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MATT MILES ASKS PROJECT 7 HOW MUCH HAS BEEN PAID TO CONSULTANTS



The Project 7 Water Authority held their monthly meeting on Oct. 23 (Facing, L to R) Secretary Tessa Scharf, Montrose Board Rep. David Bries, Chipeta Board Rep. Matt Miles, Menoken Board Rep. Randy Meaker. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Project 7 Water Authority Board meeting of Oct. 23 was called to order by Chair Jake Foreman. All board members were present, with Delta Representative Kevin Carlson attending on Zoom. The minutes of the Sept. 25, 2025 meeting were approved; there were no changes to the meeting agenda.

Public Comment: Participants are given three minutes to speak; however, at this meeting there were no comments.

Manager's Report – Adam Turner

Consumption Report – September 2025

Project 7 Director Adam Turner said, "...we are ahead of last year, year-to-date, in about every category. Over 310 million gallons in the month of September. A

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HANSEN OBJECTS TO COUNTY MANAGER SEARCH TIMELINE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The special meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Monday, Oct. 20 lasted less than 20 minutes, but that was enough time for the tension between commissioners to be on full display.

BOCC Chair Scott Mijares welcomed everyone to the meeting; all commissioners were present.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER

Interim County Manager David White had no changes to the special meeting agenda.

GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The only item to be considered was Human Resources Director Leslie Quon's presentation of the proposed timeline for county manager recruitment. "I'm proposing that we open the position today, October 20th," Quon said. The position would close on October 23rd, she said. Finalists would be announced on November 5th. November 19th would be the appointment date. "That would meet the 14-day public notice requirement and provide enough time for

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HR Director Leslie Quon discussed the proposed timeline for hiring a county manager. Meeting screenshot.

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RULE 2. While there are always exceptions, a letter can often say what needs to be said in one page or less. Our pages are 8.5 X 11, we use a 10 pt Calibri font; letters that are roughly 800 words fit well within this suggested guideline.

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RECALL EFFORTS AGAINST MONTROSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER SCOTT MIJARES

Dear Editor;

Once again, we have the usual suspects of former political "leaders" and their followers now whining about yard signs, and whether or not the signs comply with Colorado campaign rules. I wish the less than stellar former, and some current, "leaders" had something more substantial to complain about than posters stuck in yards, and on fences, and placed in windows. How about let's worry about economic growth, jobs and public safety?

Most recently we have the former mayor of Montrose, Barbara Bynum, alleging she

has filed complaints with the Colorado Secretary of State indicating the Vote No on the Recall signs placed by the Mijares committee violate some rule? In checking the TRACER link with the Secretary of State office, there have been no complaints filed as of this writing. As well, the Mijares committee is registered, with a registered agent and is current on required filings. In looking at the Mijares signs versus the opposition and other political signs around the valley, it appears to me there is a wide variety of committee disclosure formats used in the presenta-

tion, none of which appear to omit required information. This just makes me think the whining is nothing more than, let's throw something against the wall to see what sticks! Typical, but pathetic nonetheless!

Scott Mijares was elected last November by a large number of voters in Montrose County. Scott Mijares deserves to serve his term and continue his work on improving lives and livelihood of all the Montrose County residents, which is exactly what he has been doing up to this point!

Charles Andrews, Montrose

FOCUSED AND CONCISE COMMENTARIES ARE MORE COMPELLING

Editor:

I enjoy the weekly Montrose Mirror, in particular contributor comments regarding federal, state and local issues. I commend those who've done their homework digging into the details of those issues and offer logical opinions. However, to better engage readers I suggest that commentaries are much more compelling when focused and concise. There's always next week's edition to add thoughts.

Matt Goldasich, Montrose

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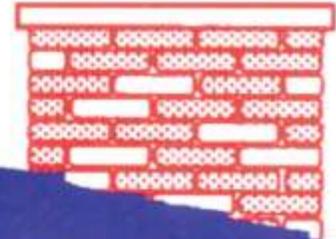


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BOCC, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, GIS, AND OTHER COUNTY OFFICES RELOCATING TO COURTHOUSE OCT. 27

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Montrose County is pleased to announce that several key departments including the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), Assessor, Treasurer, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Veteran Services, Communications, and the County Attorney will soon return to the historic Montrose County Courthouse at 320 S 1st Street as the courthouse renovation project nears completion.

The renovation, which began in January 2024, has focused on enhancing functionality and safety, improving accessibility, and preserving the courthouse’s historical character for future generations. The County appreciates the community’s patience as they complete the phased transition to the courthouse, which begins October 27, 2025 with the BOCC and Administration team. To ensure everyone’s safety during relocation, the Historic



The Historic Montrose County Courthouse in 2023, prior to the start of the renovation. Mirror file photo by B. Switzer.

Courthouse will be closed to the public during the transition phase, but the BOCC will remain available by phone and email. Key Transition Dates:
 -Oct. 27, 2025 – Board of County Commissioners, Administration and Legal departments move into the courthouse; reopen November 12
 -Nov. 3 - 11, 2025 – Assessor, Treasurer, and GIS offices closed for relocation; reopen Nov. 12
 -Nov. 12, 2025 – Veteran Services and Communications teams relocate to courthouse
 .The community is invited to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 10 at 9 a.m. on the courthouse steps.
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HANDPICKED REPLACEMENT CANDIDATE REMAINS HIDDEN

Editor:

The Mijares Recall Committee has publicly assured us that their handpicked replacement candidate is eminently qualified, but I beg to differ.

To date their candidate, like Biden, remains hidden in the basement. She has yet to exhibit an interest in county government or any understanding of the issues that confront our county. She has yet to hold a public meeting in which to present her platform of ideas for good county government. Discarding experience for inexperience is akin to buying a pig in a poke that can be easily manipulated.

The best choice for votes on the recall issue is a large NO vote.

Dee Laird, Montrose



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RED HAWKS FOOTBALL: CLIFF DODGE

THE EVE OF DESTRUCTION: RED HAWKS 61, WIDEFIELD 6

By Cliff Dodge

MONTROSE-The setting sun and the crisp fall air signaled the upcoming end of the regular season and the transformation to the state playoffs and the crowning of state champion in all of the CHSAA football classifications.

The Montrose Red Hawks, currently sitting in third place in the 4A rankings just behind Dakota Ridge and Palmer Ridge, await their final regular season game and a ticket to the playoffs.

The Red Hawks took another step towards an undefeated season with the 61-6 thrashing of the hapless Widefield Gladiators at the Montrose stadium on Friday evening. The Red Hawks continued their domination of all comers and continued their quest for the league championship and another shot at the 4A state championship.

