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CITY OF MONTROSE ACCEPTS PETITION SEEKING TO LEGALIZE RETAIL SALE OF MARIJUANA AND MARIJUANA PRODUCTS



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Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council included a possible Ordinance to Impose Excise Tax on Potential Retail Marijuana Sales during the work session on Jan. 16, but removed the item from consideration at the regular meeting that evening. City Attorney Chris Dowsey said at the work session that the agenda item was included as a "placeholder," in the event that a citizens' initiative gathered sufficient signatures to place an initiative on the ballot seeking to legalize the retail sale of marijuana and marijuana products within the City limits.

"The petition was brought forth to us, it was accepted as to form," Dowsey said, "However they have not submitted the requisite amount of signatures or any signatures for that matter...there will not be an

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RED HAWK GIRLS BASKETBALL WINS PAIR ON HOME FLOOR

By Cliff Dodge

Montrose Red Hawks 49, Glenwood Springs Demons 21

The Montrose Red Hawks girls' basketball team celebrated the end of an 11-game road swing with a satisfying home victory over the visiting Glenwood Springs Demons by the score of 49 to 21. The first home victory of the season improved the Red Hawks overall record to 9 wins and 3 losses. Their league record stands at 0 wins and 1 loss.

The Red Hawks jumped out to a quick lead in the first quarter of action outscoring the visitors 11 to 5. The rout was on as the Red Hawks put the pedal to the metal on offense and their defense proved far more than the Demons could handle. The Red Hawks defense gave up 5, 6, 5 and 6 points in the four quarters of play netting the Demons only 21 points throughout the contest.

Sophomore Maggie Legg led all scorers with 15 points while her teammate, Senior Taygan Rocco, added 13 points. Sophomore

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The Red Hawks player goes up for a shot over the Glenwood Springs defenders. Photo by Cliff Dodge.

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ordinance for the excise tax before you this evening..."

Councilor Dave Frank said, "As a clarification...this only was going to be brought forward if that petition was deemed sufficient and that approval issue was added to the ballot...it's important for the citizens to recognize that we are cognizant of that potential for that issue and that I think it's very important that we have laid this groundwork and kind of set our minds toward what would happen and what we need to do in order for this to be an acceptable practice."

Dowsey said that the petitioner has 180 days from the date on which the petition was deemed valid; if received in March it would appear on the ballot in 2026.



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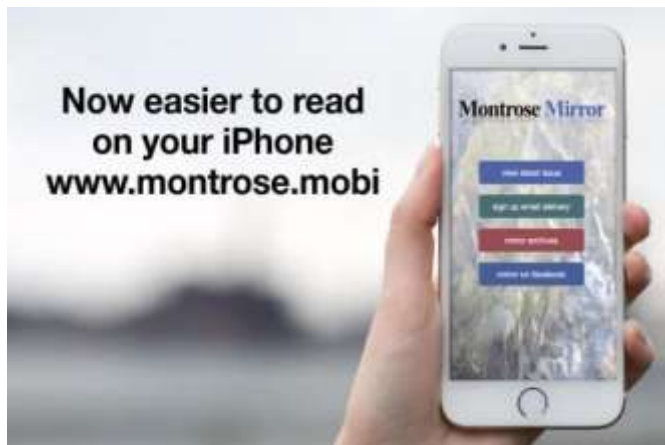


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CORRECTION

In Montrose Mirror Issue 568, the article on RE-1J schools should have read, "The Board voted to enter Executive Session to consider two items related to the sale of district property. **FOLLOWING** the session, the Board voted to accept a sales contract for \$285,000 for vacant land owned by the school district at 6725 Road, according to Executive Assistant to the Board Laurie Laird."

The original article read, "**DURING**" the session, which was incorrect., as decisions cannot be made during Executive Sessions. Thank you to RE-1J Executive Assistant Laurie Laird for the correction.



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RED HAWK GIRLS BASKETBALL WINS PAIR ON HOME FLOOR **From pg 1**

Mayce Oberg and Junior Brooke Williams contributed 6 points each while Sophomore Lilly Nelson chipped in with 4 points. The Red Hawks dominated the backboards as the team captured 30 rebounds. The amazing statistic the Red Hawks put up was the 17 offensive rebounds captured, resulting in many second chance points. Rocco and Oberg each gathered in six rebounds while senior Kenzie Bush and Williams each had five, and junior Cali Fulks chipped in with three caroms. The Red Hawks passed out seven assists and had 17 steals while turning the ball over 13 times. The Red Hawks made only one three-point basket out of the five they attempted. The home team made 10 of the 17 free throws they attempted.

Montrose Red Hawks 54, Eagle Valley Devils 16

The Red Hawks totally dominated the under-manned Eagle Valley Devils on Saturday afternoon at the fieldhouse as they pounded out a 38-point victory, 54 to 16. The Red Hawks pressing man-to-man defense kept the Devils scoreless until midway in the second quarter of play. The score at half time was Montrose 35, Eagle Valley 6. Coach Steve Skiff substituted liberally throughout the second half. Sophomore Mayce Oberg led all Red Hawk scorers with 15 points. Senior Taygan Rocco followed closely with 13 points while sophomore Maggie Legg and Junior Brooke Williams added 10 and 9 points respectively. The Red Hawks improved their overall record to 10 wins and three losses. Their league record stands at nine wins and one loss.

The road beckons the Red Hawks this week as they travel to Fruita-Monument and Durango for league games both Tuesday and Friday.



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BOCC APPROVES HUTF REPORT, ANNUAL CHANGES TO ROAD SYSTEM

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All commissioners were present for the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting of Wednesday, Jan. 17. BOCC Chair Roger Rash called the meeting to order; Vice Chair Sue Hansen led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance; Pastor Curt Mudget of Cedar Creek Church delivered the invocation. "...We pray that this year for all of us will be one of...walking with you...we ask for your special blessing on Montrose and this county..."

PUB LIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

COUNTY MANAGER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved, with Resolution No. 06-2024 assigned to Consent Agenda Item 7; and Resolution No. 07-2024 assigned to Consent Agenda Item 12.

GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Commissioners voted to approve the 10th (Tenth) Amendment Modification #3, to the On-Call Engineering Services Agreement entered into 11/21/2018 with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for Design, Bidding and Construction Services for the Temporary Traffic Signal as detailed in Attachments A and B for a not-to-exceed amount of \$27,121.38 for work detailed in Attachments A, B for a new revised total of \$683,240.81.

Following a public hearing, commissioners voted to approve signatures on the 2022 Colorado Department of Transportation Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF) report and Resolution Number 08-2024 for annual changes, additions and deletions of roads to the County road maintenance system.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

The final item for consideration was also unanimously approved, the Reflection Ranch Subdivision - Final Plat [MA23-006] proposal to amend the Clear Valley Estates Preliminary Plan to change Outlot A to Lot 1 Reflection Ranch Subdivision - 22.220 acres at 376731210006.

With no further business and no executive session, commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn.

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MONTROSE COUNTY TREASURER, ROSEMARY MURPHY, ANNOUNCES THE DELAY OF MAILING PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS

Legislative changes enacted by the Colorado Legislature to accommodate property tax relief will delay the certification of the County tax rolls. The new deadline for the tax roll certification is January 24, 2024. The reason for the delay is to give taxing authorities sufficient time to certify their mill levies and to give county assessors more time to gather data.

Please be aware that these changes do not alter the first-half payment due date, February 28, 2024. The Colorado Legislature chose not to extend the payment deadline to ensure that special districts like fire departments, school districts, health districts, hospitals, and other public entities have the revenue to continue to operate.

Once the tax roll process is complete, property owners will receive their statements by mail in early February. The property tax amount will be available after February 1st at <https://montrosecounty.net/treasurer> by clicking on SEARCH PROPERTY TAX RECORDS. Contact our office at 970 249-3565 or email etreasurer@montrosecounty.net for assistance.

MOVING – The Treasurer’s office along with the Assessor and GIS Offices will be moving to temporary locations in January. The Old Montrose County Courthouse will close for restorations beginning JANUARY 22, 2024.

- ASSESSOR and GIS Offices will reopen January 29, 2024 at 949 N 2nd Street (next to Friendship Hall)
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MONTROSE COUNTY ASSESSOR, GIS, AND TREASURER OFFICES TO TEMPORARILY RELOCATE FOR COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— The Montrose County Assessor, Treasurer, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) offices will be temporarily relocating beginning Friday, Jan. 19, 2024, to accommodate renovations at the historic Montrose County Courthouse.

During this closure, some information may be available online at montrosecounty.net. The historic courthouse renovations will enhance the building's functionality, accessibility, and historical preservation, ensur-

ing it continues to serve Montrose County for generations to come.

At this time, construction is expected to last until late 2025. When the historic courthouse renovation is completed, the Assessor, Treasurer, and GIS Offices will move back to the courthouse.

The Montrose County Assessor, Treasurer, and GIS Offices look forward to welcoming the public to the new temporary locations and continuing to serve the Montrose County community.

Important Relocation Information:

Closure Dates: The Assessor, GIS, and Treasurer's Offices will be closed from January 19, until their respective reopening dates.

Assessor and GIS Offices will be reopen at 949 N 2nd Street (next to Friendship Hall) on Monday, January 29, 2024

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"I am extremely grateful for the donations to my campaign these last few months. I know that with the holidays and the November election, it is a challenging time to raise money for any candidate. Your support will help me get my message out to all of the voters in HD58 that I will carry their voice forward," said Kathleen Curry, candidate for Colorado's House District 58. In furthering her campaign, Curry added, "My campaign needs strong fundraising during this first quarter of 2024. We need to show my opponents that I am in it to

win." Donations can be made online at curryforcolorado.com/donate or by sending a check to Curry for Colorado, PO Box 7121, Gunnison, CO 81230.

