposal to divide a 24.56 acre-lot into three lots at Parcel 404108400039.

With no further business, commissioners voted to adjourn.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

ILLINOIS HOUSE BILL 3751 DOES NOT ALLOW ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO BECOME POLICE OFFICERS

Dear Editor Montrose Mirror:

RE: Illinois House Bill 3751 Does **NOT** allow Illegal Immigrants to become Police Officers

The letter to the editor, Bartholome, September 4, offered false and inflammatory information. It is *illegal* for any employer to knowingly hire illegal immigrants [1]. The writer correctly quoted HB 3751 as allowing "an individual who is not a citizen but is legally authorized to work in the United States under federal law...", to apply for police positions. This, by definition, does **NOT** allow an illegal immigrant to apply, but does allow a legal resident, also known as a green card holder, permanent resident or resident alien, to apply.

A legal resident has followed an arduous, costly, burdensome, and lengthy process to gain legal residency [2] including:

- health screening by federally approved doctors-fingerprinting and background check
- documentation of financial support/sponsorship
- interviews by immigration personnel

This process may take 1 to 3 years depending on circumstance. Please note that immigrants who marry an American Citizen must follow this process too. As a legal resident you:

- may apply for social security card and subsequent employment
- will have income withholdings for tax, social security etc. the same as a citizen
- may own a firearm if all other requirements are met
- may join the armed forces if all other requirements are met [3]
- may apply for citizenship after maintaining satisfactory resident status for typically 3 to 5 years

Other States, including Colorado, do not require citizenship to be eligible to apply for police positions [4], although the State does allow local agencies to have more stringent requirements. The dropping of the citizenship requirements is due to the small pool of eligible candidates. All applicants will be required to meet all other applicable requirements including a background check. For Federal positions, executive order 11935 requires only US Citizens and nationals may be appointed to competitive service in most cases [5].

This false and inflammatory nature of this letter upset me and I was surprised the Montrose Mirror would publish this, surely it at least requires a rebuttal with correct information cited. However, I appreciate the opportunity to provide this letter to refute Batholome.

[1] IRCA Act 1986

[2] Personal Experience

[3] Veterans for New Americans www.immigrationforum.com

[4] Law Enforcement Immigration Task Force www.leitf.org

[5] www.opm.gov

Sincerely,

Judy Kittson, Montrose

MONTROSE BEWARE

Editor:

Virtually all the major Metropolitan Cities under Central Control can be identified as Socialist/Communist strongholds.

Now comes the turn for the same to be done to the rural communities one by one.

A 'trojan horse' is rolled up to the city gates with a message from afar: we are here to help you identify and resolve your community problems and by extension individual problems.

Problems identified become a foundation for a socialist agenda that leads to more problems and solutions. Here is the "News Flash". Know this, that all the problems are pre-identified, as well as the answers known. The poor souls that join and condone these group pods become nothing more than pawns to which on command come forward to pronounce "what a great idea we had".

Next comes more centralized government controls and payouts. The results are a huge step towards a communist based centralized government that makes people believe that without big government dictating and solving every event in your life that you, the individual is no longer capable of providing for yourself or your family.

"They" will in the end take control of everything you have including your children, wealth, and rights as a citizen.

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B. Bennett, Montrose

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MONTROSE-Montrose Adult Education Center is celebrating its 50th year of serving the Montrose community and beyond. We are having an open house Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 3 – 7 pm. We'd like anyone who has previously been a part of the program whether as student, staff, volunteer and/or supported us in any way to attend. The community is also invited. Our current location is in the basement of Zion Lutheran Church (701 S. Junction Avenue). Entry is from the back parking lot (off S. 7th Street).

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

BE VERY SKEPTICAL ABOUT 'UNIFY MONTROSE'

Editor:

In 2019, after several years of inadequate funding for our police department, thanks to Bill Bell and compliant councils, the real issue of police funding became critical. To divert attention away from years of underfunding, the higher ups [Bell et al] came up with the idea of a hand-picked "Blue Ribbon" committee to "study" the problem.

Then it was simply a matter of skillfully manipulating that committee to arrive at the desired conclusion of an increased sales tax, thereby giving Bell et al some cover for putting a tax increase on the ballot.

"The Blue Ribbon Committee said we needed it" so a largely unquestioning public voted higher taxes.

Well BEWARE Montrose and hold on to your pocketbook!

It seems a new version of a handpicked "Blue Ribbon Committee" has taken center stage in the form of UNIFY MONTROSE!.

Arriving in town early summer under dubious circumstances as the first "arm" of "Unify America" based in Evanston Illinois, presentations were made to City Council and the Montrose BOCC along with an MDP article. Unify Montrose proposed to select a panel of 64 Montrose residents to solve the "pressing problem" of childcare in Montrose and arrive at what they call "shared solutions".

After spending quite a bit of time researching Unify America and Unify Montrose I've come up with far too many RED FLAGS! Some of those are listed below in

no particular order :

According to the Montrose Daily Press article, Unify America was introduced to our community by none other than Don Coram and Linda Gann!

The panel of 64 was originally referred to as "jurors", implying an authority that simply did not exist! Since then the panel is referred to as either "delegates" or "community panel".

Community members interested in participating in the process were required to fill out a complex application by email to Illinois and "acceptable" "delegates" were selected by a faceless Illinois computer program.

The panel has been selected but no public announcement of members chosen has been made. The initial meeting of select delegates was held just after Labor Day.

The stated problem to "fix" is childcare, but if that was really a problem enterprising entrepreneurs would have jumped in to solve it.

Their website indicates they are "collaborating" with City Council and our BOCC, implying explicit support but that is grossly misleading since no such support was approved.

Applicants accepted to participate will be paid \$15/hr for 2 hours weekly over 12 weeks, an amount in excess of \$23,000! Why would a "non Profit" from Illinois be funding this expense without expecting a payoff down the road??

According to their web site, discus-

sions with the 64 will be "GUIDED" in small groups! By whom? Non resident employees of Unify America? To what end? To manipulate the discussion?

The "chosen" issue of childcare was based on the Root Policy study noted, and hurried in the Recommendations the true aim of the study is revealed- public funding or higher sales taxes to support child care, a socialist governmental function

The more I researched the more questions were raised, so I determined to visit the local office of UNIFY MONTROSE to ask my questions in person. Surprise! There is no local office or contact persons! All contacts via email through Illinois! NO ONE WITH UNIFY IS ACTUALLY FROM MONTROSE!

Their web site claims they are a "non-partisan grass roots organization that believes there's a better way to make decisions for this country".

It's hard to see Unify as "grass roots" since all are from out of state! And there is an arrogance in thinking they are smarter than our Founding Fathers.

Montrose taxpayers in general and the 64 "computer acceptable delegates" in particular should be very skeptical about this program being fostered on our community out of Illinois!

Absent critical questioning oversight by the 64 delegates the outcome of this exercise will result in recommendations for increased public funding or a sales tax increase to fund a trumped up issue more appropriately handled by private industry.
Dee Laird, Montrose



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MONTROSE COUNTY RECORDS FIRST WEST NILE VIRUS CASE OF THE SEASON

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— Montrose County Public Health confirmed its first case of West Nile Virus for the season in a male in his 50s. West Nile Virus is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. In 2022, Montrose County reported 38 cases of West Nile Virus and of those, 27 were hospitalized.

“Now is the time to continue to stay watchful and prepared,” said Montrose County Public Health Director Jim Austin. “Despite the cooler evening temperatures, mosquitoes are still a concern. Simple steps such as wearing an effective insect repellent, wearing protecting or long-sleeve clothing, mosquito-proofing your home, and possibly staying indoors when mosquitoes are most active are key to helping avoid West Nile Virus.”

In Colorado, most human West Nile virus cases are reported in August and Septem-

ber. Most people infected with West Nile virus don’t have symptoms. About 20% of infected people will have flu-like symptoms, and fewer than 1% develop a serious, potentially deadly illness. People over age 60 and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk of serious illness. See a health care provider if you develop severe headaches or confusion.

Due to the cases reported last year, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Montrose County Public Health urge community members to protect themselves. Stated below are precautions to take this summer while outside and in areas where mosquitoes are active.

To protect yourself:

-Use insect repellents when you go outdoors. Repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, and some oil of lemon eucalyptus, and para-menthane-diol products provide the best protection. Follow label

instructions.

-Limit outdoor activities at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus are most active.

-Wear protective clothing (long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and socks) in areas where mosquitoes are active. Spray clothes with insect repellent for extra protection.

To mosquito-proof your home:

-Drain standing water around your house at least once every week. Empty water from tires, cans, flowerpots, clogged gutters, rain barrels, birdbaths, toys, and puddles.

-Install or repair screens on windows and doors.

-Replace outdoor lights with yellow “bug lights.” These attract fewer mosquitoes. These do not repel mosquitoes, just limit the amount.

-For more information, visit the department’s [West Nile virus web page](#).

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MONTROSE RED HAWKS SPORTS ROUNDUP

RED HAWKS VOLLEYBALL VS GRAND JUNCTION TIGERS:

By Cliff Dodge

MONTROSE-The Montrose Red Hawks traveled to Grand Junction on Tuesday, Sept. 5th and shut out the home-standing Tigers 3-0.

The victory increased the Red Hawks over-all season record to 2-2, and 1-0 in league action.

The Red Hawks put the pedal to the metal from the opening serve of the first game. The Red Hawks took the first

match 25 to 15 and never looked back.

The Red Hawks won the second match 25-17 and the third match 25-18 as the Hawks defense nullified the offensive efforts by the Tigers.