The template for virtually all of the Red Hawk victories has been the same.....jump on the opponent early and never take one's foot off the gas. The Gladiators took the opening kickoff, promptly fumbled, and the Red Hawks recovered. Junior Quarterback Cade Saunders scored the Red Hawks first touchdown, running in from six yards out to begin the scoring parade 7-0.

The Gladiators caught lightning in a bottle at this juncture as their quarterback launched an 83-yard touchdown pass to a streaking wide receiver for the Gladiators only offensive threat.

The Red Hawks defense again forced a turnover on downs and Cade Saunders found Senior Chase Mehan alone in the end zone for a 30-yard touchdown pass increasing the score to 14-0. Another kick-off, another turnover on downs, another Red Hawks touchdown, and this time Chase Mehan carried the rock 26 yards for the touchdown. The score: Red Hawks 21-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Senior Running Back Elijah Womack crashed the scoring parade with his first touchdown of the game, a one-yard scoring run, 28-0. The Red Hawks took advantage of another Widefield misplay and



The MHS football team prepares to take the field. Photo by Cliff Dodge.

they recovered an on-side kick attempt to turn it into another touchdown. Elijah Womack scored his second TD, this time from 34 yards out, upping the score to 35-6.

Another name hit the scoring column as BiniYam Kenney rushed five yards to score a touchdown, increasing the score to 42-6. The Red Hawks continued the defensive pressure and turned the ball over to the offense. Once again Elijah Womack increased the score to 49-6 with a 10-yard scoring gallop. The 40-point rule came into effect and a running clock was implemented for the rest of the game. Thus ended the first half of play with the score 49-6 in the Red Hawks' favor.

The third quarter began with an unsuccessful on side kick that was recovered by Red Hawk William Deater. The Red Hawks

Junior Quarterback Chase Gleason took matters into his own hands and rambled 33 yards for a touchdown. The score: Red Hawks 55, Widefield 6. The final Red Hawks score featured William Deater with an 11-yard sprint to increase the score to 61-6. The Red Hawks coaching staff used many second, third, and fourth string players, as has been their mode of operation throughout the season, to give this team as much game experience as possible, which will be very valuable as the Red Hawks move into playoff football.

The Red Hawks have one challenge left in their quest for an undefeated regular season and a league championship--the Pueblo West High School Cyclones. The game will be played on Halloween at the Pueblo West facility with the kickoff slated for 6pm.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ANNUAL FALL LEAF CLEANUP TO BEGIN TUESDAY, NOV. 10

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — The City of Montrose will begin its annual fall leaf cleanup on Monday, November 10, with the collection service running through December 11.

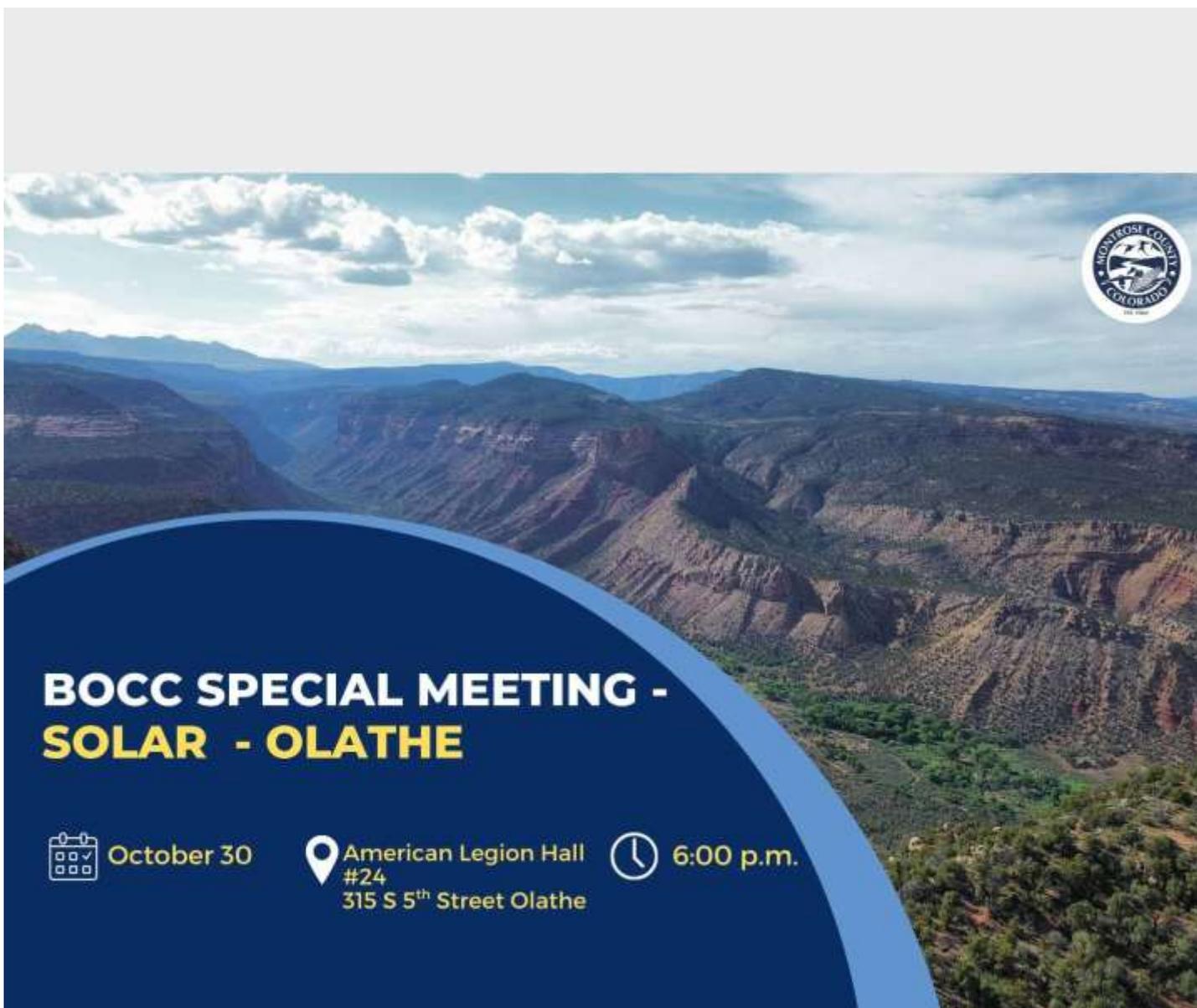
The city offers leaf bag bundles for the annual cleanup. Each bundle contains four clear leaf bags and can be purchased for \$2 at City Hall (400 East Main Street) and at the city’s Public Works office (1221 64.50 Road).