Kathleen Curry is a Colorado native who managed the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District for six years after completing her graduate degree in Water Resources Planning and Management. She was later elected to the Colorado House of Representatives, where she specialized in water, agriculture, oil and gas, wildlife, and budget issues. After leaving the General Assembly, Curry supported the agricultural sector by selling local foods and started a small governmental affairs consulting business. She also worked as a professional lobbyist in Denver. Kathleen has been married to local rancher Greg Peter-

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DEMOCRACY IS FREEDOM ... DICTATORSHIP IS DEATH

Editor:

Republicans need to revive their party, preserving conservative principles, so that democracy can thrive. The strength of the system we've had for the past 240 years derives from the competition of ideas, a process that results in solutions that take all views into account. All sides in any political debate make their points, and then work towards consensus, which usually (but not always) leads to the best results for all citizens. For the first time since the Civil War, this system has been broken. In Washington, D.C., and in state capitals around the country, this sad state of affairs has been brought about by a man whose sole interest is in his own power and wealth; enabled by politicians who bend their knee to him out of fear for their own careers. He has done this by intentionally dividing our country into two sides that are bitterly opposed to each other. No such "leader" should ever be tolerated.

A similar situation occurred in the 1920's and 30's in Germany, where Adolph Hitler rose to power by whipping his followers into a frenzy of hate. He railed against immigrants, Jews, Catholics, Gypsies, and other groups who were not "pure" Germans. At first, Germans who knew better pushed back against him; but, with time, they gave up in the face of his angry tirades against them. He unleashed his violent "Brown Shirts" against his enemies, beating and killing them in the streets. Of course, Hitler eventually gained absolute power. Sound familiar to what's happening today in America?

Once Hitler consolidated his power, and imposed his iron fist over all aspects of society and the German economy. For a while, all looked well. Germany picked itself up from the ashes of the First World War, and again became an industrial powerhouse. The standard of living came roaring back for Germans. Then, as eventually happens in authoritarian dictatorships, Hitler's house of cards collapsed, Germany was devastated, it's cities

flattened, and millions killed, in the Second World War.

Donald Trump is running for president to save himself from prison for the crimes he has committed against the truth, decency, and our Constitution. This man who aspires to return to power has promised, in public, to use all means at his disposal as president to go after his enemies; instead of strengthening our economy, society, and democracy. Instead of kowtowing to him, and following him over the cliff, decent Republicans need to revive their party, preserving conservative principles, so that democracy can thrive through the interplay of ideas. Decent conservative Republicans, who have been sidelined by the loudmouths, are in the minority inside the party, but are fighting back. Organizations such as the Lincoln Project are ex-

posing the dangers of the movement to return Trump to power. Individual conservatives, including most former members of his own administration, are warning against the dangers of putting him pack in power.

Political hacks who survive by sowing chaos, with names such as Boebert, Gaetz, Greene, and so many others like them, mostly on the Republican side these days, should have no place in positions of leadership. The strength of the system we've had for the past 240 years derives from the competition of ideas discussed in a stable and well reasoned forum. This process, though sometimes messy and rancorous, results in solutions that take all views into account, and is the basis for all of the freedoms we enjoy.

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Lucinda Stanley - 2024 President. *Courtesy photo.*



Kent Blackwell - 2024 Vice President

serve as Vice President. The remaining ODC officer team for 2024 consists of Secretary Kim Shay, owner of Gambles Ace Hardware, and Brison Crow, Manager of Alpine Bank Delta.

“As this year's President of the One Delta County Economic Alliance, I'm thrilled to continue pursuing my passion for economic development. Our organization is

committed to providing Delta County with sustainable growth by offering affordable housing, industrial space for new businesses, and top-notch training for employees and employers to build future leadership. My first objective is to raise awareness of the impact One Delta County has on our community, directly and indirectly. We understand that affordable housing and a place for new businesses are imperative for attracting higher-paying jobs.

My second objective is to meet with business leaders to encourage their backing of our organization. We believe that participation from everyone is crucial to achieving success. I am excited to work alongside Greg and other community leaders to promote economic development in our county.” Lucinda Stanley

In addition, elections were held for three open Business Member Director positions. The positions were filled by Ute Jantz, Director of Delta Housing Authority, Cheryl Husman of Smiling Aviation, and Brison Crow, Manager of Alpine Bank Delta. Greg Pope, Director, One Delta County: An Economic Alliance stated, "I look forward to working with the newly elected officers and Board of Directors as we continue the pursuit of your economic development goals in Delta County. I thank the previous boards for helping to set the goals and direction we are headed. I feel we have accomplished a lot in the last three plus years but we have much more to accomplish."

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-On January 16, 2024, the One Delta County: An Economic Alliance (ODC) held elections for its Board of Directors' Officers and open Business Member Director seats. Lucinda Stanley, CCIM, Owner/Broker of Grand Mesa Real Estate Services, a long-time ODC member, was elected President, while Kent Blackwell, Chief Technical Officer of Delta Montrose Electric Association, will



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- Past Member of Montrose County Sheriff's Posse
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OURAY PLAINDEALER'S DETAILED REPORT OF SEX ASSAULT ON MINOR CHILD GOES NATIONWIDE AFTER NEWSSTAND THEFT COMPLAINTS



Ouray Police Chief Jeff Wood. Courtesy photo to City of Ouray.

The Enforcer 7th Judicial Colorado Sue Williamson contributed to this staff report
OURAY- The *Ouray County Plaindealer* newspaper made national headlines last week after reporting newspaper theft that resulted in the loss of 200 print copies of

the paper from area newsstands.

Still, the individual who was cited last week on suspicion of petty theft in connection with the theft of the *Ouray County Plaindealer* was not connected in any way to the three defendants in the case, their families or to the Ouray Police Department, the *Plaindealer* owners said in a statement issued on Jan. 20. That statement was issued after Paul Choate of Ridgway returned the papers to the *Plaindealer* with an apology following an investigation by local law enforcement officials from the Ouray County Sheriff's Office and Ridgway Marshall's Office.

Last week's edition of the *Plaindealer* featured a front-page story detailing an alleged sexual assault reported to have occurred at the home of the Ouray Police Chief Jeff Wood during a party thrown by his stepson.

Online comments on the article state that the assault victim did not want details of the crime report published. When con-

tacted, a family member of the victim confirmed that she in fact did make that request. The family member said that he hopes that some good will come from the experience, despite saying that he fears that victims will not speak up after the *Plaindealer's* reporting. "They claim someone is trying to suppress the news, freedom of speech, the first amendment...together we can change the normalization of evil in our community," the source said. When contacted by phone, Ouray Police Chief Jeff Wood said, "The only comment I can give on this case is that I was not made aware of the allegations until two months after the incident was alleged to have occurred. But since I anticipate being called as a witness it would not be appropriate for me to speculate on the plausibility of the complaint at this time." The New York Post reported that Police Chief Wood's DNA also showed up during the investigation, but not in a significant amount to reflect wrongdoing.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ALPINE BANK SHARES FINAL TALLY FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY DONATION GOAL

Special to the Mirror

GLENWOOD SPRINGS— Alpine Bank sends a huge “thank you” to its customers and communities for their support during the 50th anniversary year.

Although we had a record-setting number of debit card transactions in 2023, the bank fell just short of its goal to raise \$2.5 million for local nonprofits through the Loyalty Debit Card program.

Even though the bank did not meet its goal, the Loyalty Debit Card program saw tremendous growth year over year. Customers used their cards more than 23 million times, and with every transaction, Alpine Bank (not our customers) donated 10 cents to local causes.

“It was a stretch goal, and we knew it,” said Glen Jammaron, president of Alpine Bank. “This being our 50th anniversary year we didn’t want to play it safe, it’s not the Alpine Way.”

Dimes donated grew from \$2.01 million in 2022 to \$2.35 million in 2023. Colorado communities in the Front Range, mountains, and Western Slope benefited from monies raised in these seven card categories:

Arts	\$352,513
Community	\$734,091
Environment	\$535,400
Education	\$305,638
Colorado Mountain	
College	\$103,219
Children’s Hospital Colorado	\$285,000
Fort Lewis College	\$33,000

“We want to thank our customers for making this happen, it’s so impactful,” noted Jammaron. “We received countless heartfelt notes of thanks from organizations all over Colorado.”

One such note the bank received was from Erin Maruzzella, executive director of Innovations in Aging, based in Colorado Springs. The organization works to elevate the lived experiences of everyone who grows up and grows older in Southern Colorado.

“I want to write and say thank you for the kind gift our organization received from Alpine Bank,” wrote Maruzzella. “This donation will cover our rent and utilities fully

for a whole month, so we can better focus on serving our community.”

Overall, Alpine Bank’s 50th anniversary year was marked by giving back. On top of the \$2.35 million in 10 cent donations, bank employees were each given \$500 to donate to a nonprofit of their choice in Colorado, totaling \$426,500 to 355 organizations.

Additional charitable gifts last year totaled \$4.17 million, and Alpine Bank employees contributed more than 17,000 hours of volunteer time to community nonprofits and organizations in 2023.

Some other highlights, Alpine Bank Chair-

man and Founder Robert “Bob” Young received the Lifetime Achievement award by National Philanthropy Day Colorado. The governor’s office also recognized the bank’s positive impact on its communities, proclaiming August 1, 2023 as Alpine Bank Day. Looking ahead to 2024, dime at a time donations from the Loyalty Debit Card program will continue as they have since the program started in 1997. With an Alpine Bank checking account, new and existing customers can participate in the Loyalty Debit Card program. A card can be obtained at a local branch or at alpinebank.com.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

VICTIM WAS REVICTIMIZED BY REPORTING ON OURAY SEX ASSAULT

Dear Editor,

I am writing to implore writers in the region to find training on how to write about crimes without re-traumatizing the victims.