To date the Red Hawks recorded 85 kills, a dozen blocks, and 23 serving aces. Madison Lucero leads the Red Hawks with 28 kills and 9 serving aces. Taygan Rocco leads the team with 6 total blocks and 63 assists. Logan Matoush has 33 digs and 39

receptions to lead the team in these departments.

The Red Hawks season is somewhat topsy-turvy in the early going. The Red Hawks currently are 2-0 on the road and 0-2 at home. Things are usually the other way round at the team celebrates the home court advantage.

The Red Hawks next action will be a trip to Lewis Palmer High School to take part in a four team tournament.

RED HAWKS SOFTBALL VS GRAND JUNCTION TIGERS:

By Cliff Dodge

MONTROSE-The Montrose Red Hawks softball team hit the road on Tuesday, Sept. 5th and traveled to Grand Junction to take on the Grand Junction Tigers. The Red Hawks jumped out to a comfortable lead but were unable to keep the Tigers at bay and lost the game by the score of 17 to 11.

Montrose struck first scoring 5 runs in the first inning. The Red Hawks held onto the lead and let 7-4 through the 4th inning.

Things got away from the Red Hawks in the 5th inning as the Tigers erupted for 10 runs in the 5th inning and added 3 more in the 6th inning to make the final score 17-11.

Abby England led the Red Hawks with 3 base hits and 2 runs batted in. Cali Fulks (2 hits, 2 rbi's), and Baeli Minerich (2 hits, 3 rbi's) contributed to the Red Hawks offensive efforts. Fulks had the Red Hawks only extra base hit, a ringing double.

Red Hawks pitchers were roughed up by the Tigers. Andie Blowers. Stevie firkins and Baeli Minerich gave good efforts but the Tigers hitters prevailed making the score 17-11.

The Red Hawks saw their season record fall to 1-5-1 overall and 1-2 in league play. The Tigers evened their season mark at 4-4 and a 3-1 record in league action. The Red Hawks hit the road again as they travel to Berthoud for a two-day multi-team tournament.

RED HAWKS SOCCER VS BATTLE MOUNTAIN:

By Cliff Dodge

MONTROSE-The Montrose Red Hawks boys' soccer team travelled to the home of the Battle Mountain Huskies on Tuesday, September 5th and absorbed their third defeat of the young soccer season by the score of 4-1. The 0-3 start is certainly not the start anticipated by Head Coach Cassie Snyder and her players.

The two teams battled to a 1-1 tie after the first half of play. The second half was

a major disappointment to the Red Hawks as the Huskies converted 3 goals to make the final score 4-1.

The Red Hawks Jude Carlton led the offense for the visitors as he scored the lone goal for the Red Hawks. Battle Mountain led the way with 7 corner kicks to 2 for the Red Hawks. The Hawks committed 8 fouls compared with 7 for the Huskies.

Junior Tommy Montoya-Omelas, junior

Brody Cooling and sophomore Luis Covarrubias all had shots on goal for the Red Hawks. Junior Christopher Gonzalez-Muniz and senior Thomas Chandler had shots but did not find the net. Sophomore Jude Carlton, the Red Hawk goalkeeper, faced 13 shots on goal. He made 9 saves and gave up the 4 Huskies goals.

The Red Hawks next action will be a game at Cheyenne Mountain High School in Colorado Springs.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COW CREEK PRESCRIBED FIRE PROJECT ANNOUNCED

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION-Fire Management Officials from the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Grand Valley Ranger District plan to conduct the Cow Creek prescribed burn this fall. The vegetation treatments could occur from September through October, depending upon weather and appropriate ground and vegetation conditions. Prescribed burning is a versatile forest management tool designed to re-introduce fire into the ecosystem to promote and regenerate healthy trees and habitat conditions while improving habitat for a variety of wildlife.

The project area is approximately nine miles east of Gateway, Colorado and 25 miles southwest of Grand Junction, Colorado. If conditions are appropriate, about 7,000 acres with the potential of up to 15,000 acres are planned to be burned over multiple days, reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfire and improving wildlife habitat. The project area includes Cow Creek, Calamity Creek, and Indian Creek.

Before conducting a prescribed burn, extensive planning establishes proper parameters such as weather, fuel conditions, smoke dispersion, staffing and other agency coordination. Coordinating efforts occur with local landowners, protection partners and other cooperating agencies to ensure the burn is conducted safely. The prescribed burns will be accomplished using joint-agency fire resources utilizing aerial and hand ignitions and will be closely monitored to ensure that they remain within the designated boundaries.

The safety of firefighters and the public are the most important factors considered when planning a prescribed burn. Trained fire managers conduct prescribed burns with a strong understanding of fire behavior and years of on-the-ground experience. These prescribed fire projects will only be implemented when pre-identified firefighting resources are available to support safe operations and specific environmental conditions are met (e.g., wind speed, relative humidity, smoke dispersion). Ignitions will occur using ground and

aerial techniques. Fire managers will monitor and staff the fire until it is deemed secure and patrol the prescribed fire until it is declared out.

Smoke from the prescribed fire will be managed to have minimal impact on neighboring communities. The prescribed fire will aid in decreasing longer duration, unpredictable and hazardous volumes of smoke from wildfires.

Fire managers have obtained smoke permits from the State of Colorado and will comply with Colorado State air quality regulations. For more information on how prescribed fire smoke may affect your health, please visit <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

Dispersed recreation in the prescribed fire project areas may be impacted. Staff will be making personal contact with recrea-

tionists regarding any temporary closures. Signs will be placed on adjacent roads, notifying the public of the project areas, as necessary.

The public is reminded not to call 911 or emergency services if smoke is visible in specific burn areas. Prescribed burn areas and potential dates will be posted on the [GMUG Fire Info Facebook page](#).

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

For more information on how prescribed burning and pile burning smoke may affect your health, please visit <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

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CLASSIC CAR SHOW AT ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH SEPT. 23

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-There will be a Classic Car Show at All Saints Anglican Church, 2057 S. Townsend, on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The general public is invited to attend and see some uniquely restored and/or preserved vehicles. From a 1915 REO Speedwagon to a 1958 Chevrolet and more, church members will have their classic cars and motorcycles on display. Members of local car clubs have also been invited to display their classic cars. Entry fee is \$15 per vehicle.

Registration starts at 8.m. Coffee and donuts will be available during registration to car owners and the general public. Lunch will be available for \$10. However anyone entering a car in the show will receive a free lunch ticket.

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HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT & ENGAGEMENT EVENT

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DELTA – On September 28 from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm at Delta Health at the Main Hospital Building, Delta Health is excited to invite the community to a special hospital and community benefit and engagement event. Join us as we celebrate the invaluable bond between our hospital and the community it serves.

The evening will kick off with a short presentation, shedding light on the hospital's future plans regarding hospital community benefit activities and hospital transformation program measures, but most importantly, we want to offer this time as a platform for community members and stakeholders to share insights, feedback, and collaborate on improving the health and wellness of our community. Your perspective and contributions are invaluable to the community, and we believe your participation in this event will significantly enhance our discussions and outcomes.

Attendees of the presentation will also have exclusive opportunities to win fantastic prizes. Please note: to be eligible to win, you must be present during the presentation.

We would love to see you in person, but we will also be offering a Zoom link for online participation.

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But the fun doesn't stop there! After the

presentation, food will be provided and attendees can groove to live music, making it a memorable evening for all.

Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the community, this event promises a blend of information, entertainment, and a chance to further solidify the relationship between Delta Health and the community at large.

For more information please contact Jacqueline Davis at jadavis@deltahospital.org or 970.874.2291.

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CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY TO MEET SEPT. 12

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On Tuesday Sept. 12 at 5pm. Citizens' Climate Lobby meets in person at Montrose library mtg rm. local environmental action, nonpartisan, national. All Welcome- info at 970-765-9095.



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FOLK LEGACY TRIO TO PERFORM FIRST CONCERT OF 2023-2024 DELTA MONTROSE COMMUNITY CONCERT SEASON

Special to Art & Sol

REGIONAL-The Delta Montrose Community Concert Association is pleased to present the Folk Legacy Trio as the first concert of our 2023-2024 season. The concert is scheduled for Friday, September 22, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Delta Performing Arts Center, 822 Grand Avenue in Delta, CO. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Kick back, relax and enjoy music from the great Folk Era from the 1950s to the mid1970s, when the radio played songs by The Weavers, The Kingston Trio, The Limelitters, Peter, Paul & Mary, The New Christy Minstrels, The Brothers Four, The Chad Mitchell Trio, Tom Paxton, Judy Collins, Joaz Baez, Gordon Lightfoot, Simon & Gar-

funkel, John Denver, and many more.

The Folk Legacy Trio includes George Grove, formerly with the Kingston Trio for 41 years, Rick Dougherty, former member of The Limelitters and Kingston Trio for 25 years, and Jerry Siggins, former lead singer of the legendary doo-wop group The Diamonds for 27 years. The Folk Legacy Trio has been hailed as "the living library" of music of the great folk era delivering songs from the 50s-70s with their signature dynamic vocals and instrumental arrangements. You'll enjoy their blended harmonies and guitar playing while listening to some of the most beloved songs ever written. Single admission tickets will be available at the door on the night of



Folk Legacy Trio. Courtesy photo.

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CITY ADDS ORIGINAL COORS BUILDING TO HISTORIC REGISTER

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — City Councilors have voted unanimously to place the iconic Coors Building, located at 134 North First Street, on the city’s Register of Historic Places.

In his presentation to City Council, City Planner William Reis said the Coors Building is over fifty years old and meets the historic register criteria for the city’s register due to its significant contribution to local history and for the characteristics of the type, period, and method of construction.

Reis said the building is associated with the history of saloons in Montrose, having been erected as a saloon and boarding house by the Adolf Coors Company in 1905. In 1868 Adolf Coors immigrated to

the United States from Germany and bought a bottling company near Denver in 1872. In 1874 the Coors Brewing Company began selling beer from Golden and began to build saloons all over the West, including Montrose, to sell it.