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

The pickup service is free, but only for City of Montrose utility customers. No yard waste other than leaves will be accepted. City crews will begin picking up bags on Monday, November 10, and will continue until the cleanup ends on Thursday, December 11.

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

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**BOCC SPECIAL MEETING -
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SECRETARY OF STATE CANDIDATE VISITS MONTROSE



Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE-Democratic Secretary of State Candidate and Election Attorney Amanda Gonzalez was in town on Friday, Oct. 24 for the "Staying Strong Together" Democratic Party Fundraiser at the Montrose Pavilion. Attorney General Candidate and current Secretary of State Jena Griswold was the keynote speaker. Photo by B. Switzer.

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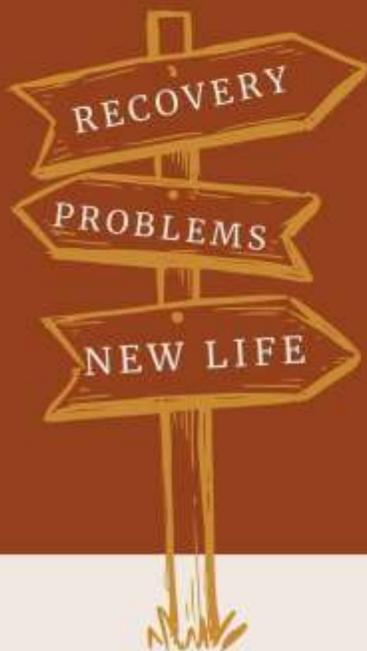
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TRI-COUNTY HEALTH NETWORK HOSTS FREE OPEN ENROLLMENT EVENTS IN RIDGWAY, NORWOOD, AND NATURITA *Community Members Invited to Get Help Reviewing Health Coverage Options for 2026*

Special to the Mirror

WESTERN SLOPE, CO – Tri-County Health Network (TCHNetwork) is helping residents across the Western Slope prepare for **Open Enrollment**, which runs from **November 1, 2025, through January 15, 2026**. To make the process easier, TCHNetwork’s certified Health Coverage Guides are hosting **free, in-person enrollment events** in **Ridgway, Norwood, and Naturita** this November.

These events are open to everyone in the community who needs assistance reviewing, renewing, or applying for health coverage through **Connect for Health Colorado, Health First Colorado** or password resets for current **OmniSalud clients**. Certified Health Coverage Guides will be available to answer questions, help reset Marketplace passwords, explore plan options, and ensure applications are completed accurately.

Event Details:

-Ridgway: Monday, **November 10**, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the **Ridgway Public Library**

-Norwood: Wednesday, **November 12**, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the **Lone Cone Library**

-Naturita: Wednesday, **November 12**, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the **WEEDC Building**, 217 W Main St

“These local enrollment events are a great opportunity for residents to get personalized, one-on-one support,” said Cecilia Castro, Enrollment Program Lead at Tri-County Health Network. “With health plans and subsidies changing for 2026, it’s important that community members take the time to review their options and make sure they’re getting the coverage they need and savings they deserve.”

Attendees are encouraged to bring their **photo ID, proof of income, and current health insurance information**, if applicable. Walk-ins are welcome, and appointments can also be scheduled in advance by calling 970.708.7096. You can also schedule an appointment on the TCHN website at tchnetwork.org/programs/insurance-assistance.

Tri-County Health Network’s Health Coverage Guides provide **free, confidential assistance** to residents of Delta, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel Counties to help make the open enrollment process easier for 2026 health coverage.

About Tri-County Health Network

Tri-County Health Network (TCHNetwork) is a nonprofit organization committed to collaborating with their communities to improve health for everyone. Their service areas include Delta, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel Counties. Through programs that address access to care, behavioral health programs, and overall community well-being, TCHNetwork works to build healthier, more equitable communities throughout the Western Slope.





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'NO KINGS' DEFENDS ENTRENCHED POWER, BUREAUCRACY

Editor:

Before I comment too much on the "No Kings" protests, I have some positive observations about our local "No Kings" gathering. From what I have seen, unlike the protests elsewhere, there was no overt incitement to violence. The protest in Denver, for example, was vastly different, with signs like "Charlie Kirk had it coming" and "Make assassinations great again." The general tone of the Montrose gathering didn't appear to be hateful, although one lady in a pink bunny outfit had a sign reading: "I didn't grow up saying "With liberty and justice for all every f___ing day to accept anything else. FDT." That person showed no shame, but I suspect the people around her were not too proud standing next to her. The crowd size was modest, and I saw no attempt to inflate the numbers, unlike elsewhere in the country, where NBC, for example, had to resort to using years-old pictures of crowds.

A lot of the signs locally simply said "No Kings." One said "Democracy does not fear protests, dictators do." Liberals seem to not get the irony that their being allowed to freely protest across the country disproves their whole basis for protesting. If we had anything like a king, there would be no protests. Trump is doing nothing to hinder the gatherings other than laughing at them. Another local sign said "Democracy, not monarchy." Democrats lost the election and lost it badly. The man they claim to be king, or dictator, or whatever, was the one who won the popular vote, carried 40 states including every swing state, won the electoral college, and over 80% of the counties. He also won the US Senate and House. Democrats abrogated their own primary results, crowned Kamala without a single vote, and tried to erase Trump from the ballot after their lawfare crashed and burned. Protests are meant to be the voices of the unheard. These protests seem to be the voices of those who never shut up. Democrats are the side that had everything: all the media, all of academia, all the "celebrities," all the government bureaucracies, George Soros's billions, and the theft of taxpayer money through USAid and Democrat NGOs. The people – the silent majority – only had Trump.

Speaking of Soros, local marchers might be ashamed to learn who financed "No Kings" day nationwide. (Maybe not.) Some of the local signs proclaimed they are anti-Fascist. A look at the "partners" page of the No Kings website contradicts the "grassroots" categorization of these "anti-Fascist" protests. They

don't even try to hide the fact that the Communist Party is a sponsor, or that the movement is powered by a familiar network of radical far-left organizations, including MoveOn, Planned Parenthood, the American Federation of Teachers, the ACLU, and others. Behind them stand the same radical hate America mega-donor billionaires. For instance, one major No Kings partner, Indivisible, received more than \$7.6 million from George Soros's Open Society Foundation.