It is important that the public know about violent crimes. However, the recent coverage on the criminal sexual assault case in Ouray County was damaging. Information published was unnecessary and hurtful to the victim. I found it insensitive, and legally irresponsible.

I hope we all take the time to educate ourselves better about sexual assault and the criminal trial. This young girl was re-victimized by this article. I am just appalled that the publishers did not think of how these details would impact the victim and her family.

Ally Crilly, Ridgway

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2024 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Last year was the year technology and training met. We carry this challenge into 2024 and the job never gets old if it is never the same. The mission is always evolving, always different. When you have trained to the point you can use the technology, the technology is out of date.

The Montrose County Sheriff's Posse (MCSP) consists of 41 highly trained volunteers in two Divisions, based in Montrose and Nucla, who donate thousands of hours in service to the community each year.

Not only has technology changed, but our role in the community has evolved with it. New technology, such as cell phones with advanced GPS, mapping systems, and SOS features, have reduced the number of lost persons, meaning a little less time on the mountains. On the other hand, the Posse has spent more time serving the community, playing a bigger role with the Montrose County Sheriff's Office by working at many events. You have probably seen us out in force at the many parades in town, events at the Fairgrounds like Bucket Bull Riding and the Rodeos, the Olathe Corn Fest, and the annual Flu Shot Clinic. We have also assisted the Montrose Police Department with numerous city-sponsored events, such as the Mock DUI class at the High School.

The problem in keeping up with all the changes is the acquisition of new equipment, updating technology and training our people to use it in the field. All of this comes at a price. We incur costs each year maintaining, updating, and storing the vehicles and the gear that allow us to provide quick response to an emergency in a competent manner. We also have expenses for training and recertifying new and experienced Posse members in topics such as first aid/CPR, firefighting, GPS and mapping, radio communications, safe driving, traffic control and helicopter operations.

We apply for State and Federal grants which provide a small portion of our operating budget. The remaining balance of funds needed rests with the Posse, and without the donations we receive from the community, we could not exist.

Your support of the MCSP through this fund drive provides the financial resources needed to accomplish our mission. Any contribution you make will be of great benefit to our entire community. As a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit corporation, all donations are deductible for income tax purposes. Please mail your gift today in the envelope provided.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CPW SECURES 15 GRAY WOLVES FOR REINTRODUCTION EFFORTS FROM CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COLVILLE RESERVATION

Special to the Mirror

DENVER – In an agreement announced between Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the tribes will be a source for up to 15 wolves for the Colorado gray wolf reintroduction effort. CPW plans for these wolves to be captured on tribal lands during the capture season from December 2024 – March 2025. The agreement between the state of Colorado and the state of Oregon to allow for the translocation of ten wolves this season has been successfully completed.

“We are grateful to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation for working with our agency on this critical next step in reintroducing gray wolves in the state,” said CPW Director Jeff Davis. “This agreement helps CPW to continue to meet

our unanimously adopted Colorado Wolf Restoration and Management Plan goal of translocating 10-15 gray wolves per capture season for a total of 30-50 wolves.”

“The Colville Tribes is very pleased to partner with Colorado Parks and Wildlife to restore the wolf population in Colorado,” said Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Jarred-Michael Erickson. “The Colville people strongly believe in preserving our environment, including its fish and animals. We are thrilled that our restoration efforts on our own lands have progressed far enough that we can share some of these magnificent creatures with the citizens of Colorado.”

Tribal representatives will provide guidance to CPW on target packs, avoiding packs with known active chronic depreda-

tion behavior.

Between December 18 - 22, 2023, Colorado Parks and Wildlife fulfilled their statutory responsibility and successfully released 10 gray wolves onto public land in Summit and Grand counties. CPW will not capture and release more wolves in the current capture season, which runs until mid-March 2024. The next releases will not occur until the December 2024 - March 2025 capture season. Although the agency could release up to five more wolves this capture season according to its Wolf Restoration and Management Plan, the additional time will allow the agency to assess the releases in December and let CPW staff adjust to any increased workload of having wolves on the ground in Colorado, as well as allow time for the additional resources for CPW and the Colorado Department of Agriculture to support ranchers proposed in the Governor’s budget to become effective July 1.

“After an incredibly successful first release of wolves from Oregon last month, our focus will be on refining our internal processes, continuing the work we’re already doing to bolster our staff expertise and honing our notification structure so the public is well informed regarding release efforts, while also balancing the need for the safety and security of staff and gray wolves,” Davis said.

Visit [CPW’s Stay Informed](#) page and sign up for the Wolf Reintroduction eNews to stay up to date with CPW’s Wolf Restoration efforts.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE AARP TAX-AIDE SITE TO OPEN FEBRUARY 1

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose AARP Tax-aide site will be in operation from February 1st through April 12th at the senior center in the Montrose Pavilion. The site will be preparing 2023 Federal and Colorado personal income tax returns on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Reservations are now being accepted and should be made by calling 970-252-4489.

The Montrose site has been operating during tax season for more than 20 years. After operating a reduced program during COVID restrictions, the site is again offering in-person services. “We are happy to be able to offer tax preparation three days a week beginning this year” site coordinator Cheryl said. “It is important that people call for reservations so they can avoid long waits and we can efficiently help everyone.”

After making a reservation, people will need to pick up an information packet and fill out the intake sheet before arriving at their appointment. The packet provides a list of all the documents and information they need to bring to the appointment.

Cheryl added “One of the biggest changes this year relates to Colorado tax returns and the TABOR amendment. TABOR refunds of \$800 for singles and \$1600 for married filing jointly are being given to 2023 Colorado residents through their Colorado income tax returns. Residents who did not need to file a 2022 state return will need to file one for 2023 to receive the refund.”

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a special focus on taxpayers who are over 50 or have low to moderate income. Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year to make sure they know about and understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code. More information about the AARP Tax-aide program is available at taxaide.aarpfoundation.org.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

IT IS TIME FOR OPEN AND RECORDED PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PSST

Editor:

Update: Public Safety Sales Tax meetings between the SHERIFF and the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS are underway. My concern is that since this is a TAXPAYER ISSUE, ALL MEETINGS concerning this matter must be held in a recorded public forum where the press and the public can both attend and ask questions.

Also the written statements from the original PSST then sitting County Commissioners and of the members of the MC4FF recommending committee, public advocates and other inter-

ested parties must be heard and read into the record.

All parties involved in these discussions must be committed to achieving the VERY BEST outcomes for the Montrose County Sheriff Department including the Department as a whole, its officers and staff. These officers, of which there are all too few, are our first line of defense against the criminality of our nation today. The PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX was PASSED with that goal and to perpetuate sound funding above the County's funding of the

Department from the General Fund.

BE IT UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS A TAXPAYER ISSUE THAT TRANSCENDS ALL POLITICAL BOUNDRIES AND PARTIES. THE PSST IS MONEY THAT IS BEING COLLECTED FROM US ALL BECAUSE TO FUND A BETTER, EVEN PREMIER, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR OUR COUNTY'S PROTECTION FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THE PSST WAS PASSED FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. PERIOD.

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CITY WELCOMES NEW STAFF, HEARS UPDATE ON MARIJUANA PETITION AT REGULAR WORK SESSION

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council cancelled the Citizen Interactive Work Session, but convened for a regular work session on Tuesday, Jan. 16. Mayor Barbara Bynum said that Council does not make decisions or take public comment during work sessions. Comment is allowed on voting items during regular meetings, she said.

"We jump right into business at work sessions," Bynum said. "Once a month we have the pleasure of hearing from our HR Department, who will introduce employees who are new to the city this month."

Human Resources Director Terri Wilcox welcomed department heads and new employees, including:

- Parks & Special Projects Worker Natalie Gomez
- Part-time Customer Service Representative Diana Castle
- Civilian Report Taking Technician Katie Parish
- Customer Service Technician Susan Frigetto
- Parks & special Projects Worker Kyla Bries

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council considered \$709,645.88 in expenditures for construction of the Tributary Street Extension Project. City Engineer Scott Murphy was present to talk about the project and answer questions.

Background- A memo from Murphy to Council states, "This includes the award of a construction contract to Oldcastle SW Group (dba United Companies) in the amount of \$639,645.88, a survey and engineering support contract to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of \$35,000, natural gas extension expenditures of \$10,000, and up to \$25,000 in expenditures to Delta-Montrose Electric Association for powerline extensions... The City budgeted a total of \$500k for this project out of the City's capital improvement (\$400k) and sewer capital (\$100k) funds. This places the project approximately \$210k over the total budget. Despite budgeting conservatively for this project and others in 2024, the City continues to see substantial cost escalations on con-

struction projects that continue to outpace this budgeting."

Also considered was an Ordinance to Impose Excise Tax on Potential Retail Marijuana Sales. City Attorney Chris Dowsey said the agenda item was included on the work session agenda as a "placeholder," in the event that a citizens' initiative gathered sufficient signatures to place an initiative on the ballot seeking to legalize the retail sale of marijuana and marijuana products within the City limits.

"The petition was brought forth to us; it was accepted as to form," Dowsey said. "However, they have not submitted the requisite amount of signatures or any signatures for that matter...there will not be an ordinance for the excise tax before you this evening..."

Councilor Dave Frank said, "As a clarification...this only was going to be brought forward if that petition was deemed sufficient and that approval issue was added to the ballot...it's important for the citizens to recognize that we are cognizant of that potential for that issue and that I think it's very important that we have laid this groundwork and kind of set our minds toward what would happen and what we need to do in order for this to be an acceptable practice."