In 1904 two lots were sold to build the Coors Building in Montrose for \$2,000. The two-story building featured a saloon in the first story and boarding rooms on the second floor. A cold-storage building was erected behind the Coors Building with total construction cost for both structures totaling \$10,000, according to Reis.

Following a ban on alcohol in Montrose in 1909, the Coors Building transitioned into the Vandeburg Hotel and housed guests traveling through the Montrose area.

“We’re very excited that the owner of the Coors Building has decided to add the building to the city’s Register of Historic Places,” Reis said. “The Coors Building definitely has one of the more interesting and unique histories in Montrose, and we’re very happy that we were able to tell a part of the building’s story.”

Over the decades the building has been sold many times and has been used for storefronts, apartments, and other uses. It still retains many of its original characteristics, including the Coors sign at the top of the structure.

The Coors Building is the 15th structure to be added to the city’s Register of Historic Places since the program was created in the fall of 2019.

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CITY HEARS FIRST PRESENTATION OF HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Due to the Monday Labor Day holiday, the Montrose City Council gathered for a work session at 10am on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Mayor Barbara Bynum opened the session, noting work sessions are a time for council members and staff to discuss upcoming items. "We're going to jump right in... work sessions do not entail any public comment as there's no formal votes taken. But when we do have city council meetings and there's formal votes taken that's when public comment is welcome on every item."

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Resolution 2023-17- US Highways 50 and 550 – North Montrose County Access Control Plan

Council considered possible adoption of Resolution 2023-17, to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and adopt the Associated US Highways 50 and 550 – North Montrose County Access Control Plan.

City Engineer Scott Murphy provided background. Council spent time in discussion and asked questions. Mayor Bynum asked where the next signal will be, it is planned for Lasalle Road.

Background-A memo from Murphy to Council notes, "Over the years, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has partnered with the City of Montrose to create comprehensive access control plans for the highway corridors throughout the City. To date, this has included the creation of the San Juan Access Control Plan (2010) and two South Townsend Access Control Plans south of Niagara Road (2009 and updated in 2019). As a continuation of this effort, CDOT has been working on an access control plan for North Townsend Avenue/Highway 50 & 550 extending from North 9th Street within the City of Montrose north to the Montrose County Line. This project is being performed by CDOT in partnership with the City of Montrose, the Town of Olathe, and Montrose County... The final step in the access control plan process is to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with CDOT and formally adopt the access control plan. Each stakeholder (City of Montrose, Town of Olathe, and Montrose County) will en-



City Engineer Scott Murphy discussed the Associated US Highways 50 and 550 – North Montrose County Access Control Plan. Work Session screenshot.

ter into independent IGA agreements with CDOT...the Access Study Report and all of its supporting appendices are available online at: <https://tinyurl.com/NorthTownsendACP> ...adoption of the access control plan does not grant permitting authority to the City of Montrose for access permits to state highways. As has been the practice for the past 20+ years, permitting authority for access to the state highway system will remain with the Colorado Department of Transportation."

South Townsend Avenue Missing Link Sidewalk Expense Authorization

Murphy also presented information on the South Townsend Avenue Missing link sidewalk; at an upcoming meeting Council will be asked to approve \$70,000 in expenditures for construction of a missing link sidewalk on the west side of Townsend Avenue between Odelle and Ogden Roads. The project was originally budgeted for 2022, Murphy said, but contractor availability was an issue. There has been a general uptick in pedestrian activity in this area. Some improvements will be made to wayfinding signage as well.

Background-A memo from Murphy to Council states, "...staff are recommending authorization of \$70,000 in expenditures to construct this project using on-call concrete contracts. These contracts were bid in the spring of 2023 and established unit rates for various typical concrete elements

used on City projects; work is awarded through these contracts to the lowest cost, available contractor within the on-call contractor pool. Project design and CDOT permitting for the project were completed in-house by the City's engineering department...it will take approximately three to four weeks to complete and the work is scheduled for completion by mid-November. All work will take place along the shoulder of Townsend Avenue and no lane closures are anticipated...The 2023 budget included \$75k in the capital improvement fund for completion of this project, placing this project \$5k under this budget."

Overview of 2023 Community Survey

David Spear gave an update on the 2023 Community Survey, which is being released in English and in Spanish. In years past the survey results have been of great value, providing a tool for management and for city leadership to use to make decisions. Data will be collected until Sept. 25 with a final report released on Oct. 16. The goal is to have results that represent the entire community, Spear said.

Following collection of statistically valid sample data, a separate community-wide survey will be conducted through Oct. 6.

Extension of Adult Gaming Arcade Moratorium

Assistant City Attorney Matt Magliaro presented an update on the City's moratorium on new adult gaming arcades. Council

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT From previous pg

will be asked to approve an 18-month extension of the moratorium. Of the four such businesses operating at the time of the moratorium's original passage, only one remains. Contacts have plummeted for that business, with most calls self-generated and with police conducting directed patrols, Magliaro said, Councilor Dave Frank said that Magliaro's moratorium has served as an example to other communities in Colorado. "You've obviously been the model," he said.

A red-lined version of the ordinance is included in the work session packet.

Proposed Campaign Finance Ordinance for Municipal Elections

City Attorney Ben Morris and City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo presented a draft Campaign Finance ordinance for municipal elections. Council spent time discussing specifics of the draft ordinance, which is intended to allow the City of Montrose to retain local control while adhering to statewide rulemaking. "It's been a hot topic at CML (Colorado Municipal League)," Mayor Bynum said.

Following feedback from councilors, the draft ordinance will be updated by staff and will come back before Council in a future work session for further discussion.

Housing Needs Assessment Presentation
Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt gave an initial presentation of the City's [Housing Needs Assessment](#), prepared with the assistance of Points Consulting. Data shows that the city will need an additional 218 residences per year to accommodate future growth. "That's the sweet spot

through 2040."

With current residents not having a lot of kids, Hochwalt said, the growth is likely to come from in-migration. Renters are cost-burdened, which is a nationwide issue. Homes in the City of Montrose are more expensive than in the rest of the nation, with Montrose households needing to invest more than five times their median annual income to purchase a home. Hochwalt said that 74 percent of local households cannot afford a median priced home right now.

Councilor Dave Frank asked whether current interest rates affect home affordability; Hochwalt said that interest rates have a substantial impact. It costs as much to live here as it does to live on the Front Range.

The bulk of anticipated growth is likely to come over the next seven to ten years. To read the completed Housing Needs Assessment visit [the web site](#).

Hochwalt discussed the Housing Needs Assessment and the need for Council input on next steps. "Everyone knows we need more housing but where does it go," he said, adding that the majority of those surveyed would prefer to see lower density in their own areas.

Mayor Bynum said, "It feels like this deserves way more time than the current clock allows...this deserves more time than we have today to discuss." Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler suggested a dedicated work session.

Background-A memo from Hochwalt to Council states, "To better understand the housing needs of the entire Montrose

community, the City of Montrose, in partnership with Points Consulting, recently completed a Housing Needs Assessment. The purpose of the assessment was to evaluate current housing conditions and needs, make projections of future housing needs, and provide recommendations for policies, practices, and regulatory changes that can be implemented to address gaps between housing needs and supply.

With the rollout of Proposition 123, as well as other legislation and programs at the state and federal levels, the goal of this assessment is to help facilitate new housing partnerships and build on those that already exist. In addition, the assessment may impact policy decisions related to housing in the form of amendments to land development regulations and updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The City received an Innovative Housing Planning (IHOP) grant in the Spring of 2022, which is a grant that specifically focuses on the implementation of affordable housing strategies such as expedited development review, accessory dwelling unit (ADU) uses by right, and the accommodation of "missing-middle" housing in more locations/zone districts. This grant was used to fund the Housing Needs Assessment. With the remaining grant funding, staff is recommending a Land Development Code update that specifically focuses on housing based on direction from City Council."

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council spent time reviewing their upcoming calendar to ensure a quorum through the holidays.



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MONTROSE REGIONAL AIRPORT WELCOMES TRIBUTE TO AVIATION SEPT. 16-17

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Montrose Regional Airport is gearing up for the much-anticipated Tribute to Aviation next weekend, Sept. 16-17. 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.

"This year's Tribute to Aviation is even more special to the airport team as we will have the north expansion open for the public to view," said Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold. "This is an event for the whole family, as well as an opportunity to ride the escalators and view the new construction. I am grateful to our sponsors for helping bring this fun, educational event to the community for the seventh year. The past two years have been major formative years for the airport—we are near completion on a \$40 million expansion and we earned the title of the busiest airport west of the Hwy 550 corridor. The future is bright for Montrose Regional Airport and we look forward to showing our community these improvements at Tribute."

A static display of aircraft is a unique event where spectators have the opportunity to tour aircraft, meet and talk with the pilots and crew, and get up-close and personal with nearly every aircraft in the military's fleet. The event is proudly presented by Montrose Regional Airport, Montrose County, Horsefly Brewing Company, Phelanies, Holiday Inn Express, Jacobs, Atlantic Aviation, Pepsi Beverage

Company, Montrose Forest Products, FCI Constructors, Inc., Reef Parking, DMEA/Elevate, and Western Skyways.

The Tribute to Aviation takes place on Saturday, Sept. 16 and Sunday, Sept. 17th from 9 am to 4 pm each day. The event is free to the public and includes free parking for the event as well as a free autograph page for children (while supplies last). Several food, beverage, and specialty item vendors will also be present. For more information and a complete list of aircraft attending, please visit tributetoaviation.com or [fb.com/coloradotributetoaviation](https://www.facebook.com/coloradotributetoaviation). Overflow parking with shuttle service will be available to the north of the airport; please follow the signs.