One local sign read: "We make it, they take it. Tariffs, taxes, inflation, corruption, oligarchs." My best guess is that this person was confused and went to the wrong protest. Trump's trade policies have completely redefined the global playing field to the benefit of the American people. Trump boldly instituted a new tariff strategy to bring home manufacturing jobs, negotiated international investments (over \$10 trillion), and lessened our dependence on China for critical materials --- after three decades of neglect. Anyone remotely familiar with modern history knows that the Democrat party has two major inter-related goals. One is to vastly increase the size and power of the federal government, and the other is to fund that growth on the back of the American taxpayer. During Trump's first term he significantly lowered taxes for all Americans. The budget bill recently signed into law by Trump extended those lower tax rates into the future, and saved American taxpayers from the largest tax hike in history. Democrats did everything possible to prevent the passage of those tax reductions. Trump is also doing everything possible to reduce the size and power of the federal bureaucracy, which is the exact opposite of what a dictator would do. Democrats are doing everything possible to eliminate your 2nd Amendment right to bear arms, which is exactly what a dictator would do. After Biden's term as Vice President and then President, I am totally amazed that any Democrat would dare mention the word "corruption."

Like most Americans, I like our present form of government, a constitutional republic, and appose all tyranny and corruption. That's why I opposed the illegal surveillance of thousands of American citizens, including members of Congress; the illegal tapping of phones; the labeling of parents attending school board meetings as domestic terrorists if they objected to boys in girls' locker rooms; forced DEI policies; and so much more – all of which occurred during Biden's regime. That's why I support Trump closing the border and

deporting criminal illegal aliens; the rescuing of thousands of trafficked children and the arrest of hundreds of child sex and labor traffickers; instituting a new era for our military based on preparedness; attempting to make America safe again by helping cleanup Democrat-run cities whose mayors and governors have chosen crime over citizen safety; and bringing peace to the middle east and elsewhere in the world. I am perfectly OK with Democrats having their little protests and No Kings days because that's all they have. They offer no practical, positive ideas for how to make the lives of Americans better. They are labeling Trump a dictator for his effective execution of the agenda that he ran on, and that most Americans voted for. Trump's tax cuts, revocation of regulations, energy policies, and border policies yielded record low poverty, low inflation, and rapidly rising wages, especially for those at the bottom. While they cry King!, we all know Trump is just an effective executive and leader – something Democrats have not had in a very long time.

"No Kings" isn't a defense of democracy at all. Instead, it is a defense of the entrenched power of the Democrat party and its bureaucracies. Unfortunately, there will always be people willing to follow destructive paths, like lambs to a slaughter. In an article titled "The Communist Party USA Cosponsored No Kings. You Should Care" writer Joseph Ford Cotto pointed out that polls show 66% of Democrats now view socialism positively, while only 42% support the capitalist principles that have generated American prosperity. Democrats are embracing an ideology they don't even understand. Over 60% of Democrats see socialism positively for its promise of "free" services, blind to the suffocating control it imposes over work, innovation, and wealth creation. They are lulled into believing "free stuff" equates to freedom or prosperity. In reality, socialism spells the end of America's first world economy. Dependence replaces initiative, government replaces community and family, and freedom is subordinated to bureaucracy. Trump is no king, but his very existence threatens the unelected ruling class – the vast administrative machine that operates beyond the reach of American voters – all of which Trump is seeking to either reform or dismantle. If the unelected ruling class were to get its way (they won't), the "No Kings" protesters would most certainly get the authoritarian government that they are railing against.

Ed Henrie, Montrose

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

VOTE YES TO RECALL SCOTT MIJARES

Editor:

Commissioners Pond and Mijares and their manager White are obviously spending most of their time concocting ways to try to keep Mijares in office. This ridiculous wolf ban ordinance takes the cake. Mijares doesn't care about non native species , he's just trying to save his butt.

Scott knows most people in Montrose County think that the wolf reintroduction project is a terrible idea. You can put my name at the top of the list of folks that don't think we need more predators devastating our mule deer. But passing this ordinance isn't going to make one bit of difference. The only thing it's designed to do is try to influence voters.

So don't be fooled. The wolf ordinance is just another last ditch attempt to defeat the recall. Being against wolves doesn't make a competent commissioner. Vote yes to recall Scott Mijares.

Don R. Gladwell, Montrose

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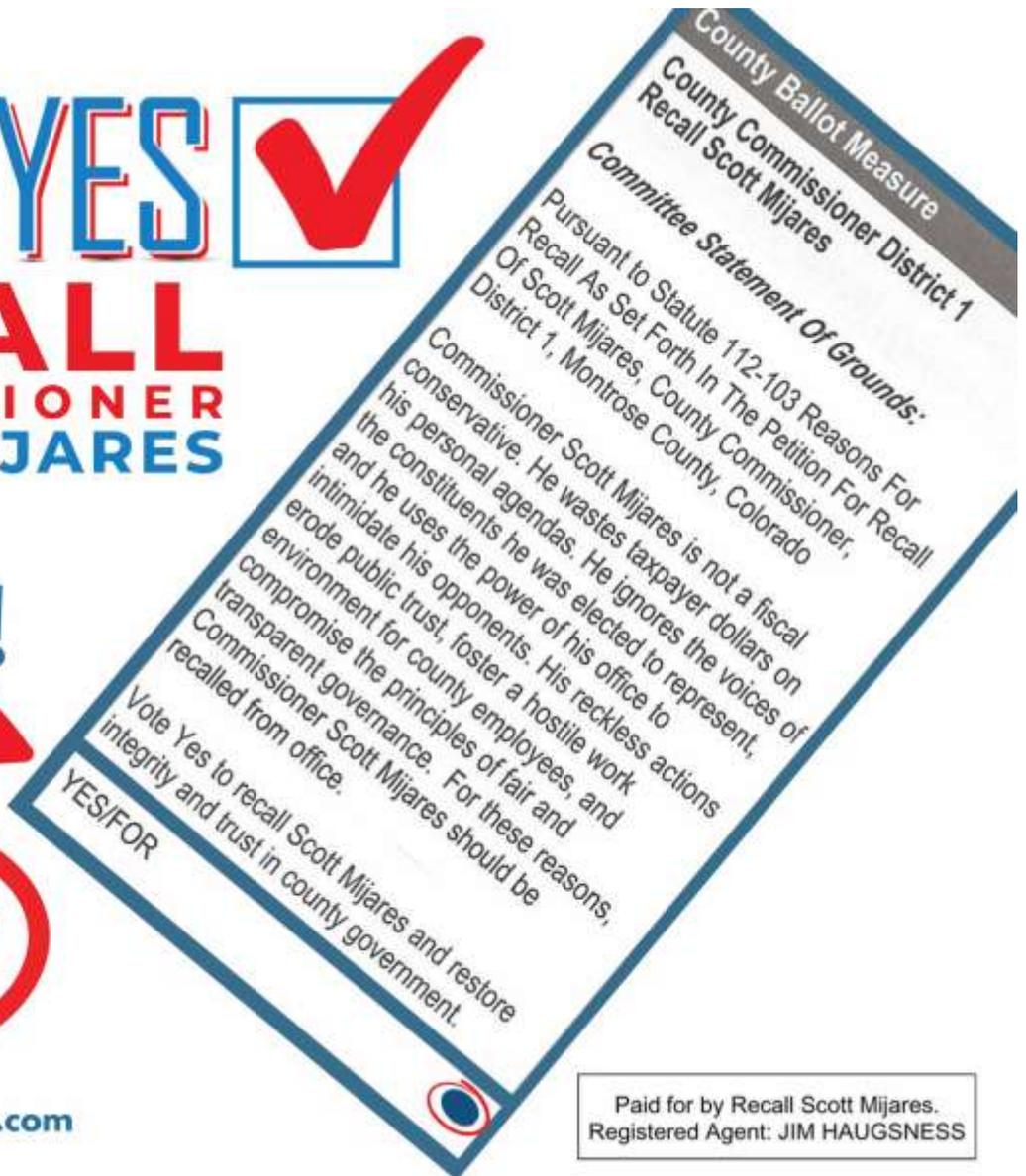