Dowsey said that the petitioner has 180 days from the date on which the petition was deemed valid; if received in March it would appear on the ballot in 2026.

Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt discussed a Local Planning Capacity Grant Application Authorization.

Background- A memo to Council from Hochwalt and Community Development Specialist Chris Ottinger states, "...Staff is seeking approval from City Council to apply for a Local Planning Capacity Grant through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. The purpose of this grant application is to secure funding to replace the current planning and development permitting software with a new IT permitting solution. The new permitting system is meant to contribute to a fast-track afford-



The City of Montrose met for a regularly scheduled work session on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

able housing approval process as defined by Proposition 123."

Eric Svenson of Black Canyon Home Brewers Association was present to discuss a request for a Special Events Alcohol Permit for a St. Patrick's Day Beer Fest on March 16. Following the discussion, Councilor Ulibarri recalled one year when there was a little over a foot of snow on March 21. "Good Luck."

"Beer goes good in all weather," Mayor Bynum said.

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Bynum said that the city had not received a citizen-initiated topic for an interactive work session this month. Council has considered ways to increase citizen engagement, including putting Mayor Pro Tem J. J. David Reed and Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler in charge of seeking topics.

Frank said that he is very impressed with the diligence and the job that City staff did on snow removal following recent snows. "Our streets look pretty darn good...I just want to give kudos to our public works and city staff for the great job they have done on snow removal."

He asked Murphy for an update on 6700 Road. "It looks really nice over there."

Murphy gave a brief update. The final plat is out for circulation. "In a couple weeks there should be no equipment out there at all..."

At the request of Councilor Doug Glaspell, Murphy also gave an update on technical construction at South Hillcrest and Niagara. Traffic should be allowed by June.

Bynum thanked everyone and reminded all of the regular council meeting at 6pm.

CITY REMOVES MARIJUANA EXCISE TAX ORDINANCE FROM AGENDA

By Caitlin Switzer

SPECIAL MEETING

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council convened for a Special Meeting at Noon following the morning work session on Tuesday, Jan. 16, to hold "An executive session for a conference with the City attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b); to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a); and the following additional details are provided for identification purposes: litigation update; discussion of the contract for the sale of Historic City Hall."

REGULAR MEETING

At 6pm on Tuesday, Jan. 16, Council met for a [regular meeting](#). All Councilors were present.

Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed asked to remove one agenda item, consideration of Ordinance 2658 on first reading, *"authorizing the submission of a ballot question to the voters of the city of Montrose for the municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday of April 2024, for the purpose of imposing an excise tax on the retail sale of marijuana and marijuana products."*

YOUTH COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Council voted to appoint Peter Phillips to the Montrose Youth City Council for the 2023-2024 term; following the appointment, Phillips stepped up to fill the Youth City Council seat for the meeting, a seat that has been empty in recent months,

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted unanimously to approve minutes of the January 2, 2024, special City Council meeting and the January 2, 2024, regular City Council meeting.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MONTROSE RECREATION DISTRICT

Councilor J. David Reed noted that Council had held a "very detailed discussion" in work session regarding the annual agreement, which Council voted unanimously to approve.

COMMERCIAL KITCHEN GRANT APPLICATION

As previously discussed, Council voted unanimously to approve an application for a Commercial Kitchen Grant in the amount of \$191,520. for 1910 Market and Restaurant at 232, 238 and 242 E. Main Street.

COLORADO OUTDOORS FLEX PARK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Council voted to approve \$424,137.37 in expenditures for construction of the Colorado Outdoors Flex Park. This includes the award of a construction contract to Skip Huston Construction in the amount of \$399,937.37 and a survey and engineering support contract to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of \$24,200.

Council voted unanimously to approve, but the electronic vote was accidentally cast for the previous (but deleted) item, Ordinance 2658. Council then voted a second time, successfully and unanimously approving the Colorado Outdoors Flex Park Construction Project

RATHBONE HOTEL DEED OF EASEMENT AUTHORIZATION

Council unanimously approved two utility and access easements along the western property line of the former City of Montrose City Hall property located at 433 S. First Street:

Ordinance 2656 on First Reading, authorizing the conveyance of an interest in City-owned real estate pursuant to § 1-9-2 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose. (Utility Easement);

Ordinance 2657 on First Reading, authorizing the conveyance of an interest in City-owned real estate pursuant to § 1-9-2 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose (Access Easement).

MONTROSE CITY HALL FACADE PROJECT CMGC CONTRACT AWARD

The Montrose City Hall Façade Project CMGC Contract Award was also approved, but not unanimously as Councilor Ed Ulibarri voted "No."

In the four-to-one vote, Council authorized spending \$2,837,467.17 for the construction of the façade replacement project on City Hall including a contract amendment with FCI Constructors for the services of Construction Manager General Contractor (CMGC) in the amount of \$2,424,228.

2024 VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT PUR-

CHASE RECOMMENDATION

Council authorized vehicle and equipment purchases for 2024 for the total amount of \$2,087,431.64.

2024 STREETLIGHT UPGRADE AUTHORIZATION

Council voted unanimously to approve Year 2 of the Streetlight Upgrade Project, in partnership with DMEA, for the total amount of \$120,000, as discussed in work session.

Councilor David Frank said that he was very impressed, and that the energy and money savings from switching were "mind-blowing."

"Plus, the quality of light from those LED lights is a lot nicer."

Ulibarri asked who citizens can call if a light is out, Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said that citizens can call the City or DMEA. The A Better Montrose App can also be used.

Mayor Bynum said, "I think this is a really exciting program and I think the cost savings are so great for the city, it makes it worth our while to switch out those lights before they expire."

RESOLUTION 2024-02

Resolution 2024-02 was unanimously approved, authorizing the filing of a Local Planning Capacity Grant Application through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for the purposes of funding software solutions that streamline the development review process within the City.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the Sales, Use & Excise Tax Report for November, 2023.

Youth Council Peter Phillips gave a Youth Council update. "Just last week we had our first orientation meeting," Phillips said, "Just to kind of explain what we're supposed to do and what our roles are."

Said Mayor Bynum, "Looking forward to a great semester with you guys--I'm super glad that you volunteered to join us tonight, at your very first youth city council meeting immediately after becoming a youth city councilor. As a freshman, my hat's off to you, it was a pretty brave move, so thank you so much."

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS PERSIST REGARDING COLORADO OUTDOORS, MURA TENANTS

Editor:

The "NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION" medical center building leaves those who have followed the Colorado Outdoors project and the internal workings of the MURA board thought processes once again in puzzled wonderment. In the January 8, 2024, addition of the Mirror, Bill Bell stated (the medical center) will generate more revenue than the hotel. That statement may or may not be true but there still have not been any pronouncements from the public or the medical community regarding support for the project. Small things like referrals and welcome to our community from established business owners and others in the profession seem to have gone unannounced?

The MURA board may want to ask for the tenant list before counting their financial chickens. Download the following link and note rental space availability.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

THE GUY WHO ACCEPTED CASH FROM RUSSIA, CHINA, AND UKRAINE TO FUND HIS FAMILY'S LAVISH LIFE STYLE IS NOT MY IDEA OF A NICE GUY

Editor:

Boy, I feel better already about the Biden Administration. In the last week or so, liberal letter writers in our area newspapers have assured us that: 1) the out-of-control inflation is not Biden's fault, but is due to manufacturers and retailers increasing prices. Bidenomics is actually great! We just have to wait a little while longer for our little brains to recognize that. 2) The Biden Family is not a family crime syndicate that has taken millions from our enemies using shell companies. "Wherever did they get that notion?" 3) Criticisms about Biden's handling of the open southern border are all lies; the problem is Congress and Republicans. 4) Democrats aren't really using lawfare to keep Trump off the ballot.

In fact, Trump tried to disqualify Obama from holding office. And Trump really did instigate an insurrection on January 6th. 5) Biden is one of the nicest, most decent, and honest men in Washington.

One liberal writer indicated that the local conservative letters that criticize Biden lack perspective and don't deal in facts. Another (the "Angry White Dude") is angry that Trump supporters don't use rational arguments, and let their prejudices and "base desires" sway them.

It is such a relief to now understand how great Biden is. We can now comfortably ignore the following information, which I am sure us stupid, misguided, and degenerate conservatives just don't fully understand.

The Economy Democrats like to talk about the job gains during Biden's presidency. The bump in employment was inevitable – Biden took office when millions were out of work due to the pandemic. To unnecessarily shut down the economy during Covid, and then claim you created millions of jobs thereafter is rather disingenuous, to say the least. What Democrats don't want to talk about is the fact that most of the new employment was in government and social service-related jobs, which are supported by taxes paid by tax-

generating jobs in the private sector, which declined.

Inflation increased to the highest level in 40 years under Biden. He is bragging about inflation now increasing at a slower rate. Democrats want you to think that as the rate of inflation decreases, its effects begin to diminish. Actually, inflation is accumulative --- the effect is permanent, even if the process slows down. A person can always cherry-pick economic numbers to paint the picture they want. By looking at disposable income, you will get a true picture. Americans have less spending power than they did at the beginning of Biden's term. During the Trump presidency, Americans saw a steady increase in spending power. End of argument.

To the premise that presidents don't create or control inflation, one has to ask: If that is so, why didn't those evil oil companies, manufacturers, and retailers suddenly increase prices prior to the Biden presidency? Trump's policies gave us energy independence, low inflation, rapidly rising real wages, affordable mortgage rates, and the lowest poverty level on record. As soon as Biden took office, he set out to destroy the oil industry. In contrast to Trump, Biden also issued new regulations as fast as he could -- increasing inflation. He also had the audacity to call his green slush fund bill the "Inflation Reduction Act" knowing that, if anything, it would increase inflation.