Dexter the Dog will be present Saturday morning to greet attendees. Additionally, the Commemorative Air Force will also be present with both the SoNoran Beauty SNB-5 on Sunday. This aircraft offers short flights around the area in group or single purchase options. For more information on the SNB-5, please visit their [website](http://www.commairforce.com).

The Montrose Regional Airport is located at 2100 Airport Rd, Montrose, CO 81401. Please be advised that commercial flights scheduled during this time will occur as normal; travelers are encouraged to arrive earlier than usual to accommodate the event traffic. Also, with the increase in air traffic on Thursday and Friday, please expect significant aircraft noise as these large planes arrive at the airport.





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BUSINESS OWNERS USE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT TO PITCH CITY FOR FINANCIAL HELP



Above, Suzy Conty and her husband MG addressed City Council during the time for public comment, to discuss a building they have purchased and plans for a business.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Mayor Barbara Bynum opened the regularly scheduled meeting of the Montrose City Council at 6pm on Tuesday, Sept. 5; all councilors were present.

As she has done in other recent meetings, Bynum explained each process, assuming viewers to be unschooled in normal meeting structure and procedures.

"This is the regular city council meeting for Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023," Bynum said, "We are going to start the meeting by standing up."

She asked all to join her in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed asked that Items 14 and 15 regarding the Pallante Addition Annexation and Zoning be removed from the meeting agenda.

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Council issued a proclamation recognizing September, 2023 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Mayor Bynum read the [proclamation](#) into the record, followed by acceptance of the proclamation and comments by Jamie Hurst of Tri-County Health Network.

THANK YOU FROM OLATHE POLICE

Olathe Chief of Police Frank Rodriguez thanked the City of Montrose for their

ongoing partnership and support, including the recent donation of two police cars. Rodriguez presented a plaque on behalf of the Olathe community, with a photo of the autos. "These vehicles are out in the community right now providing service to our citizens."

"To each of you, you will always have a home in Olathe; we are standing, willing, ready partners to your north."

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Bynum said, "...this is the time during the meeting that if someone in the public wants to say something to council, but it isn't something that's on our agenda, this will be the time. If it's on something on our agenda that we're going to vote on, you will have time on that piece of the agenda to make a comment."

She read the rules for public comment. Stepping forward to speak was M.G.

Conty. "I need to start by thanking this town immensely and sincerely for welcoming us here," Conty said. "...We love this town. I came from California and I'm quick to say I don't want to change anything."

He praised the City of Montrose for the donation of police cars to Olathe. "It just keeps coming again and again.

Conty said, "I wanted to speak specifically

about the building that we purchased."

The building was very worn down but had promise, he said. "We found out that there was funds available from the city for a number of different things...at some point we'd like to come before the city and ask for some support and help with this...we've poured every single penny without exception back into this property not taking a single cent for ourselves at this time...Thank you to each of you for your service, perhaps one day I'll be sitting on that side of the bench and doing what I can to serve as you folks are."

Conty introduced his wife Suzy, who also spoke during the time for public comment.

Suzy Conty discussed her background as an educator and her plans for her business. "We are so grateful to be here...Children are a huge part of my life, I have been in the field of education for 30 years now...I am a little lady, but I have a huge vision because I know...that this town is hurting."

Conty said she has a free parent talk series planned, starting in September. The first topic will be Parenting in the Digital Age. She shared flyers and mentioned her Facebook page. "Thank you so much for allowing me time to speak with you this evening."

Also speaking was Butch Zinsli who lives near the golf course, in the Seasons Subdivision.

"My complaint is, we finally got 'em to mow some of the weeds, but there's still some tall weeds," Zinsli said.

He asked what it cost to build the berm along the road and plant all of the plants that are no longer alive. "...Now the weeds are higher than the dead plants...all the plants in that area are dead...I call the City, they tell me it's the golf course's property, I try to get ahold of Tom, of course he's off with the high school kids with tournaments...it sure doesn't look good. It's a waste of money what they put into that berm and all the plants they planted in that area. It's a shame."

Bynum asked Zinsli to leave his contact information and a staff member would address his concern.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve minutes of the August 15, 2023, regular City Council meeting.

ORDINANCE 2639 - FIRST READING

As discussed earlier that day in work session, Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2639 on first reading, "extending the temporary moratorium to prohibit the establishment of any new or relocation of existing adult gaming arcade uses within the City limits of the City of Montrose; providing that the moratorium shall be in effect for a period which shall terminate at the earliest of the City's adoption of an amendment to Title 4, Chapter 14 Adult Business Regulations, or the expiration of 547 days from date of passage of Ordinance 2594; providing for legislative findings, intent and purpose; providing repealing clauses; and providing an effective date."

Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed called the temporary moratorium a "tremendous success;" Councilor David Frank praised Assistant City Attorney Matthew Magliaro for his work on the ordinance, as well as police. "Because of the hard work that Mr. Magliaro has put in, it has become something of a benchmark, and other communities are following our lead..."

Mayor Bynum said the moratorium has brought about the intended reduction in crime. Also, "An ordinance means we're making a law...we'll vote a second time and then it becomes law..."

ORDINANCE 2637-SECOND READING

Ordinance 2637 was approved in a four to one vote on second reading, with Councilor Ed Ulibarri voting to deny. Ordinance 2637 amends 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.

ORDINANCE 2638 - SECOND READING

As discussed in work session and on first reading, Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2638 on second reading, designating the Coors Building, 134 North 1st St, Montrose, Colorado, as a City of Montrose Historic Property Pursuant to § 11-3 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose.

THE GROVE PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

Also approved unanimously was The Grove Preliminary Planned Development. Prior to approval Butch Zinsli spoke during the time allotted for public comment, to ask where in the City the development was located. "I just like to drive around

town and see...I wanted to know where it's at."

Mayor Bynum said that The Grove Preliminary Planned Development is south of Brown's Ranch. She gave directions.

ORDINANCE 2640 - FIRST READING


Ordinance 2640 unanimously passed on first reading, amending the zoning district designation of Lot 1 of the Parks & Wheeler Subdivision from R-2, Low Density District to R-3A, Medium High-Density District.

STAFF REPORTS

City Engineer Scott Murphy said several projects are coming together. The city is working on turn lanes for Odelle Road. Miami Road is nearly complete, but water has been coming to the surface. Two lines, one steel and one wood, were found with groundwater. Work continues, Miami should be reopened in another week or two. 6700 Road paving is set for mid-October.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned





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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

NUCLEAR NOW?

Letter to the Editor:

There is a new (2022) movie out called "Nuclear Now" that has just recently filtered down and caught the attention of Uranium producers, nuclear power advocates and the general public. Actually it is a documentary that was directed and co-written by Hollywood icon Oliver Stone. He makes a couple good points in that nuclear energy does not deserve the demonization that been given nor can renewable power technology of today generate enough future energy to sustain our current way of life. Mr. Stone hammers the point that there is going to be a reckoning if we continue following the energy path we are on.

However, and that is a big however, he advocates reviving the nuclear power industry at the expense of fossil fuels. He falls into the proverbial "Chicken Little" trap. If we continue to use coal, crude oil and natural gas then the sky will fall and the earth will be destroyed in the process. Horse feathers!

Come on Oliver, we don't need Holly-

wood hysteria to determine our energy policies. All we need are the facts stated clearly and rationally so we can make a decision based solely on reason and not hysteria.

It follows that a Uranium fuel pellet which weights 6 grams and when incorporated into a fuel rod, in a nuclear power plant, can produce 5 megawatts of power. Converting grams into pounds we can then compare different forms of energy.

One pound of Uranium 235 can produce 377 megawatts of power.

The energy equivalent of:

1.0 pound of U235 = 45 tons of coal.

1.0 pound of U235 = 223 barrels of crude oil.

1.0 pound of U235 = 1,286,324 cubic feet of natural gas.

1.0 pound of U235 = 359 commercial wind turbines.

1.0 pound of U235 = 1.6 square miles of solar panels.


When I was younger, when coal was king, the coal companies were catching a lot of flak for stripping mountain tops in Appala-

chia to get at the coal underneath. Knowing what I know now, I could give them some good advice. I would tell them to just cover the area with solar panels to make the mountain beautiful again. They could, therefore, silence all their critics, at least the highly educated ones that think only they know what is good for mother earth. Thus, the reformed critics would applaud.

Not only that, the federal government would pay for the panels and then, in turn, the coal companies could sell the power generated by the panels to the companies that manage the grid in that area. Win/win.

Wind turbine data comes from the US Department of Energy and solar data comes from National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Both are best case scenarios and are state-of-the-art technology. In real life, the number of wind turbines should probably be doubled and the area of solar panels probably should probably be tripled.

Don Hemme, Redvale



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a child in the past, Coykendoll told ProPublica Reporter Hannah Dreyfus that her interactions with the father “raised no red flags.”

Last week, a story about local Judge Donald Cory Jackson appeared in Colorado Politics as well, entitled Montrose County Judge Wrongly Terminated Woman’s Parental Rights Without Lawyer.

Also, in Montrose Mirror Issue 540, there was a piece written by Caitlin Switzer, entitled “Constituents Raise Concerns over Family Court Judge.” In that story, Judge Jackson dismissed a case involving proven domestic violence on the basis that a couple’s common-law marriage was not recognized in the state of Colorado. The article also highlighted a case involving bias during the dissolution of a five-year marriage, in which Judge Jackson awarded his wife’s good friend the majority stake in a business that the friend’s ex-husband originally controlled before the two ever married, along with 13 rental properties originally owned and paid for by the husband. Judge Jackson further called for spousal maintenance payments of \$15,000 per month to the wife, far exceeding the husband’s gross income of \$9,558 per month. The ex-husband in the case, “Jon,” told the Mirror that he has paid more than \$5M to his ex-wife to date, with no end in sight to the case, which is ongoing.