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A COUNTY PROCESS GONE WRONG

Editor:

On Monday, Montrose County residents witnessed an outrageous display of political maneuvering by Commissioners Scott Mijares and Sean Pond.

Until recently, the public understood that County Manager David White’s contract would be extended for a few more months — a reasonable step, given that the county is in a hot mess because of decisions made by Mijares/Pond. Extending the position until after the election — now less than two weeks away — would have allowed the board to conduct a fair and professional search for a permanent, highly qualified county manager.

Instead, the Mijares/Pond duo has rammed through a so-called “recruitment process” with a three-day application window — a mockery of transparency and due diligence. It’s difficult to see this as anything other than a setup to hand David White the job permanently, on the taxpayers’ dime.

If this sham process continues, I would hope that the board at least requires a three-month performance period with a formal evaluation before offering a full-time contract to whoever is selected — presumably David White. Keep in mind that our county has had **three county managers in just nine months** since Mi-

jares took office in January. That record alone should make everyone cautious. A probationary or performance-based period is simple common sense — especially before committing taxpayers to another full-time salary.

This latest outrageous action on the part of Mijares highlights why more than 5,000 citizens signed a petition to get him recalled.

Vote YES to Recall Scott Mijares. Montrose County deserves to have integrity, public trust, accountability, and fiscal responsibility restored to its government.

Linda Gann, Montrose, Colorado

PLEASE, VOTE YES ON 6A AND 6B

Editor:

Currently in Montrose and Naturita, we have vibrant fully functioning libraries that benefit our entire community and we can be proud of that.

A good quality library system is often the deciding factor for businesses when they choose to locate in our community. Attracting businesses that provide employment and services is critical to building and maintaining the local economy. When businesses evaluate a place to locate, chief among their criteria is the quality of the library system. Businesses are seeking communities where their employees and their families can thrive. A good quality library system is a good indicator of the quality of a community and is often the deciding factor in their selection. New businesses benefit everyone,

even those who personally never directly utilize our libraries.

Young people are often bored in small towns that lack activities and places for young people to gather. Fully functioning libraries are a vital resource for our young people. Our libraries provide constructive activities for our youth seven days per week including many hours of operation beyond the school schedule. This is an important positive contribution to our overall quality of life, also benefiting those who personally never directly utilize our libraries.

Funding our library system at current levels will enable the library system to keep pace with increased costs for staffing, acquisitions of materials, youth services, critical maintenance and the significant increase in the number of peo-

ple using library services.

If funding falls short of what is needed to adequately fund our library system that is an inefficient use of our tax dollars. If the 0.85 mill temporary increase is allowed to expire, 3 mills will still be spent on maintaining a greatly diminished library system that won’t be able to meet the needs of our community, will not be an adequate resource for our youth and will not meet the criteria of businesses considering Montrose County as their place to locate. Please, vote yes on 6A and 6B to permanently secure the library’s primary source of revenue at the current level of 3.85 mills which will allow the library to continue to operate effectively and efficiently, thus greatly benefiting the entire community.

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Editor:

Let's be honest — this recall isn't about good government. It's about power, control, and **payback**. A small group of political operatives backed by dark, out-of-state money are trying to overturn your vote. They're spreading lies, creating chaos, and counting on the Montrose Press to repeat their false stories until people start believing them.

Why? Because I've exposed the truth. I've asked hard questions, stood up to insiders, and shined light on what some folks would rather keep hidden.

Make no mistake, this recall is about covering up the malfeasance of the previous board. The same board that unanimously supported a tax evader to run against me in last years **Republican Primary**. —The same board that hand picked a county manager less than a month before last years election despite the request of all three County Commissioner candidates to hold off till after the election. —The same board that committed taxpayers to a new North Camus building just 26 days before leaving office against the advise of Montrose County Finance Dept. Now this same board is working behind the scenes to push this recall — hoping you'll forget what really happened.

They don't want transparency. They don't want accountability. They want the old ways back when deals were made quietly, and no one dared to ask "why?" They've never been challenged like this before and that's why they want me out — but they don't make the rules, you do with your vote. Just know this — I'm not here to make friends with insiders or cover up poor decisions of past Commissioners. I'm here to fight for you, the taxpayers, families, and working people who expect honest government. Don't let them fool you. Don't let dark money steal your voice.

Vote NO on the recall — and keep Montrose County working for the people, not insiders.

Thank you for your NO Vote on the recall. Our future is exactly where it belongs— in your hands. Together we will move our county forward.

Scott Mijares, Montrose County Commissioner



OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WHY I'M VOTING YES ON 6A AND 6B

Dear Editor,

I was given my first Nancy Drew mystery as a gift for my 8th birthday and became immediately hooked.

Thankfully, I had a mom willing to take me to the library each week to refresh my supply as I devoured every page I could of Bess, George, and the "titian-haired" detective that I'd hoped at the time to someday become. The joy walking in those doors, the smell of the books and the knowing wink of the librarian, are memories that make me smile to this day.