Biden Family Corruption One liberal writer wrote that there is no evidence of Biden family corruption in spite of multiple investigations. That is a flat out lie. Joe and his son were less than a dozen House seats short of a successful coverup. There is zero chance that House Democrats would have pursued an investigation if they had maintained control of the House. Prior to Republicans regaining control, the FBI and DOJ lied, covered up evidence, and blocked any type of investigation. Since then, House Republican investigators have uncovered incontrovertible evidence that the Biden Family enriched themselves

with pay-to-play bribery schemes. The evidence includes bank records, the content of Hunter's laptop, and the sworn testimony of a growing number of FBI and IRS whistleblowers. Our liberal letter writers will still deny the truth, even though bank records don't lie. Here's some questions they should ask themselves: 1) The Biden's set up a web of nearly thirty LLCs to hide the distribution of profits from their operation. Can you think of any legitimate purpose for this web of pass-through (shell) companies other than to hide the sources and distribution of this money? 2) Joe Biden used multiple pseudonyms in over 300 e-mail communications with key Hunter Biden business partners. Is there a legitimate reason for a public official to hide his identity in correspondence with his son's business associates? 3) Evidence indicates the Bidens received in excess of \$25 million from our enemies. Has the Biden administration explained what particular business skills Hunter provided to justify those payments?

Open Border Invasion Dems always blame others for the problems they create. Trump embraced secure borders and his policies made progress in getting illegal immigration at our southern border under control. Biden reversed Trump's policies and punished border patrol officers who attempted to do their jobs. While Trump advocated for "building the wall", Biden sold off material that was purchased for the wall. With Biden's new open-border policies, America is now undergoing the worst invasion in our history – more than 2 million illegals per year. Democrats think every new immigrant will help them win elections, and don't care that illegal immigrants depress the wages of black, brown, and blue-collar Americans, increase crime, crowd our schools, and threaten our national security. They know the border could be closed within six months by enforcing existing laws, making illegals "seeking asylum" remain in Mexico, and building the wall. Liberal letter writers should ask themselves: If Biden didn't

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make the problem much worse, why did it only get out of control shortly after he was elected?

Get Trump It is absurd to try to compare statements Trump might have made regarding Obama's citizenship with the complete weaponization of the FBI and DOJ against this administration's enemies. The FBI has morphed from the premier law enforcement agency to a Democrat party superPac. They knowingly used bogus and unverified opposition research from the Hillary campaign to spy on Trump's presidential campaign, his transition, and then his presidency. The FBI lied to FISA courts to obtain warrants to spy on those within Trump's orbit. Now, Trump faces four left-wing prosecutors and four liberal anti-Trump judges in bogus indictments intent on taking away the rights of some 7 million Americans to vote for the president of their choice. All the indictments are clouded with controversy. For example, Georgia prosecutor Fani Willis, who like the others attempting to prosecute Trump cam-

paigned on promises to get Trump, had at least two formal meetings with the Biden White House about their prosecution of Biden's number one political opponent. The legal term for that is collusion. Willis is also accused of contracting out as a special prosecutor on her "get Trump" case an underqualified person she is having an inappropriate romantic relationship with. The legal term for that is racketeering. A major part of the "get Trump at any cost" campaign is the bogus claim that Trump instigated an "insurrection" before the January 6th affair. That falls on its face when you realize the FBI investigated and concluded that there was no insurrection at all. Further, Trump has never been charged, much less convicted, on any insurrection charges.

Biden Is A Sweetie, Not A Liar Nobody really cares that Biden has a long history of making up stories to boost his image and ego. Biden claimed he was arrested with Nelson Mandela, graduated at the top of his law school class, came from a

family of coal miners, was arrested during the civil rights movement, was a star college football player, used to be a truck driver, was raised in the Puerto Rican community and a black church, was once appointed to the naval academy, was shot at in Iraq, his helicopter was forced down in Afghanistan, was at ground zero after 9-11, his son who died of brain cancer died in Iraq, was a professor at UPenn, and on and on. More important are his daily lies about his corruption, the economy, his foreign policy failures, immigration, racial division, gun control, slandering conservatives as Marxists, etc. As to Biden being the nicest and most honest man in Washington, let's just say that the guy who accepted cash from Russia, China, and Ukraine to fund his family's lavish life style is not my idea of a nice guy. But then again, our liberal letter writers have shown me the error of my ways. I now know the above ideas are just my prejudices and base desires showing through.

Ed Henrie, Montrose



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE COUNTY ANNOUNCES CASE MANAGEMENT AGENCY TRANSITION

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Montrose County invites community members to a public meeting for a significant transition in the region's case management services. Effective March 1, 2024, Montrose County will become the Case Management Agency for all individuals seeking Long Term Care Services and Supports in Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel counties. To kick-off this transition, we invite all community members and partners to join us for a special meeting on Jan. 30 from 4-5:30pm at the Montrose County Event Center (1036 N 7th St, Montrose). At this event, county staff will provide essential information about the upcoming transition and address questions. The county is committed to transparency and community involvement, and values community input in shaping the future of the region's case management services.

The meeting will help regional residents gain information regarding Long Term Care

Services and Supports in the area as well as gain a deeper understanding of the Case Management Agency transition. Also, attendees will hear from state partners, including Amanda Lofgren from Health Care Policy and Finance and Julie Reiskin from the Colorado Cross Disability Coalition. Lastly, this meeting is an opportunity

to connect with fellow community members and share thoughts.

For additional information, please contact: Julie Miller, Montrose County Program Manager, at (970) 252-5013 or jmiller@montrosecounty.net. Visit the [Case Management Agency website](#) for more information on this transition.





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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BLM SOUTHWEST DISTRICT RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET FEB. 7

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE– The Bureau of Land Management’s Southwest District Resource Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Feb. 7 at the Tres Rios Field Office, 29211 State Highway CO-184, Dolores, CO 81323 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public, and participants unable to attend in person can join via the Zoom platform. To request virtual access, please register in advance:

<https://blm.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsceuvpzMrGOnLSC-Z6qj-1SzzFecD08w>

“The Southwest District Resource Advisory Council’s unique perspective serves the BLM well as we work to ensure the health

and productivity of southwest Colorado’s public lands,” said **District Manager Stephanie Connolly**. “I want to express my gratitude to the council members and commend them for their continued commitment to public service.”

Planned agenda items include updates from the three Southwest District field offices and a discussion on livestock grazing allotments in Tres Rios Field Office.

A public comment period is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Individuals who wish to make a statement during the comment period are encouraged to submit a written copy for the administrative record. The Resource Advisory Council will also attend a field trip in Canyons of the Ancients National

Monument on February 6. The meeting agenda is available online at: <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/colorado/southwest-rac>

All 15-member Resource Advisory Councils in Colorado are forums for providing advice and recommendations to the BLM on various resource and land management issues. The Southwest Resource Advisory Council advises the BLM Colorado Southwest District, consisting of the Gunnison, Tres Rios field, and Uncompahgre field offices. For more information or to RSVP for the field trip, please contact Maggie Magee at (970) 240-5323 or dmagee@blm.gov.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY RESPONDS TO FALSE AND MISLEADING CLAIMS

Editor:

In the January 15, 2024 edition of the Montrose Mirror, the disgraced and twice removed former member of the Montrose County Republican Party Central Committee (MCRP, MRCC), V. Ray Langston, made multiple false and misleading accusations regarding the business of the County Party. Normally, the organization would not respond to his writings, but the absolute inaccuracies and misleading statements cannot be overlooked.

The Colorado Republican Committee (CRC) chose to consider an endorsement of Donald Trump and was holding a vote of the State Central Committee to approve or defeat the endorsement. The endorsement was being considered because of the Colorado Supreme Court's unprecedented and illegal removal of Donald Trump from the Colorado ballot on the March 5, 2024 Super Tuesday ballot. The Democrat dominated Colorado Supreme Court's action attempted to strip Colorado voters of their choices for President. The MCRP Executive Committee discussed the proposed endorsement vote and decided to ask the voting members of the Committee, which does not include Mr. Langston, what their opinion was on the issue. A motion was made and seconded; discussion was had and there were some dissenting opinions, but it was overwhelmingly approved by the committee to endorse Donald Trump prior to the March 5th primary vote.

On Sunday, January 14, 2024, the State Central Committee voted to approve endorsing Donald Trump for President prior to the March 5th Primary.

In 2011 a Resolution that removed the Pre-Primary Neutrality provision was approved by the Colorado Republican Party. This was later clarified in the CRC Bylaws adopted September 30, 2023 because there can be no un-pledged delegates going to the Republican National Convention (RNC).

CRC Bylaws Art. XIII, Sec A, 3, c:

"Candidates for National Convention Delegate and Alternate shall identify the presidential candidate they are pledged to support. The Chair shall inform Delegates the presidential candidate each candidate for National Delegate is pledged to support."

Mr. Langston is apparently unaware of the long-standing resolution and procedures. The Super Tuesday vote is a preference poll. The nomination for President occurs at the Republican National Convention (RNC). There is no Pre-Primary Neutrality violation by the State or local Party, in a Presidential election year, for providing a non-binding and symbolic endorsement, as determined by COGOP Chairman Dave Williams based on the 2011 Resolution and CRC Bylaws.