Below are two more stories emerging from Judge Cory Jackson’s courtroom. The first is a personal injury claim that involves attorneys and Judge Jackson working to help dismiss the personal injury case while also illegally seizing the plaintiff’s house to pay for invalid counterclaims.

The second story involves a single father working to protect his small children from being abused while they visit with their mother and mother’s boyfriend every other weekend.

DAVID WEBB’S STORY:

This is the story of David Webb. A former Ouray County resident, Webb was seriously injured and confined to a wheelchair. The original injury took place in September 2014 when Webb was driving an ATV on narrow dirt roads on the mesa between Ouray and Ridgway. Contractors working for Webb’s neighbor Robin Greg-

ory’s company, Snowy Ridge Builders, had allegedly left some lumber in the road when working on Gregory’s home--lumber that was completely covered by fallen aspen leaves.

However, when Webb filed a suit against the construction company, HOA, and neighbor, the court system responded by seizing Webb’s family home and important spring rights while dismissing his personal injury case on weak grounds. While the story began in 2014 with Webb’s ATV accident, it continues to this day with appeals and counterclaims. Now Webb’s house is owned by his previous neighbor in the community and vice president of the Park Estates HOA, Robin Gregory.

Judge Cory Jackson was not on the 7th Judicial District bench when David Webb’s case began with Judge David Westfall, but later Judge Jackson became the primary judge for the personal injury suit and several non-compulsory counterclaims made by Gregory against Webb.

When Webb ran over the lumber, it caused him to lose control of the ATV he was driving and end up with his leg underneath the vehicle. This accident shattered Webb’s fibula & Tibia bones in his leg, dislocated and tore his rotator cuff and tendons in his shoulder. It nearly required the amputation of his leg after numerous surgeries.

Two years went by. Just before the statute of limitations ran out in 2016, David Webb filed suit against Robin Gregory, the HOA, and the construction company for the construction debris that was left in the HOA’s easement by Gregory and his contractors. This filing was followed by several counterclaims made by Gregory that were unrelated to the personal injury case, otherwise known as non-compulsory claims. These claims, among many, were filed outside of the statute of limitations and included a breach of fiduciary duty stemming from David Webb’s work for the HOA. Webb was no longer working as a volunteer for the HOA after the personal injury occurred. At the time the lawsuit was filed, it was more than two years since David had performed any volunteer work for the HOA on the easements.

David Webb filed a response to the counterclaims brought by Gregory before a 41a notice was filed to dismiss the fiduciary duty counterclaim. Webb’s attorney recommended dropping the HOA from the personal injury case on the basis that Webb was doing volunteer work for them. Webb agreed but later found out that was a mistake. The counterclaims were filed by attorney Gordon Vaughn, who was retained by State Farm to represent Gregory in the personal injury case. Given the non-compulsory nature of the counterclaims, this was not an acceptable course of action for this attorney who was hired by State Farm to defend Gregory for an unrelated case. Andrew Mueller was the attorney who filed the 41a notice, and Mueller was directly hired by Gregory. Mueller filed the notice after learning that David Webb was receiving insurance coverage for the breach of fiduciary duty claim. However, the 41a notice is not acceptable when an answer has already been filed for a claim, as it had been by Webb.

State Farm hired an attorney on Webb’s behalf, two months after Webb had filed his original answer. This representation lasted for only about a month in which time this attorney filed a substituted answer with a later date in an attempt to validate the 41a notice filed by Mueller, effectively terminating Webb’s insurance coverage against the counterclaims. This paints a picture of an insurance company hiring attorneys and working with Mueller to bypass their own duty to represent their client. State Farm was the insurance provider for Webb, Gregory, the HOA, and all homeowners within the HOA.

Judge Cory Jackson ultimately dismissed Webb’s personal injury claim in response to a summary motion filed by attorney Michael Curry who was retained by Snowy Ridge Builders. Not only did Jackson allow the non-compulsory counterclaims to proceed, he also removed the Jury from the trial. The court documents cite: “Summary judgment is a drastic remedy appropriate only when the pleadings and supporting documents show that no genuine issue as to any material fact exists, and the moving party is entitled to summary judgment as a matter of law.”

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The document further explains:

"Summary judgment is only appropriate if the moving party establishes that no disputed material facts exist."

David Webb asserts that it was widely known in the HOA that Gregory left trash on the HOA easements while having construction completed on his home. The burden of proof in a civil case is by a preponderance of evidence rather than "beyond a reasonable doubt" as is the case in criminal cases. The preponderance of evidence means that something is more than likely true rather than not.

The document further states that Snowy Ridge Builders drove back on this road on September 15 and 16 on two trips to load up and remove debris. On September 17, Webb struck a board that was lying in this portion of the road, which left him crippled and disabled. This is not a heavily traveled road, so the theory that somebody else would be responsible for wood debris in the road is quite unlikely. This would logically meet the threshold of the preponderance of evidence. Furthermore, the summary judgment requires no disputed material facts exist.

Webb, his son Nicholas, and their Spirit Mountain Trust (a trust created by Webb to pass along the family home to his children) were also sued for fraudulent conveyance on the property stating that the deed was not proper. It hadn't been officially recorded with the county at the time, but the dates and filing strategy were more than suitable to stand up in court, except in Judge Jackson's courtroom. Other things allowed in Judge Jackson's Courtroom included the Unauthorized practice of law. Judge Jackson allowed Nicholas, the Trustee of the Trust, to represent the Trust and its 3rd party beneficiary without a law license. This led to a sheriff's sale of the Trust's property (under the leadership of former Ouray County Sheriff Lance Fitzgerald). Robin Gregory obtained ownership of Webb's property with the \$750K in judgments that Judge Jackson awarded him; no money actually changed hands. David Webb lost his home of 20 years that he and his son built with their own hands and money. Webb was forced to move in with his

son in Arizona.

'JOHN'S' STORY:

The next story involving Judge Jackson's courtroom is similar to the case of Bruce and Christine in the *Propublica* story. To protect the family and children involved, I will use alias names to describe the people involved in this case. John has two children with Linda. There is documented abuse of the two children when under Linda's care, along with her parental rights being restricted due to her mental instability. Two judges stated her mental health needed to be addressed and evaluated. After admitting that she abused the kids, John asked her to get help or leave.

John told the *Montrose Mirror* that Linda had been abusing alcohol, had been suicidal in front of the children, and also went to jail. Linda and John separated. While still married, Linda quickly got into another relationship. The new boyfriend had a history of drug distribution, kidnapping, false imprisonment, and domestic violence. After six months of not being involved in the children's lives, Linda and her boyfriend begin fighting for custody rights. John continued to care for his children by establishing them in a private Christian school and in a church. John reached out to Linda asking for help with their children since it was part of her responsibility and obligation as a parent. Linda asked John to come to her house to pick up a check.

When John showed up to get the check from Linda, she wasn't there. Another man came out of the house and began aggressively threatening John while approaching his car. John's children were present in the vehicle. John pulled out a pepper spray gun to protect himself and his children, but did not use it and pulled away quickly. A pepper spray gun is legal; under the Colorado self-defense law, John had a right to protect his children from this man, who turned out to be Linda's boyfriend.

As John was driving home with his children, he was pulled over and was arrested for having a pepper spray gun. Days later, Linda and her boyfriend broke into John's house and stole items of \$17,000 in value. Nothing was done by the police because

there was a domestic and custody dispute occurring between John and Linda. Linda's boyfriend called John's parents while impersonating a state trooper. He stated that John was killed in a high-speed chase. An investigation proved it came from Linda's boyfriend, but he was not charged. John filed a motion to restrict Linda's custody due to multiple safety concerns. New evidence from therapists indicated the children were being abused by Linda and her boyfriend. Expert licensed therapists stated that the children should not be in the mother's custody due to imminent and physical danger. Still, Judge Cory Jackson denied John's right of due process to allow these therapists to give their recommendation to the court. Later, the kids came back with bruises. The son stated that Linda threw him across the room. He said the boyfriend slapped him across the face and beat him. The children also stated that Linda punched the daughter in the back of the head. For the second time, Judge Jackson denied the motion to restrict, violating John's constitutional right of due process.

Six months later in July of 2023, four licensed physical therapists recommended that the children not go back into Linda's custody for their safety. Again, Judge Jackson denied the motion to restrict.

According to John, Judge Jackson stated due to repeated filings he had become frustrated with this case.

It is John's right to file under constitutional law. Judge Jackson continued to violate John's rights by denying him to be heard on his motions to protect his children. In July, a hearing was held in which Judge Jackson stated the mother could resume her visits, despite knowing there were licensed therapists and evidentiary facts of abuse by Linda and her boyfriend. Judge Jackson ignored John's motion to restrict, denied testimony from the therapist, and threatened John to be at the court house at 3 o'clock with the kids or "there would be a warrant for his arrest." John said that Judge Jackson denied the motions to dismiss on the grounds that they are not credible due to multiple filings. John said he filed multiple times because he was getting no response from

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the court on the matter. Since the motion to dismiss was not granted, Judge Jackson did not allow any of the therapists to testify on behalf of John and the children. The children were returned to John, abused again. Knowing there were prominent factors of abuse and neglect, Judge Jackson ignored the statutory law and placed the children into an unsafe home.

This custody battle is still raging in Judge Jackson's courtroom.

John has custody, but Linda has the children every other weekend. His son gets the shakes and is terrified of going to his mother's house to stay with her and her boyfriend.