At 38, a newly widowed single parent, I suddenly was the mom taking my sons to the library for a helpful dose of imagination and joy (For Free). We went to a Harry Potter-themed day with all the decorations and imaginative play young kids thrive on, an exhibition on local birds of

prey- some they got to touch (!), lego-building marathons, minecraft nights, storytime after storytime after storytime, each visit coming home with a bag full of books weighing nearly as much as the child carrying them.

Now nearing 50, the library's given me book sales and author visits, quiet writing space and public meeting rooms, helped my students with hard-to-find academic research articles, and once while there I watched them teach a no-longer-young but still very brave veteran update his resume and apply for a new job.

It would take much more than my 400 word limit to fill in all the library has done and is doing in the years not mentioned here.

My guess is that you're filling in your own experiences as you read this. Which un-

derscores the point. Libraries are a cornerstone of community. And community matters. They are access, encouragement, support, imagination, and resource - relational and personal. And ours is on the ballot this November. They are not asking for a tax increase, which is remarkable at a time when the cost of everything is soaring, only that the mil levy already passed remains in effect - rather than sunset in two years.

I'm voting yes on 6A and 6B and asking your readers to as well. Not only so that our community as a whole can continue to have the rich and remarkable services it provides today, but also so that another mom, or dad, or student, or veteran, or *literally anyone*, years from now, can too.

Sincerely,

Jamie Gann, Montrose

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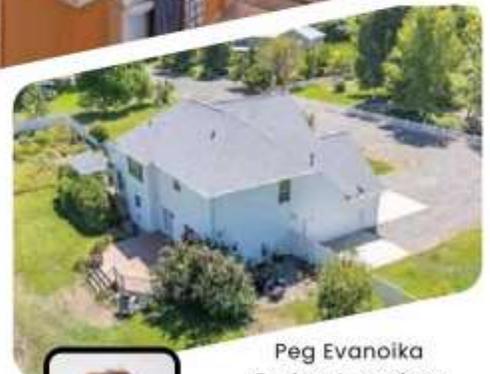
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JOHN HIRES MEXICANS BECAUSE OUR PEOPLE AREN'T WILLING TO WORK THAT HARD!

Dear Editor:

MJB stated correctly that H-2A visa workers do not pay FICA taxes. What he missed is that those workers are not eligible for Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid. Those three programs are not entitlements, they are insurance programs that are handled by our government and are paid for by us from specific contributions. It is appropriate that H-2A visa holders not pay into a program from which they cannot benefit. If Tuxedo Corn had to pay FICA, they would have less to pay the farmers who grew the corn and

all the other of their workers who help bring this to your table. Their not paying FICA doesn't take anything out of our community (because those workers don't benefit from those programs) but does leave that much more money in our community.

In the past, I have worked for John Harold on his corn picking program and got to know some of the workers. I got to see how hard they work. John is required to advertise the job openings before he gets any H-2A workers. The Mexican workers are vetted by the government; his crews usually come back year after year because they are so well paid and because they have housing offered. Our government sets the specifications for the housing and inspects that they are met; they are adequately housed.

I don't think Michael has any idea how hard these people work. They were paid by the box and they really hustle. One of the things that John has to count on is that the crews work the whole season. To have workers quit in the middle of the season would leave John without crews to pick the corn. Then he couldn't fulfil his contracts and the farmers would have corn left standing in the fields well past it's prime and probably just plowed under. Think of what that cost would be to Tuxedo Corn and to the farmers who relied on them to pick the harvest. That would be money that would not come into the community. Our farmers would go out of business, Tuxedo's employees and contractors would not be properly paid, and John would not be able to do all the charitable things he does for our community.

One of the things that Tuxedo Corn does for our community is to make his H-2A housing available to the Lighthouse to house the unhoused in Code Blue conditions (where the weather is cold enough that there is a high possibility that some would freeze to death). If we did not have those workers, and therefore not have that housing, how many more people would die from the cold here in Montrose.

One more note: A few years ago, at the beginning of the season, John pointed to a local girl who begged him to work on his crews because that was where she could make the most money over the summer. She absolutely promised him that she would work the whole season. John gave her the job, but was skeptical that she would work the whole time. Sure enough, two weeks later, she was gone. John hires Mexicans because our people aren't willing to work that hard! H-2A visas are very good for our community.

Richard Jay Bleier, Montrose



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DARK MONEY ONSLAUGHT: OUT-OF-STATE FUNDS FUEL BID TO OUST MONTROSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Editor:

A fierce battle is unfolding in Montrose targeting County Commissioner Scott Mijares, a conservative elected in November 2024 on a platform of fiscal restraint, Second Amendment rights, and rural empowerment.

A recall effort, backed by over **\$16,000 in recent dark money as well as several notable Democratic Party operatives** with no doubt more coming as election day nears, threatens to unseat him, raising concerns about external forces undermining local voters' will. ***This recall is a proxy war between Montrose's conservative values and national far-left foundations channeling funds through a web of non-profits.***

The Recall's Financial Backers

Public records reveal the Recall Scott Mijares Committee received \$16,000 from [Colorado Rural Voters](#) since early October 2025, per its October 21 TRACER report filed with Colorado's Secretary of State. This significant sum aims to sway a conservative rural district. Colorado Rural Voters, presenting itself as a grassroots group promoting progressive candidates in Western Colorado, is far from local. Registered in 2008 as an arm of the [Montana-based Western Organization of Resource Councils](#) (WORC), it funnels funds through nonprofits, primarily from out of state.

WORC's influence is evident. In 2023, it provided \$187,500 to [Western Colorado Alliance](#), a key conduit for its funds, which reported \$2.6 million in total contributions that year. Western Colorado Alliance's Executive Director, Emily Hornback, also serves as Colorado Rural Voters' registered agent in Grand Junction, highlighting the tight connection. Colorado Rural Voters' disclosures show \$130,730 in total contributions this cycle, with major donors like [Western Conservation Action](#) (\$65,000), [Green Advocacy Project](#) (\$50,000), and [Movement Voter Project](#) (\$10,000), all tied to national environmen-

tal and far-left advocacy networks.