Every voter in Montrose County and all of Colorado who votes on March 5th will have their vote counted. The Delegates from Colorado that attend the RNC will be allocated according to the results of the March 5th Presidential Primary when the nomination and designation of a Presidential candidate to the November 2024 Presidential election occurs.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Langston is unaware of the actual process of how the Presidential nominations occur in Colorado and chooses to make baseless and totally incorrect statements about the process to mislead the voters. **Langston's claims that "...this is 48 people making a decision that affects 13,300 citizens of Montrose County..." is false, outright incorrect and is intentionally misleading the readers.**

The issue of Montrose County Pre-Primary Neutrality has also been addressed by GOP Chairman Dave Williams. The day after a second candidate for Montrose County Commissioner District 3 announced in late October, a MCRP Central Committee member contacted Chairman Dave Williams. Williams definitively stated that there is no Pre-Primary Neutrality violation if a County Party Officer

chooses to run for elected office, and cannot be prevented from running for elected office and holding a position in the Republican Party. The precedent was set when Congressman Ken Buck was elected to the Chair of the Colorado Republican Party and continued to serve in Congress. As was the case with Congressman Buck, the MCRP would need to exercise diligence in any decision that might affect the County Commissioners race in 2024.

Chairman Scott Riba has never campaigned for elected office using his position as MCRP Chair to influence supporters or any process or decisions made within the Committee that are related to the Montrose County Republican Caucus or County Assembly. In fact, he has gone out of his way to avoid any claims of conflict of interest including NOT speaking as a candidate at the January 11, 2024 Committee meeting when candidate Rick Dunlap was allowed.

Prior to the January 11 meeting the Executive Committee met to address concerns and discuss the involved policies with regard to Chairman Riba's commissioner campaign. Chairman Riba was present at the meeting but excused himself from procedure discussion.

At the January 11 Central Committee meeting 1st Vice Chair Charli Oswald explained those procedures and assured the committee that these efforts were being established to ensure that there was no conflict of interest moving forward with the upcoming Republican Caucus and County Assembly. During the 1st Vice Chair's presentation she was repeatedly interrupted by Mr. Langston, causing several warnings for disrespectful dialogue, a behavior often exhibited by Mr. Langston when present, and difficult to tolerate.

Mr. Langston's accusations of malcontent by Chairman Riba are also unfounded. As an established organization our committee produces a meeting agenda prior to officially called meetings, and the committee works to conduct an organized and

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and informative event for the attendees on a time schedule. It is the common and established procedure to contact the Chairman to request time on the agenda or at least contact the Chair prior to the start of the meeting to speak. At the January meeting three members of the Committee and some from the public spoke after having requested time in advance. Mr. Dunlap did neither but prior to ad-

journalment the Chairman did recognize him out of courtesy for two minutes. He then extended the same invitation to candidate Lou Stark who declined to speak. In 2021, V. Ray Langston was voted out as Chair of the Montrose County Republican Party by the Members after one term. He was later removed from his position as Candidate Support Chair by vote of the Members for Bylaw violations. Mr. Lang-

ston appealed his removal to the Colorado Republican State Executive Committee and the removal was upheld by the State Executive Committee, agreeing he had violated the Bylaws.

The Montrose County Republican Party is fully dedicated to the cause of promoting the values of the Republican Party, including the right of Mr. Langston to have freedom of speech, but that freedom does not give him the right to be rude or unjustly slander the leaders of the party. Mr. Langston has repeatedly made false and misleading statements about the Montrose County Republican Party, its officers and actions. As a representative organization we felt it was warranted to set the record straight, and we welcome questions from anyone who would like to discuss the issues further.

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RED HAWKS SPLIT PAIR OF HOME GAMES

By Cliff Dodge

Glenwood Springs 57, Montrose Red Hawks 44

The Montrose Red Hawks boys' basketball team ran into a tall and very talented Glenwood Springs basketball team losing 57 to 44 as the Red Hawks played their first home contest of the season. The loss dropped the Red Hawks overall record to 10 wins and 2 losses. The locals league record remains at 0 wins and 1 loss.

The first quarter of the game was dead even. Each team put up 14 points on the scoreboard. Things began to slip away during the second quarter of action as the Demons outscored the Red Hawks 15 to 8 making the half time score 29 to 22 in favor of the visitors. The second half of action got no better for the Red Hawks as the Demons continue to stretch their lead. The third and fourth quarters upped the Demon's 7 point advantage at half to a 13 point victory of 57 to 44.

The leading scorer for the Red Hawks was, once again, Junior Kaleb Ferguson who tallied 22 points in a losing effort. Senior Jaxon Kattner hit 3 shots from downtown to add 9 points to the score sheet. Junior Cooper Ross chipped in with 5 points. The Demons controlled the backboards capturing 29 rebounds while the Red Hawks could only garner 20. Ferguson gathered in 9 boards while teammate Brekin Hutto had 5. The Red Hawks passed out 6 assists, had 4 steals and turned the basketball over 10 times. The Red Hawks made 7 of the 12 free throws



Kaleb Ferguson (# 42) lays in 2 of his 22 points against the Demons of Glenwood Springs. Photo by Cliff Dodge.

they attempted.

Montrose Red Hawks 50, Eagle Valley Devils 35

The Red Hawks returned to the win column on Saturday afternoon at the expense of the Eagle Valley Devils with a 15 point victory, 50 to 35. The two teams played even in the first quarter but saw the Red Hawks take a 25 to 17 lead at the half. The Red Hawks tight man-to-man defense disrupted the Devils offensive efforts in the second half as the Red Hawks pulled away for the 15-point win. Junior Kaleb Ferguson was the offensive engine for the Red Hawks playing his best game of the season as he scored 30 points to lead all scorers. Junior Cooper Ross added 8 points and senior Jaxon Kattner added 5 to the Red Hawks total. Ferguson

grabbed 11 rebounds and his teammate Junior Brekin Hutto added 5 rebounds to the Red Hawks total of 26.

The Red Hawks converted 6 of 7 free throw attempts while passing out 11 assists, nabbing 6 steals and blocking 4 shots. The home team sank 4 of their 15 shots from behind the 3 point line, while turning the basketball over to the opposition 15 times.

The Red Hawks hit the road for two very difficult games on Tuesday and Friday. On Tuesday the Red Hawks journey up to Fruita-Monument and then on Friday head south to Durango. The Red Hawks take an 11-2 record overall on the road while their league record stands at 0-1. Both of this week's games are league battles.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

WILLIAM ROBERT “BOB” BULLOCK

August 25, 1936-January 18, 2024

WILLIAM ROBERT “BOB” BULLOCK passed away January 18, 2024 at his home in Olathe, CO., He was 87. Our man with nine lives fought the long hard battle but the cancers ganged up on him and he couldn't beat them all at once.

Bob was born on August 25, 1936 in Anthony, Kansas. He was the youngest of eleven children born to John Harvey and Clara Oliver Bullock. When Bob was about five years old, the family moved to Delta where he got his education and started his working career at the local roller skating rink. When he got older he worked in the timber on Kebbler Pass and in Norwood before starting his career as a uranium miner in the West End and in California.

Robert Bullock married Donna Harris in Delta in 1958. They had a daughter Cheryl who gave them three grandchildren, Kody Reeder, Kasey Bissell and Jade (Taylor) Bissell. After Donna passed away he married Charlotte Neal and gained her daugh-

ter Cindy (David) Haga and son Ricky (Cathy) Barzalong with six more grandchildren Kami (Brad) Knapp, Cody (Michelle) Haga, Casey (Haley) Haga, Kyle Barz, Amber (Daniel) Beal, Ty (Shelbby) Barz and they are now Blessed with 21 great-grandchildren.

Bob has always been a kid at heart so he participated in all of the kids fun including fishing, skate boarding, flying kites, riding go carts etc, etc,,, Everyone that knew him admired his unique western look with his moustache and big black hat. He always had a lending hand to build, fix, repair, help or give instructions with anything you needed at the drop of a hat.

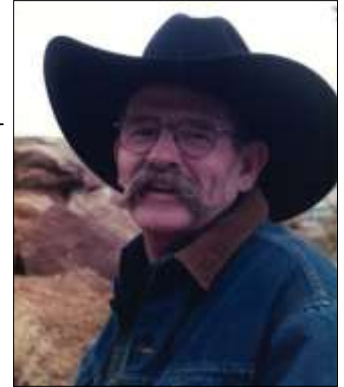
Bob is preceded in death by his parents, nine siblings, wife Donna, sons-in-law Ron Reeder and Clete Bissell. He is survived by his sister Dortha George, wife Charlotte, their 3 children and 9 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, numerous nieces, nephews

and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the San Juan Cancer Center, 600 S 5th St., Montrose, CO 81401 in Bobs name.

A special thanks to Dr. Wisler, Dr. Tjan, the San Juan Cancer Center & NCP nurses for their amazing care, comfort and support.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Taylor Funeral Service. The service is planned for January 26, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Service Chapel in Delta, CO, burial to follow at Mesa View Cemetery.



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THE MONTROSE MIRROR

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

THELMA FREEL CAMPBELL *May 11, 1929- July 23, 2023*

THELMA ROSE FREEL CAMPBELL passed from our world July 23, 2023, at age 94. Thelma was born near Cedar (Disappointment Valley), Colorado on May 11, 1929. She was the second of three children born to Richard Freel (age 48) and Lydia Wilemon (age 21).

Thelma lived most of her life in western Colorado as a child, wife, homemaker, cook, and mother of five children. In the mountainous gold mining area of southwest Colorado, schools were sometimes distant from where a family lived and worked. Thelma lived with her 2nd grade teacher when attending elementary school, near Mancos, Colorado. Later, she had many fond memories as a teenager living with Vera and Randy Belisle in Ophir, Colorado. Randy Belisle was a gold miner. Vera was the Ophir postmaster and ran the general store. Thelma helped Vera at the general store. The Belisle family lived in a turn-of-the-century frame house on the side of the steep canyon walls along the Ophir loop, with a stream running underneath the house. Randy and Vera Belisle and their children's families were lifelong friends of Thelma.