John also sought help for his custody battle from the Dolphin House. The forensic interview was conducted by Abby from CPS at Dolphin House. She told John that it can't be considered abuse when there

are laws that allow the discipline of children.

The Colorado law that Abby is referring to states that parents can discipline their child by using "reasonable and appropriate" force. Reasonable and appropriate are not defined anywhere in the law, so that falls under the interpretation of the judge and/or jury.

According to John, Dolphin House decided that the injuries sustained and the testimony of the children fall under the banner of reasonable and appropriate. In a working judicial system, it is fair to assume non-profit agencies shouldn't be making these determinations, nor should CPS agents. Linda's history of mental health and documented abuse were not taken seriously or considered as abuse. It is not the CPS agent's job to interpret the law.

John has now filed a civil rights complaint

with the U.S Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Rutherford Institute. He also made a complaint to the Colorado Child Protection Ombudsman Group, an independent agency.

According to John, the representative stated that multiple complaints have been made against both Montrose CPS and Dolphin House. Several citizens have expressed concerns over Judge Jackson's failure to uphold the law and the continuance of lengthy cases with no closure.

John and other citizens that have been on the wrong side of Jackson's courtroom are interested in removing him from the bench.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MCSO ACCEPTING CITIZENS' ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—The application period is now open for the Montrose County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy. The academy starts Wednesday, Oct. 4, and will continue for 12 weeks with a graduation ceremony in January.

"The academy is a great way for residents to learn more about the way the Montrose County Sheriff's Office helps protect and serve our community," said Sergeant Steve Gustin. "This hands-on experience provides participants knowledge of procedures, policies, and information on supporting agencies including both dispatch and the posse."

The classes will be held for 13 weeks, every Wednesday, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Training will take place at the MCSO—1200 North Grand Avenue—in the conference room.

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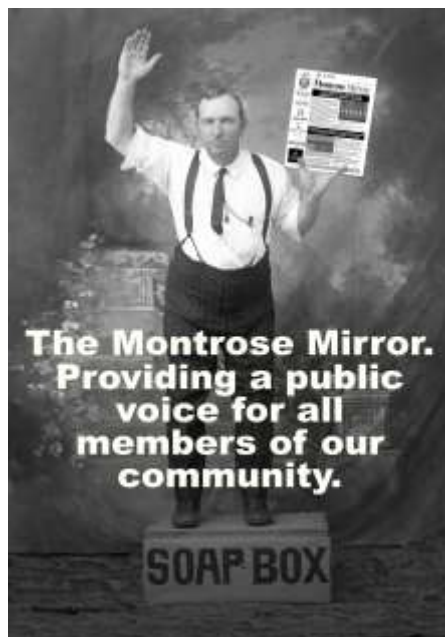
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DEDICATE PROPERTY TO WEST END FAMILY LINK

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—The Montrose Board of County Commissioners voted to invest in the West End community as the board donated a 0.427 acre lot and building to the West End Family Link Center at this week's regularly scheduled board meeting.

For years, Montrose County has leased the property and building off Main Street in Nucla to West End Family Link Center, a community-based nonprofit that provides low-to-no cost supportive services. These services include referrals; education towards self-management; evidence-based program (parenting and nutrition classes); emergency assistance services such as heating assistance and food bank services. "Five years ago, the West End Family Link board began a strategic plan with big goals—to purchase a van, create stability in staffing, and find a permanent home," said West End Family Link Board President Doris Van Ness. "Today, the final piece of the dream is a reality—we have a home for the West End Family Link. Thank you to the board and County Manager Jon Waschbusch for this idea and believing in our services and mission."

"This is about doing what is in the best interest of our community," said Commissioner Roger Rash. "Growing up in the West End, my family relied on these services and I know how critical they can be for a family's well being and a community's success. West End Family Link is important to the West End residents and I am proud to be able to make this happen today."

"I think this will give you the opportunity to take this to the next level—you guys do great work down there and this an essential community service," said Commission-

er Keith Caddy.

In the process of working on long-term capital plans, County Manager Jon Waschbusch put forth the idea to dedicate the property to the Family Link. The commissioners' unanimous support of the donation culminated in this week's vote. The county is currently completing design of a new facility for the Sheriff's Office in the West End which will also include space for Health and Human Services staff.

For more information on Montrose County and to watch the meeting, please visit montrosecounty.net.

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STEPHANIE RODY IS MCA FEATURED ARTIST FOR OCTOBER

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Montrose Center for Arts is thrilled to announce that Stephanie Rody will be our Featured Artist in October. Stephanie's Show will open First Friday on Oct. 6 at 4:30pm. Stephanie asks each of us if we've ever seen a painting that just stopped us in our tracks. She believes that a piece of art should speak to the viewer and draw them in on a visceral and emotional level. She loves to capture a moment in time that speaks to the hearts of herself and her viewers. Stephanie grew up as an army brat - moving around the US and Europe. She began her art journey in elementary school and pursued that interest with private lessons

and school art classes through college. Stephanie achieved both Bachelor and Master degrees - whereupon teaching math consumed Stephanie for the next 30 years. After retiring, Stephanie has focused on exploring and creating art using different mediums. Stephanie began her renewed journey with pastels and charcoal, then switched to acrylics, and finally landed with watercolors. After moving to Montrose, she began studying watercolor intensely and has since been able to perfect her skills. Stephanie has won two Best of Show awards and many first and second place distinctions in both local and the

national Rocky Mountain West art competitions. With three acceptances into the Rocky Mountain West show, Stephanie is now a signature member of the Western Colorado Watercolor Society. Join Montrose Center for Arts at First Friday to welcome Stephanie and view her wonderful art. Stephanie's work can be viewed at MCA [11 S. Park Avenue] through October during MCA hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 10am until 4pm.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

TROUBLE WITH THE LIBRARY

Editor:

During the past year, my experiences with the Montrose Library have been troubling. It started last fall when I went into the library to talk about homeschool resources. During the conversation, the topic turned to how the library staff feels like they have to be careful not to offend anyone. The example I was given is that the library does not read Christmas stories during storytime in December because, as they said, "Not everyone celebrates Christmas." And since they don't want to offend people, they cannot read Christmas stories. I thought the Christmas story policy was sad for the children in our community so I decided to host an independent Christmas storytime. We had over 60 children come to listen to Christmas stories, eat cookies, and make a Christmas ornament. So, our community is interested in Christmas storytime even though the library has chosen to ignore it.

I recently discovered that the library's commitment to "No Christmas" goes beyond Christmas stories during storytime. A friend of mine found out that a pony who was invited to a storytime in December as a special guest was not allowed to wear his Christmas outfit. The library staff actually put restrictions on pony outfits because they are so committed to not offending people with the topic of Christmas. And this policy seems a bit ridiculous considering Christmas is a nationally recognized holiday. In fact, a Gallup poll done in 2019 revealed that 93% of all Americans celebrated Christmas that year. It seems like almost every restaur-

ant, store, and business in America recognizes and celebrates Christmas without a problem.

In early 2023, the winter edition of the library newsletter "Off the Shelf" was delivered to my mailbox. I was not only surprised but extremely disappointed to find programming was planned for all ages at the library that promoted diversity in sexual choices. I had been told a few months prior to this that the library is so careful not to offend anyone that they won't even celebrate a nationally recognized holiday. So naturally, I thought it was unfair that the Montrose library would choose to promote a topic that is NOT celebrated by many Americans. I hoped there had been a mistake with the new programming choices and I made an appointment with the library directors to talk about my concerns. A friend came with me because she shared my concerns. During our hour-long meeting with the library directors, we came to find out that the library is apparently only concerned about offending some groups of people but not others. My friend and I said that we were very offended by the new library programming and the library directors dismissed our opinions and told us to be on our way.

Throughout the spring and summer of 2023, I have attended several library board meetings where many people, like myself, have said they are offended by the books and programming that are promoting sexuality to children and confusing them about their gender and identity. The library staff, the Library Board of Trustees, and our County Commissioners have cho-

sen to dismiss the concerns of many community members. It seems very unfair that it is acceptable to offend one group of people but not another. I have suggested that the library should be a neutral space where books about sexuality and politics are not put on display. I am not suggesting book banning but rather that offensive books not be put on display or promoted through library programming.

It does not seem fair that when parents and their young children walk through the children's book section, they have to look at books on display that are offensive to many of them. When a book is set out on display the cover is shown such that it is easy to see and rather hard to avoid. One book I found on display in the children's section recently, called *ABC Pride*, had a drawing of a woman with a beard and one woman kissing another woman on the cover. Another children's storybook found on display this summer was titled *We Are All Equal!* and it included topics such as white privilege, sexual attraction, abortion, gay rights, black lives matter, male privilege, pride, and sexual identities like non-binary and transsexual.

Since the Montrose Regional Library is publicly funded it seems like public opinion about their books and programming should matter. Perhaps the library needs more feedback regarding how many members of our community are offended by the books on display for children about sex and politics. Please consider sending an email, attending a board meeting, or expressing your concerns in person.

Jennifer Gregg, Montrose

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GARY RONALD SAUNDERS

November 6, 1936 – August 24, 2023

Lifelong Montrose resident Gary Saunders, age 86, passed away at Valley Manor Care Center on Thursday, August 24th, 2023. Gary was born the third of nine children to Norman and Alleen (Menefee) Saunders on November 6th, 1936. He spent his childhood years in Montrose and attended Montrose High School. He entered the United States Navy in 1955 for two years of active service. In 1957, he was transferred to the reserves where he served until 1960. He married Myrna Brown and to this union they were blessed with daughters Ronnalee and Connie Sue, both who preceded him in death. He later married Nancy Sluiter, and to this union came another blessing of daughter Elizabeth.