The dark money trail deepens with WORC's educational arm, the WORC Education Project, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that funded nearly its entire \$2.8 million budget in 2017 to WORC and affiliates like Western Colorado Alliance. Its donors include the [Tides Foundation](#), [Hewlett Foundation](#), [Mott Foundation](#), [Farm Aid](#), and [NEO Philanthropy](#), national entities far removed from Montrose's rural roots. Colorado Rural Voters has raised \$130,730 and spent \$60,756, leaving funds for last-minute ad buys as the November 4 vote approaches. *As an example of how the "dark money" world operates, following is the narrative on who [NEO Philanthropy](#) is and how they and others are tied to Socialist Activists such as [George Soros](#) and the Soros backed [Open Society Foundation](#).*

Key Players and Their Connections

The recall involves figures with deep ties to left-wing socialist activism include prominent local Democratic Party members such as **Phoebe Benziger** and **Linda Gann** who have deep ties to the far-left Colorado Rural Voters organization. Looking deeper, we see **out of area connections** with individuals such as Steven Arauza, a Colorado Rural Voters operative and a former 2024 County Commissioner candidate in Garfield County who is married to Hanna Arauza, **Western Colorado Alliance's** Community Organizer staff member. The couple notably supported [Glenwood Springs' first drag story time event in 2023](#), a move that stirred controversy in the conservative region. Their activism is seen by critics as a cover for flipping rural strongholds to align with urban progressive priorities, such as aggressive climate policies that clash with local energy jobs.

Caitlin Carey, another Colorado Rural Voters figure as well as a former 2024 County Commissioner candidate in Garfield County, aligns with the group's strategy of targeting rural races to install far-left leadership. Critics argue this advances policies

like solar farm expansion, supported by local figures such as **Sue Hansen and Don Coram**, which prioritize environmental goals over Montrose's traditional industries.

A Pattern of Electoral Interference

Montrose is not alone. Colorado Rural Voters' tactics, voter guides, canvassing, and heavy funding, flipped or attempted to flip seats in Garfield and Ouray Counties in 2024, installing commissioners aligned with WORC's anti-extraction stance. Mijares, who campaigned to revive mining and protect constitutional rights, is a barrier to this agenda. His efforts, alongside Commissioner Sean Pond, of fiscal responsibility, separation of public safety tax accounting and resisting state and national overreach have drawn the ire of recall backers funded by foundations with a history of anti-fossil fuel campaigns.

The Stakes for Montrose

Montrose voters face a critical choice: uphold the conservative mandate or allow an orchestrated effort, funded by **out-of-state elites**, to prevail. Mijares' record, supporting agricultural, mining and logging jobs as well as rural healthcare, embodies Western Colorado's self-reliant ethos. Recall backers claim bipartisanship, but their funding suggests otherwise.

The recall is less about local grievances and more about external influence.

Montrose voters must decide whether to reject this dark money push and preserve their conservative values. **Voting "NO" on the recall is a stand against out-of-state interference** and a defense of local control.

Michael J Badagliacco, "MJB"

Michael is the father of five and grandfather of three, United States Air Force Veteran, International Recording Artist, passionate about the United States of America and the founders Genius of the Constitution and Editor-in-Chief, Colorado DOGE Report (coDOGEreport.com).



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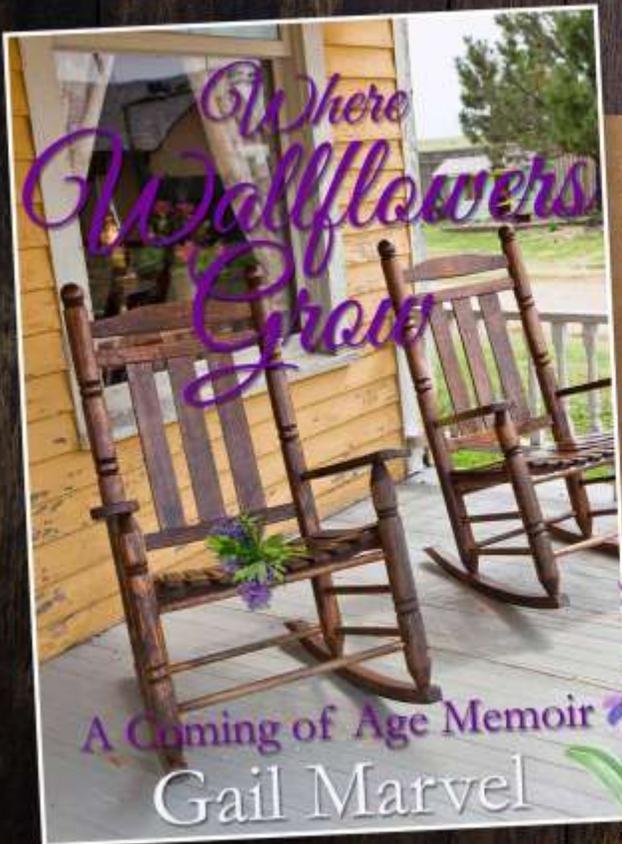
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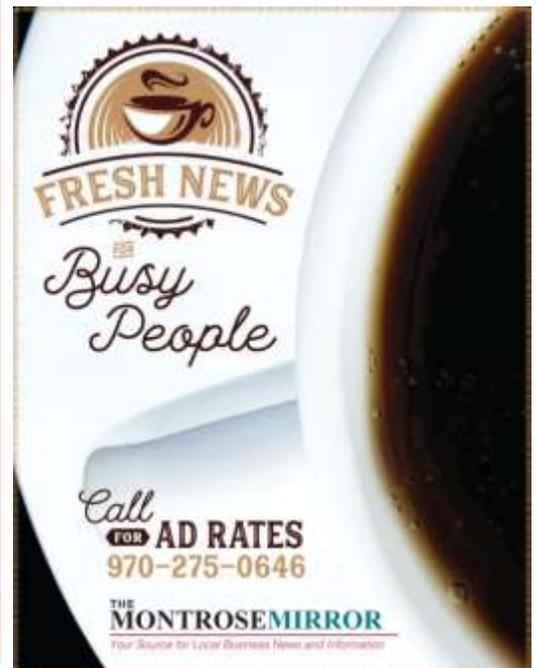
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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

HONESTY IS KEY. VOTE YES TO RECALL SCOTT MIJARES

When I was growing up I was taught that honesty was central to personal integrity and healthy relationships. My father was a pastor and I also hear this as one of the Ten Commandments. As a teacher, honesty is one of the values I emphasized in my classroom with my first and second grade students.

You have had the opportunity to read many of the reasons I, and many others, have joined the efforts to Recall Scott Mijares: His lack of transparency, His poor fiscal responsibility and the ways he has violated public trust. He has characterized the Recall Volunteers as paid, outside agitators.