Thelma Freel casually knew the Campbell brothers (from Norwood, Colorado), but became reacquainted at a Christmas Day Dance 1947. Three Campbell brothers attended the Norwood dance: Ervin, Willis, and Ross. Ervin had just been discharged December 1, 1946 from service in the US Army's 46th Engineer Construction Battalion. He entered service April 6, 1945 before the end of the war in the Pacific and subsequently served in the occupation of Japan. Ervin proposed marriage to Thelma that very night! Ervin, Thelma, and

Ervin's brother Ross Campbell drove to Aztec, New Mexico. That mountainous road trip of about 150 miles had to have taken many hours of driving in daylight and dark. They found a justice of the peace on December 26, 1947, their official wedding date. Willis could not go with them because he had cows to milk at home.

Thelma and Ervin lived in Montrose, Colorado for a couple years, but moved back to the Norwood area, among many of the Campbell family. Thelma and Ervin's daughter Patti and Ervin's brother Lyman continue to live west of Redvale, Colorado, and daughter Lea Maurantonio lives near Norwood.

During a series of years, the Campbell Brothers ran herds of sheep near Lizard Head Pass and owned and operated cabins at Priest Lake. Thelma supported the ranch and vacation cabins as she could, while raising their children.

After the Campbell brothers sold their sheep, Thelma and Ervin moved to Olathe, Colorado. Thelma maintained the home in Olathe throughout her life. She was a beloved cook at the Olathe Public Schools. Ervin was the sheep foreman for Charlie Hughes, where their son Randy often helped gather crews to dock lambs each night after school. Thelma traveled with Ervin to the "Muddy" (North of Paonia, Colorado), when Ervin worked for Pete Clathis. And later, Ervin & Thelma moved to the Eastern Utah "Cottonwood Ranch," after their son Randy and his wife Julie purchased the ranch in 1989. They loved the rugged canyons of the area, and Ervin tended to the hay fields along the Cottonwood/Diamond Creeks. Thelma cooked a

hearty lunch for all during shearing, and served her delicious biscuits and gravy to those who might travel through the area. Thanksgiving at the "desert" was a memorable event. Holiday meals were always served at noon.

Thelma and Ervin were blessed with five children: Surviving are three daughters, Lea Maurantonio (and husband Mike), Patti Grafmyer (and husband Michael), Twila Campbell; daughter-in-law Julie A. Hansmire; grandchildren Scott Maurantonio, Danny Maurantonio, Ranette Karo (and husband Marc), Nicole Nicholson, Terry Parker, Julie Schoonover, Jessie Schoonover, Lynn H. Campbell (and wife Sarah), Clay H. Campbell, and Avree Hosko; and great grandchildren Bailey Karo, Jayden Karo, Katy McDougal, Lucas McDougal, Ethan Maurantonio, Gavin Maurantonio, Nathaniel Russel, Jessie Olson, Zarha Mundia, Kaidin Schoonover, Savannah Schoonover, Jaydon Schoonover, and Swayze Lou Campbell.

Preceding Thelma in death were her parents, sisters Nita (elder) and Viola (younger), infant son Virgil (1949), daughter Tonnie Campbell (1988), husband Ervin George Campbell (2005), son Randy Dean Campbell (2010) and grandson Robert Schoonover (2018). A celebration of life for Thelma "Gramms" will be held at the Olathe Fireman's Hall, 1 p.m. April 7, 2024.



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DAVID ELMER GOODHUE

February 24, 1936 – January 15, 2024



DAVID ELMER GOODHUE from Montrose, Colorado passed away January 15, 2024 at Montrose Regional Health after a period of declining health. He was born on February 24, 1936 in Carlisle,

Iowa to Marion G. Goodhue and Winifred B. (Owens) Goodhue. He graduated from Carlisle High School and attended Iowa State College focusing on a career in agriculture.

David married Margaret L. Ford on January 12, 1957 in Carlisle, Iowa and had just celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary in Hawaii. David and Margaret have one son, Dennis D. (Sherry) Goodhue from Montrose, Colorado. David had spent his entire life first working on the family farm in Iowa and then acquired his own farm. In 1958 he moved with his family to Ridgway, Colorado where he and Margaret owned

the Ridgway Mercantile. There they had a busy grocery business and made many friends in the Ridgway/Ouray area. In 1960 they acquired a farm south of Montrose where David had dairy cows and was back to his first love of farming. In 1962 they moved to his current home closer to Montrose where David had more farming acreage and a cattle feedlot. David remained on the farm up until his death.

David was a member of the Montrose United Methodist Church, Montrose Elk's Lodge, and served on the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Board for many years. He served several years on the Montrose Potato Growers Board and the Montrose County Fair Board.

David enjoyed visiting with many friends and family. In his younger years he spent many hours boating and water skiing on Sweitzer Lake. They enjoyed snowmobiling and outings at their cabin at Little Cimarron with friends and family. Family dinners were always a happy time as he then had enough people to play his favorite card game of "Pitch." Joining friends for coffee

and a morning of good conversation was a highlight for him as well. David and Margaret were always fortunate to live close to their son Dennis (Sherry) to share many family activities with them. One of the bright spots of David's life was the birth of his grandson John. David and John spent many hours visiting, playing golf, getting ice cream cones, and other activities.

David is survived by his wife Margaret, son Dennis (Sherry), and grandson John (Ashley) of Denver. David was the oldest of five siblings and is survived by Howard (Marilyn) Goodhue of Carlisle, Iowa, Fred Goodhue of Spokane, Washington, Mary Snyder of Montrose, Colorado, and Robert (Linda) Goodhue of Montrose, Colorado. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions can be sent to Sharing Ministries in Montrose, or the Margaret Goodhue Scholarship fund at Colorado Mesa University Foundation in Grand Junction. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

HELEN DANKER ROBERSON

July 4, 1924- January 15, 2024

HELEN DANKER ROBERSON came into this world with a bang on July 4, 1924, and left peacefully on January 15, 2024. She is survived by two daughters, Connie and Carol, and her son Bruce. She had nine grandchildren, a foster granddaughter, fourteen great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

Honey, Mrs. R, Dink, Little General, was a remarkable woman who mentored many and inspired all. She persevered through rough times and succeeded to live a full, happy life.

She was loved by many who she always welcomed into her family.

"The day-lived full, Covering the night with a blanket of warm remembrances,"
Helen Roberson 11-1969.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

LELAND LAVERNE KOEHLER

April 6, 1929- January 15, 2024

LELAND LAVERNE KOEHLER, son of Herbert E. & Frieda (Bartel) Koehler, born April 6, 1929 in East Bloomfield, WI passed away at home January 15, 2024 at 94 years of age.

Served as a Sgt in the Army from 1947-1952 and served in the Korean War. Married October 23, 1954 to Pat Martin at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Weyauwega, WI. He worked as a route salesman, delivery person for various dry-cleaning businesses in WI & CO. In 1972 Lee and Pat moved to Colorado Springs and after 25 years there, they moved to Montrose in 1997 where they have since resided. Lee enjoyed fishing, golfing, camping, watching Colorado Rockies and Denver Broncos, and gambling.

Survived by his wife Pat of 69 years, sister-in-law Louise Koehler, brother-in-law Ken Porrey and brother-in-law Jim (Hilda) Martin, numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends, and his dog Zoey Joe.

Preceded in death by his mother & father, brothers, Herb Jr., Milton, infant brother Dewane, sister Shirley, and other relatives & friends. Cremation has taken place. Per Lees wishes a memorial service will be held at a later date in Wisconsin with military honors. Donations can be made in Lee's name at the Montrose Animal Shelter.

WARDETH LOUISE LEGER (MCCALLON)

June 20, 1937- January, 13 2024

WARDETH LOUISE LEGER, age 86, passed away January, 13 2024, surrounded by her family. She was born June 20, 1937 to Lauice Cleon and Beulah Myrle McCallon in Roscoe Texas.

Louise, as she preferred to be called, grew up in the Texas panhandle graduating from Lubbock High in 1956. She married her husband of 62 years, Delmar Leger on May 16, 1959. A few years later they relocated to Ft Collins and in 1971 moved to Montrose. Louise was a homemaker but also helped Del with his real estate office, Real Estate Exchange. She was a member of the Christian Church of God in Grand Junction.

Louise loved being surrounded by her very boisterous family – Her daughter Tracy, Son in Law Kirk Baldwin, Grandchildren Jason, Jeffrey, and Jessica, bonus Grandchildren Charesse Kibler, Destiny Shetter, Dorian Nicholas and Katelynn Smith, Great Grand Children Ty, Lane, Mason and Amelia (all of Montrose) and Nephews Dan Jones (Grand Junction) and Mark and Skitter Jones (Nucla). She is survived by one brother, James (Maryann) McCallon of Albuquerque.

Her other interests were watching football (especially the Dallas Cowboys) dancing, reading, doing crossword puzzles and caring for her dog. She said every home should have a dog and it should be treated like part of the family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Cleon McCallon of Lubbock Texas

The family will gather to celebrate her life on Monday, January 22, 2024 with visitation from 9:30am to 11am, Funeral Service at 11am at Crippin Funeral Home. Committal service will follow at Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Louise will be deeply missed and her memory will forever be cherished in the hearts of her family and friends.



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TAMORA HUNT THOMAS

December 13, 1950- January 14, 2024

TAMORA HUNT THOMAS, 73, passed away peacefully on January 14th, 2024 at her home in Ridgway, Colorado, surrounded by her husband Terry and her children, Tracy, LeeAnne and Sam. She bravely battled breast cancer for the last four years. Her strong will to live, faith in God, and the love and prayers of family, friends, and many others carried her through to the end. As a Christian, she was devout, kindhearted, and strongly moored in the Bible, which she studied faithfully. Over the years, she filled journals of lists of people she prayed for each morning. She believed in and accepted God's grace and peace that is now surely hers.