Gary's lifelong career was in the automotive industry. He loved cars and people, and knew everyone by the year, make, and model vehicle they drove. In his later years, he worked for Big O Tires in Montrose, only retiring at age 80 due to a broken hip from a fall. His co-workers described Gary's strong work ethic as being second to none. "I have much respect for that man. He made the world a better place and was funny, too." In addition to being quick with amusing quips, Gary had a vast array of jokes he loved to tell. He also enjoyed good, old-fashioned country music and working in his yard. He especially enjoyed time with his large family. At



family gatherings, he and his brothers and sisters had some wild stories to tell of their days growing up. In recent years, Gary often spoke of how thankful he was to be a part of such a caring, giving family, along with life-long friends that allowed him to spend his later years in the comfort of his home.

Gary is survived by brothers Gene Saunders of Montrose, Roy (Connie) Saunders of Houston, Texas, Ken (Sherri) Saunders of Surprise, Arizona, sister Karen (Jim) Massey of Farmington, New Mexico, sister-in-laws Ann Saunders of Montrose and Joan Saunders of Goodyear, Arizona, daughter Elizabeth of Grand Junction, Colorado, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by broth-

ers Ed Saunders, Roger Saunders and sisters Shirley Wing and Joyce Sawyer.

Gary's family is grateful to employees of the Veteran's Administration, Valley Manor, Montrose Regional Health, Montrose Health and Human Services, Hope West, Dr. Barton, Stacy Burnell and Lisa Wing, each of you making sure Gary was comfortable during his final year.

A celebration of Gary's life will take place at the Montrose Elks Lodge on September 16th at 2 p.m.

Crippin Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way, Montrose, CO 81401 or Hope West Montrose, 725 S. 4th St, Montrose, CO 81401



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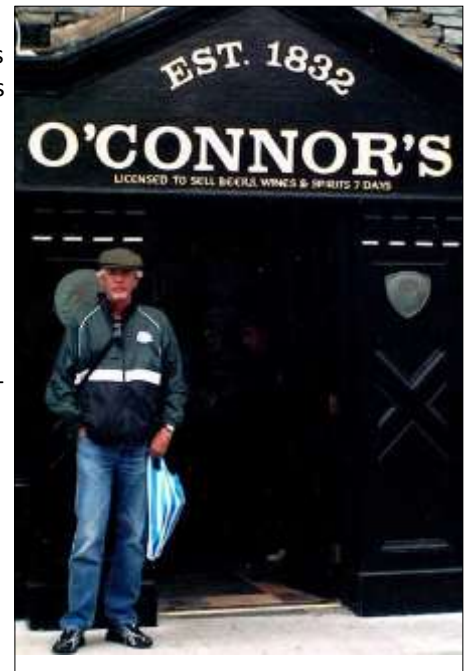
DENNIS KEVIN O'CONNOR ***May 8th, 1956- August 23, 2023***

DENNIS KEVIN O'CONNOR, of Montrose, our beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend passed away on August 23, 2023 at the age of 67 at Delta Health, with his loving family by his side. Dennis was born on May 8th, 1956 in Denver, Colorado to James O'Connor and his wife, Edna.

In 1986, Dennis met his future wife, Judith; and they were married in Gunnison, Colorado in 1989. Upon moving to Montrose, Dennis found a job working for the Montrose Recreation District, where he helped build and maintain numerous venues used by the community daily. Dennis really enjoyed sports, including football, basketball, golf and pool. Every Sunday he would be ready to watch his beloved Denver Broncos play. Dennis really loved being outdoors and in nature, especially when he was fishing. Twice in his life, Dennis was able to travel to Ireland, where he further explored his family's roots and heritage. His greatest accomplishments were being a father to his children and a grandfather to his granddaughters.

Dennis is preceded in death by his parents, James and Edna O'Connor; his sister, Coleen McGinty; his daughter, Colleen O'Connor; and his stepson, Patrick Browne. He is survived by his wife, Judith O'Connor; his sons, Sean O'Connor (Sarah), Seamus O'Connor (Beryl) and Quinton O'Connor; his stepdaughter, Jackie Browne; his siblings Tim O'Connor, Michael O'Connor, Maureen Wilmot, Molly O'Connor DelaRosa, Sharon Cella, Sheila O'Connor; and his granddaughters, Finley and Emersyn.

A service will be held for Dennis on September 16th, 2023 at the Crippin Funeral Home, at 2 pm, followed by a celebration of Dennis' life at Montrose Friendship Hall. All attendees are highly encouraged to have green on their attire in honor of Dennis. Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory of Montrose is assisting Mr. O'Connor's family (970) 249-2121



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

CLYDE MACK CAUSEY JR

May 24, 1938-August 26, 2023

CLYDE MACK CAUSEY JR., 85, of Montrose, Colorado, died Saturday, August 26, 2023, following a long battle with multiple sclerosis and esophageal cancer.

He had many illnesses during his life, including polio and rheumatic fever, and not only survived them but thrived.

Mack was born May 24, 1938, at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to Jeteria Woods Causey Merry and Clyde Causey Sr. He was raised in Sikeston, Missouri; Baltimore, Maryland; Syracuse and Binghamton, New York; and Fort Lincoln, North Dakota.

For a brief time he attended Briarwood Academy, a military school. In later years Mack visited Fort Lincoln and his old home, and his name was still on the door to his room. He also visited the town of Causey, New Mexico.

He and his mother moved to Riverdale, North Dakota, where he graduated from high school. Mack attended Carlton College in Northfield, Minnesota. He then served in the U.S. Army, and was stationed in Germany. From there he was able to travel around Europe and brought home stories of his travels.

After leaving the Army, he first worked at Northwest Piano then at AT&T at Minot Air Force Base in Minot, North Dakota. Mack then relocated to Colorado Springs,

where he worked in Cheyenne Mountain.

On Sept. 4, 1970, Mack married Dorothy Hager in Minot and they lived at Chipeta Park, Colorado. There Mack was a master gardener, belonged to an orchid club, and attended night school in Colorado Springs. He was also a Boy Scout master.

In 1979 the family moved to Montrose where Mack was employed by U.S. West as a telephone technician. He retired from the phone company after working there for over 40 years.

Throughout his life Mack enjoyed gardening, hunting with his self-trained dogs, jeeping, fishing, and outdoors in general. He couldn't go a weekend without Car Talk on public radio. He loved PBS. Mack was a talented pianist.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Jeteria Marie and Jennifer Lynn; and a grandson, Derek Hampton. Also surviving Mack are step-siblings, Fran Mayes and John Causey, and numerous other relatives from Michigan.

While in Montrose, Mack was a charter member of the Optimist Club which is no more. He believed in the Optimist Creed which said, in part:

Promise Yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. It ended with: Promise Yourself to be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too



strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

The family would like to thank the staff of Hope West Hospice, Elk Ridge Nursing Home and Valley Manor Nursing Home. No service will be held. Crippin Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

If you wish to make a donation in honor of Mack please make it to Rocky Mountain PBS or Hope West Hospice in Montrose. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Mr. Causey's family.

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ART & SOL

MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE PRESENTS LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

By Ginny Spaven

MONTROSE-Times are tough on Skid Row – the bums, the winos, the urchins. Business is lousy, especially for Mushnik’s Skid Row Florist! Few customers shop there. Why would they? There is little to celebrate, and the flowers for sale there are wilted, faded, and decaying. Mr. Mushnik, the owner, and his employees, Seymour and Audrey watch the hours tick slowly and wonder how they can get “outta here.”

Mr. Mushnik knows they must close. They are done. Kaput! He declares to Audrey and Seymour that they are closing, now. But Seymour, young and idealistic, asks for a chance to display more exotic plants as a last ditch effort to save the shop. Perhaps they could display the strange little sprig Seymour has been tinkering with in the back room. He has already named it: Audrey II. Hmm?

A customer sees the mysterious, unidentified plant in the window and comes in for a closer look. Soon customers are flocking to the shop. Orders pour in. Phones ring constantly. Agents want Seymour for radio shows and interviews. Audrey II begins to grow, flourish, and at times seem almost human. But, when Audrey II begins to talk, promising fame and fortune in return for a most unusual diet, Seymour realizes the danger that lies ahead.

This show is described as a horror comedy, rock musical, romance. Youngsters will be fascinated by the puppet-like animation, while the senior set will recall the sixties as a girl group provides the doo-wop tunes. The rest of us will scratch our heads, wondering how they did that thing with the plant!

Jason Atchley directs *Little Shop of Horrors*, assisted by Michelle Terry. The cast has a delightful balance of newcomers and familiar faces. Jonathan Heath plays Seymour, the hapless flower shop employee; his co-worker, Audrey, a pretty blonde with a tacky sense of fashion, is played by first timer, Jordyn Foss. Her boyfriend, the sadistic dentist, is played by Riley Little and Dalyn Pearson is Mr. Mushnik, shop owner. The doo-wop numbers feature Janel Culver, Gabrielle Lewis, and Elliana Masters, backed up by an ensemble of all ages. School has barely started, but it will soon be time to jump start your Halloween spirit. So, whether you’re seeking comedy, sci-fi, rock or romance, *Little Shop of Horrors* has it all. But we feel we must warn you – don’t get too close to that plant!

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE TO CELEBRATE WEEK OF UNITY AND PEACE



Dedication of the Peace Sign statue on North Mesa during the 2010 Week of Unity and Peace. Courtesy photo.