Tamora was born to Ray Leland Hunt and Mamie (Thomas) Hunt on December 13th, 1950 in Wichita Falls, Texas. She was raised in Garland, Texas and graduated from South Garland High School. She pursued undergraduate and graduate degrees in Education at Texas Tech University, North Texas University, and the University of Houston. Terry and Tamora married in 1975. In 1976, they moved to Alberta, Canada where her two daughters, Tracy and LeeAnne, were born. In 1979 they moved back to Texas, and raised their family, including their son Sam, in Houston and Lake Jackson. She taught early elementary school for many years in Angleton. In 2005, they moved to the San Juan Mountains of southwest Colorado where they built their mountain home and retired. There she enjoyed the laid-back, awe-inspiring Rockies including its abundant wildlife and mountain recreation.

High-spirited, fun-loving, nurturing, and creative, she was well-suited for her 20+ year career as an early childhood elemen-

tary school teacher. She also worked as a Habitat for Humanity camp counselor, church volunteer, and Sunday School teacher. Blessed with a terrific sense of humor and constant positivity, people loved being in her presence. Tamora loved all living things, including family, friends, children, and her many pets and house plants. She enjoyed playing cards and games and always had a "fun" card group going. In addition to being an amazing cook, she was always picking up a new hobby. In her 50s, she began training and developed a passion for running. Over the next few years, Tamora finished several marathons and half marathons much to her family's amazement! Her zest for life and love of travel had her backpacking, camping, and touring nearly every state and over 50 countries on six continents, a passion she and Terry shared since they were newlyweds.

Tracy, LeeAnne and Sam, along with their spouses and friends, will always remember how much she loved, accepted, and cared for them always. Known as 'Granny T', her grandchildren were never without a hug, gift, or holiday card filled with confetti. Her signature gift of joy, shown through her constant smiling, laughter, and playfulness, will never be forgotten.

Tamora is predeceased by her parents and her brother Emory. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Terry; her children, spouses and grandchildren: Tracy, Mark and Andrew (4) Luigs of Dallas; LeeAnne, Jeremy, Aubrey (12) and Ava (10) Coburn of Austin; Sam and Whitney Thomas of Houston; and her many nephews and nieces.

The family wishes to extend sincerest ap-



preciation to her care teams: Dr. Michael Bergen and the staff of San Juan Cancer Center; Dr. Elana Sagisultanova and the staff and doctors at University of Colorado Hospital, Anschutz Breast Center; Dr. Andrew Hersch of Montrose Regional Health; and Amber and Melissa at HopeWest Hospice Care. The medical care provided was extraordinary, as was their love and response to her needs.

A celebration of Tamora's life will be held at 4 pm on January 27 at her church, The United Church of the San Juans, 295 N Lena St, Ridgway. A graveside service will be held on February 3 at 2 pm in the Pioneer Garden of Sparkman-Hillcrest Memorial Park, 7405 W Northwest Hwy in Dallas, Texas. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting in Colorado, and Jeter and Son Funeral Home is assisting in Dallas. In lieu of flowers or for remembrances, please consider making a donation to her favorite charities: Haven House of Montrose or The United Church of the San Juans.

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MY FUNNY VALENTINE ON THE SILVER SCREEN OPENS FEB. 7 AT MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara. Sandy and Danny from *Grease*. Since the dawn of the motion picture, audiences have found an escape from the humdrum of daily life in the stories and romances shown on the silver screen. From February 7 to 11, Magic Circle Players will offer audiences a dose of movie magic on stage with *My Funny Valentine on the Silver Screen*. Prepare to be dazzled!

An original show written and directed by Lisa Rediger, *My Funny Valentine on the Silver Screen* will take audiences through the decades, from the first "talkies" or talking pictures, to the era of Disney and Pixar. Unforgettable moments from famous scenes will be brought to life on stage by local talent, from Gene Kelly's iconic dancing in *Singin' In The Rain*, to Elton John's soaring vocals in *Rocketman* to the heart-pounding show stopper, "You Can't Stop the Beat" from *Hairspray*. And did I mention there's a live band to ac-

company the fabulous vocalists and dancers?

"Directing an original show is being given a blank slate to create a unique experience for the audience and the cast," Rediger said. "The talent, skill and creativity of our cast and crew is coming together to create theatre magic! You don't want to miss *My Funny Valentine on the Silver Screen*."

A VIP ticket will include dinner and wine at The Stone House on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 5 p.m. followed by the show at Magic Circle Theater at 7:30 p.m. Show-only tickets are available for performances Feb. 7, 8, 9, 10, and for a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, February 11. Each show includes reserved seating, complimentary treats, and a cash bar. There will also be a live auction during intermission, with all proceeds going to Magic Circle Players. *My Funny Valentine on the Silver Screen* is more than just a great evening for you and your sweetheart, best pal, or Mom and Dad--it's a great way to support live theater in

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 tor: The Rev Preston Gordon, [don@allsaintsmontrose.org](mailto:pgor-

 don@allsaintsmontrose.org)

Worship Service Times: Sundays 9AM,

Sunday Worship. Wednesdays 11AM, Mid-
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 day, Noon, Multi-denominational Commu-
 nity Prayer Hour.

All Saints Anglican Church is an Evangelical
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 try of Word, Sacrament, and Spirit. Our
 music is a combination of traditional
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We invite kids preschool and up to join
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 day of the month we celebrate a potluck
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BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor Gabe Skillo

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Sunday 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer 7 p.m.

CELEBRATION CHURCH

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

Address: 2900 Sunnyside Road, Mont-
 rose, CO 81401

Office Hours: By appointment

Phone: (970) 497-4925

Email: celebrationmontrose@gmail.com

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

Worship Service Times: 9am and 10:45am

Senior Pastor:

Pastor Brandon Mathis

Church Description/Mission: Celebration
 Church makes disciples that make disci-
 ples. Our core values include the Scrip-

ture, discipleship, community, service,
 prayer, love, and unity.

Demographics: Multi-generational

Celebration Kids: (age birth to 5th grade)
 programs offered both services.

Student (middle & high school) at 9am.

Adult -Discipleship classes 8am and
 10:45am.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Denomination: Christ Lutheran Montrose
Affiliation: Lutheran Church Missouri Syn-
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Address: 1980 N. Townsend Ave., Mont-
 rose, CO 81401

Contact: 970-633-0226

Website: www.montroselutheran.org

Email: montroselutheran@gmail.com

Pastor: Tim Onnen

Worship: Sundays at 9 AM

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

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 ing environment being comforted and en-
 couraged by the forgiveness and love of
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We are a small congregation of seniors
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FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Denomination: Church of the Nazarene

Address: 705 South 12th Street

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

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

Pastor: Buddy Cook

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

Wednesday: Prayer Boot Camp - 7 PM

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

*disciples in Montrose Colorado and around
 the world.*

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

Affiliation: Presbyterian

Address: 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO.
 81401 **Office Hours:** M-Thu 9AM -

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www.fpcmontrose.com

Pastor: Jesse Mabanglo

Worship Service times: 9:30AM,

Student Worship at 6PM. *We strive to en-
 courage, challenge and support one anoth-*

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

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY *From previous pg*

HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

Christ. Our church family welcomes people from various cultural and faith backgrounds: single, married, remarried, with or without children, from diapers to 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:
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Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, Senior minister; Rev. Ruby Salaz, Assistant Minister. Spiritual Counseling available. **Worship service times:** In-person Sunday Unity Service at 11 a.m., (Social Time begins at 10 a.m.); Quiet Meditation at 10:30 a.m. Virtual Afternoon Service on Zoom at 2:00 p.m.; Chai Chats, a Wednesday morning midweek informal gathering at 10:30 a.m. at Pun Hill Himalayan Restaurant, Montrose; Thursday Empowerment Circle at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. Everyone is

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

ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

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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

JUSTIN HAWKINS RECOGNIZED ON UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

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ST. GEORGE, UT-- Students at Utah Tech University demonstrated remarkable academic performance during the Fall 2023 semester, with nearly 12 percent earning Dean's List recognition.

A total of 1,489 students were included on the Dean's List, reflecting their strong commitment to academics. To qualify, students had to achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 to 3.89 as well as complete at least 15 credits.

Justin Hawkins of Montrose, CO, was among the 1,489 students honored on the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester.

"I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our dedicated students whose unwavering commitment and hard work have resulted in their well-deserved placement on the honor roll," Dr. Michael Lacourse, provost and vice president of academic affairs, said. "It is truly gratifying to witness our students seizing every opportunity at Utah Tech and achieving excellence. Their accomplishments reflect the spirit of perseverance and resilience that defines our educational community."

Utah Tech University has experienced significant growth in the last five years, expanding its programs from 188 to 276, representing an incredible 47 percent increase. The University's diverse offerings include eight graduate, 57 bachelor's, 64 certificates, 48 minors, 76 emphases, and 23 associate degree programs.



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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

MONTHLY


Jan. 25-Burns Night 2024.

Feb. 8-The Women's Giving Club is moving their meetings to Thursdays! Join us for our next meeting on Feb. 8 at 5:30PM at the Bridges as we kick off our 8th year. We have already contributed \$330,000 to local non-profits, and we're always welcoming new members. Plus, we're waiving the \$100 voting fee for those who would like to come and observe. Please come on the 8th of February (Thursday) and be a part of our impactful community.

Feb. 1-April 12-AARP Foundation Tax-aide in Montrose – Feb. 1 - April 12, Tue, Thu, Fri 9am - 2pm at the Montrose Pavilion Senior Center. Free income tax preparation for anyone, free of charge, focused on individuals over 50 or low/moderate income. Appointments are required, call 970-252-4889, M-F 9-2. More information about the program is available at: taxaide.aarpfoundation.org



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