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MONTROSE-Peace Week events include:

Saturday, September 16

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Wednesday, September 20

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Friday, September 22

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Saturday, September 23

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Email: celebrationmontrose@gmail.com

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

Senior Pastor:

Pastor Brandon Mathis

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

Demographics: Multi-generational

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

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

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

Other Discipleship Opportunities:

Youth Night: First & Third Wednesdays of month 6pm

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

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

Celebrate Recovery: Friday nights @ 6:30pm

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Denomination: Christ Lutheran Montrose
Affiliation: Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

Contact: 970-633-0226

Website: www.montroselutheran.org

Email: montroselutheran@gmail.com

Pastor: Tim Onnen

Worship: Sundays at 9 AM

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

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

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

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Denomination: Church of the Nazarene

Address: 705 South 12th Street

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

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

Pastor: Buddy Cook

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

Wednesday: Prayer Boot Camp - 7 PM

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

disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

Affiliation: Presbyterian

Address: 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO.

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

12PM **Contact:** 970-249-4732, [\[form@fpcmontrose.com\]\(mailto:form@fpcmontrose.com\),](mailto:in-</p>
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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
 Website: montroseucc.org
Current Pastor: Rev. Wendy Kidd
Worship service times: Sunday, 10 a.m.
 Hillcrest Congregational UCC is a welcoming, open and affirming church, open to all no matter who you are or where you are

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

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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
 email: office@rosemontbaptist.org
Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson
Worship Service Times: Our engaging and relevant Sunday Worship Service is at

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

matter what stage of life they are in.
Children's services: We have a fun Sunday School for children from four years old through youth. We provide Children's Church during the Sunday Worship Services where children four years old through 9 years can learn to be 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, 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)

rose@yahoo.com
www.ststephensmontrose.com
Rev. Dec. Garrett Agajanian
 St. Stephen's is a community of caring Christians rooted in the godly traditions of the past, focused on the challenges of the

present, hopeful for the future, continuing in the Faith once delivered to the saints, using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.
Sunday: Holy Communion 10 am. Fellowship following service.
 Children's nursery available (unstaffed).

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation:

Southern Baptist

Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

Office hours: Varies

Contact information:

phone number: 970-275-7026

email: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com

website: www.summitchurchmontrose.org

Senior Pastor: John DeSario

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

Summit Church Montrose is a new church plant that preaches the Word of God, reaches the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equips Christians to serve the

Lord. Summit Church has people of all ages!

We have families with children (babies, school aged, recent high school and college graduates) up to retired individuals.

During the Sunday sermon we offer teaching for children ages birth to Kindergarten, in a kid friendly room called Base Camp.

We also have a children's activity during our Monday night adult Bible study.

We meet for prayer at the church every Wed. at 6:30.

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

Denomination Affiliation: Independent Baptist

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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-12pm

Contact Information: Phone (970) 249-

6874; email at info@vbcmontrose.org; website: vbcmontrose.org

Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

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

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

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

Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

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

information to the Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

DON'T MISS THE 108TH ANNUAL FRUITA FALL FESTIVAL

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FRUITA-Get ready to experience a vibrant celebration of community and creativity at the 2023 [Alpine Bank](#) Fruita Fall Festival presented by Republic Services and the Fruita Thrift Shop and hosted by the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce! This year's festival promises to be new and exciting, with a "Paint the Town" theme that will fill the streets with color and excitement.

As the leaves begin to change and the air turns crisp, downtown Fruita will come alive at the 108th annual Fruita Fall Festival with a range of colorful activities and events. From the third annual art walk to our new art competition and mural jam, there will be plenty of opportunities to unleash your inner artist and get creative. But that's not all – visitors can also explore the local vendors, food trucks, and hand-crafted goods that make the Fruita Fall Festival special all while you enjoy live musical performances throughout the day. And of course, no Fruita Fall Festival would be complete without fun games and activities for all ages.

So, mark your calendar and get ready to "Paint the Town" at the 2023 Alpine Bank Fruita Fall Festival. Whether you're a seasoned artist or simply looking to have fun

with friends and family, this is an event you won't want to miss. Come and be a part of a community-wide celebration of creativity and fall fun!

Fruita Fall Festival would not be complete without live music! This year, the festival has two different stages, each with musicians performing. On Civic Center Stage, Friday night, will have Tim & Richard, and the festival headliner, the Hazel Miller Band! On Saturday, Sam Wayt, Misti Dawn, Courtney Grieger, Ragged Union, Blue Canyon Boys, and Ryan Chrys & The Rough Cuts will all be performing.

In addition to live music, Fruita Fall Festival has a wide variety of subevents that will appeal to the whole family! From everyone's favorite - Outhouse Race, the Parade, Cornhole Tournament, History Fair, Cupcake Eating Contest, Pet Show, Beard Rally and new this year - a Banana Ball Tournament at Little Salt Wash Park to the 3rd Annual What the Fest Brew Fest featuring local breweries. The theme of Fruita Fall Festival is Paint the Town, we have a couple of events surrounding just that! On Friday night, there will be Mural Fest at Fall Fest, which will be in the FARM Fruita parking lot, and will feature 10 different artists all live painting murals. Then on

Saturday night, there will be our annual art walk, which features a variety of local artists!

The Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce this year's Grand Marshal for Fruita Fall Festival, Donna Stratton! Donna has been an advocate for arts and culture here in Fruita for quite some time and has even taken into her own hands to help in supporting local artists through her help in events in Fruita that directly impact local artists. Donna has been supportive of Fourth Fridays, and you can almost always see her there going from booth to booth checking in with artists and helping wherever she can. Donna's support for the arts and culture here in Fruita is one of the many qualities she has that makes her so deserving of being awarded this year's Grand Marshal. Because of her dedication to local artists, her being named Grand Marshal is very fitting, since this year's theme for Fruita Fall Festival is "Paint the Town", and is all about art, color, and community. Donna will ride in the front of the Fruita Fall Festival Parade on September 23rd at 10am through the streets of Fruita. Learn more about Fruita Fall Festival and all it has to offer at www.fruitafallfest.com

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ANONYMOUS CALL

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: EDUCATION

JAMES MCKNIGHT NAMED TO SNHU DEAN'S LIST

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MANCHESTER, NH-- James McKnight of Montrose (81401) has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2023 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-

time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer. Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 90-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 170,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergradu-

ate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu

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Critical Community Wildfire and Watershed Protection Plan

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DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

TIME: 5:30pm – 9:00pm

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

COST: \$25 per person due at registration (includes Dessert/Snack Bar)
The Elk’s cash bar will be available

Team Name: _____

#1 Contact ph # _____ (*) Email: (*) _____

Players names:

1 (*) _____ 2 _____

3 _____ 4 _____

5 _____ 6 _____

7 _____ 8 _____

Please complete one form per team.

Please be sure to be seated before our start time of 5:30pm.

No outside food or drink will be allowed.

Questions? Please contact Gail at 970-275-0751 or Lori at 970-275-6522

Please make checks out to Altrusa International of Montrose and mail along with the completed application to: Altrusa of Montrose, PO Box 3184, Montrose, CO 81402. Or call one of the contact people above and we can meet to obtain registration form and check(s).

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD



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Sunday, Dec. 3rd • 11am to 4pm

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ONGOING-

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

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

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

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

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

RIDGWAY TRUE GRIT WALKING TOUR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONTHLY

Sept. 12-On Tuesday Sept. 12 at 5pm. Citizens' Climate Lobby meets in person at Montrose library mtg rm. local environmental action, nonpartisan, national. All Welcome- info at 970-765-9095.

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

Sept. 20-The Colorado Archaeological Society is presenting a hard-hitting program about why our fragile prehistoric rock art is worth protecting, how to enjoy visiting it, and how to help to protect it from harm. Speakers are Steve and Diana Acerson. They are residents of Utah, and active members of the Utah Rock Art Research Association, who have dedicated their time to documenting, protecting, and enjoying local rock art. The public is invited, 7 pm, Sept. 20 at Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street.

Sept. 20-Montrose Adult Education Center is celebrating its 50th year of serving the Montrose community and beyond. We are having an open house Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 3 – 7 pm. We'd like anyone who has previously been a part of the program whether as student, staff, volunteer and/or supported us in any way to attend. The community is also invited. Our current location is in the basement of Zion Lutheran Church (701 S. Junction Avenue). Entry is from the back parking lot (off S. 7th Street).

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).

Sept. 22-The Delta Montrose Community Concert Association is pleased to present the Folk Legacy Trio as the first concert of our 2023-2024 season. The concert is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 22, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Delta Performing Arts Center, 822 Grand Avenue in Delta, CO. Doors open at 6 p.m. Single admission tickets will be available at the door on the night of the performance, \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. For additional information please contact Connie at 970-249-4308 or Bob 970-835-4480 or visit our website at www.deltamontroseconcerts.com.

Sept. 22-Ouray County Railroad days guided hike: Along Silverton Railroad route on Red Mountain from Guston to Joker Tunnel. Meet at 9 am at Corkscrew 4WD trailhead, bring lunch and weather gear. Free.

Sept. 23-OURAY-OURAY COUNTY RAILROAD DAYS 9 am – 4 pm: Celebrate Ouray County's world-famous narrow-gauge history at the Ridgway Railroad Museum with docents on site and free train rides on Galloping Goose 4, D&RG caboose 91/0575, RGS Motor 1 and RGS Model T Inspection Car 1. Model train open house 9 am – 1 pm at 17 Whitehouse Vista Lane north of Ouray. Guided auto tour along the D&RG Ouray Branch route, meet at the museum at 1 pm. All events are free.

Sept. 23- Classic Car Show at All Saints Anglican Church, 2057 S. Townsend, on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry fee is \$15 per vehicle. Registration starts at 8.m. Coffee and donuts will be available during registration to car owners and the general public. Lunch will be available for \$10. However anyone entering a car in the show will receive a free lunch ticket. Awards will be given for Best Antique, Best Classic, Best Motorcycle and an Audience Choice Award.



GHOSTLY GREETINGS IN MONTROSE

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