For the record: I grew up in Nucla in the West End of Montrose County. I graduated from Nucla High School. I have nieces and nephews with deep ties to the West End as 4th and 5th generation descendants of Nucla founders. When I retired almost 10 years ago, I chose to move back to Montrose. I most certainly have not been paid to gather signatures or to canvass to encourage voters to vote Yes to Recall Scott Mijares.

If you value honesty, I encourage you to vote YES to Recall Scott Mijares.

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WE CAN DO BETTER: VOTE YES ON RECALL

Dear citizens of Montrose County:

County Commissioner Mr. Mijares should be recalled for the following reason among other troublesome issues. He is one of two commissioners who voted to give the county only three days to advertise and hire a county manager. This could only mean one thing, that they have already chosen the county manager! It is ludicrous to think a good qualified manager could be selected within three days of notice. Even one who is an interim manager.

A county manager is a very important position and should be neutral in his or her thinking; and not be considered political in any way, nor given to personal relationships or favored employees.

Other issues as to why he should be recalled are his votes on monumental expenditures to the county for unnecessary severance and "interim" salaries.

A high salary for a friend. And even the cost to tax payers of at least \$3,000,000 by delaying the (North Campus) what is this? Based on some staff members he has caused two highly qualified respected department heads to be fired and caused another to resign. He has created havocs in county offices and the community.

This is not the kind of leadership that is needed nor wanted in Montrose County. We can do better. Please to Vote to Recall Scott Mijares.

Gordy and Silke Printz, Montrose

SUPPORT PROPOSITIONS 6A AND 6B

Editor:

Libraries have always been an important part of everyone's life. Here in Montrose, we are fortunate to have an outstanding library. It is imperative that we continue funding our library to allow it to provide the quality services we have enjoyed in the past. By passing propositions 6A and 6B we can ensure that this level of service will continue to be available for all our citizens in the future.

These propositions do not create any new taxes. They simply allow our libraries to continue to be funded as they have been for the past several years, rather than seeing their funding decrease. Remember when our library had to close several days each week? Remember when the bookmobile wasn't out and about, bringing books to people who couldn't make it to the library building? Isn't it great that our library was able to restore and expand services to our communities once the mill levy was passed?!

Let's keep our library district strong by voting YES on propositions 6A and 6B.

*Charlie & Diane Winger
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RESTORING THE REPUBLIC: A DEFENSE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY

Editor:

"NO-KINGS" declare, "***We have to do something***", but they rarely specify the true issue at hand. Within the Trump Administration, no actions violate the Constitution. *Opponents may cite specific statutes, yet those laws represent congressional overreach that infringe on the President's Article II powers.* Such statutes, even if enacted and signed by prior presidents, *do not constitute valid constitutional law.* Instead, they reflect deliberate attempts to undermine executive authority, amounting to a subtle erosion of presidential power. The Trump Administration addresses this imbalance by restoring the Republic to its intended equilibrium, as outlined in the founding document.

Judicial Overreach and Constitutional Limits

Recent rulings from district courts highlight a pattern of overreach, repeatedly rebuked by the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS). Article III of the Constitution establishes only the SCOTUS as the sole federal court with inherent national jurisdiction. All inferior courts, created by Congress under this article, must adhere to SCOTUS precedents and lack the power to issue nationwide injunctions that override higher authority. Historical precedents, such as the SCOTUS decision in *Marbury v. Madison* (1803), affirm judicial review but confine it to constitutional bounds, not expansive policy-making.

District courts are designed to adjudicate specific cases before them, with rulings limited to the parties involved. Attempts since 2008 to expand their scope nationally defy this design. This is not due to presidential lawlessness but to courts assuming unauthorized powers. For instance, SCOTUS has overturned lower court overreaches in cases like *Trump v. Hawaii* (2018), which upheld executive immigration authority while criticizing broad injunctions. Only SCOTUS serves as the national arbiter, ensuring uniformity in constitutional interpretation.

Congressional Authority and Executive Prerogatives

Congress's role remains strictly limited; it does not execute daily governance. Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution vests "the executive Power" solely in the President, empowering him to manage government operations. While Congress appropriates funds

under Article I, Section 8, the President directs their expenditure. Laws like the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 unconstitutionally restrict this authority by mandating spending without executive discretion, violating separation of powers.

Precedents such as *Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. v. Sawyer* (1952) reinforce that Congress cannot encroach on core executive functions. This act, born from post-Watergate reforms, exemplifies legislative attempts to "neuter" the presidency. The Trump Administration's resistance restores this balance, ensuring the executive branch operates as the framers intended: independent and accountable directly to the people.

Immigration Enforcement and National Sovereignty

Enforcing immigration laws falls squarely within presidential authority. Article II, Section 3 requires the President to "take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed," including statutes like 8 U.S.C. § 1324, which criminalizes harboring illegal aliens with penalties up to five years imprisonment. Governors and mayors resisting deportations violate federal law, aiding an invasion that threatens sovereignty. Over 20 million unauthorized entrants represent not mere migration but a cultural and economic assault.

Unlike the early 20th century, when immigration fueled growth, today's context demands fiscal prudence. Sustaining benefits for non-citizens strains resources, as evidenced by rising social service costs. Precedents like *Arizona v. United States* (2012) affirm federal primacy in immigration, empowering the executive to deport lawbreakers.

America First: Prudent Policy, Not Discrimination

The Trump Administration's America First agenda promotes sustainability, not bias. By focusing on domestic strength, it ensures the nation can support its citizens before aiding others. This mirrors foundational principles in the Preamble to the Constitution, which prioritizes "domestic Tranquility" and the "general Welfare" of Americans. Analogous to personal finance, one cannot sustain charity without self-sufficiency; failure risks national decline.

Critics mislabel this as discriminatory, yet it aligns with historical precedents like the

Monroe Doctrine (1823), which asserted American interests abroad while securing the homeland. Prioritizing citizens fosters stability, enabling future global leadership.

Republic vs Democracy

The Constitution omits "equitable" outcomes, reflecting the founders' rejection of forced equality. As Federalist No. 10 by James Madison warns, "democracies devolve into factional strife, while republics safeguard individual rights through representation". We inhabit a Constitutional Republic, guaranteeing equal opportunity via the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause, not guaranteed results. Effort determines success, as affirmed in *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke* (1978), which upheld **merit-based systems over quotas**.

Opponents, swayed by media, confuse this with democracy, ignoring these nuances. Education on these distinctions would reveal the Republic's superiority in protecting liberties.

The "No Kings" Protests: Left-Wing Coordination

The "No-Kings" protests are orchestrated by far left-wing groups like Indivisible, funded by George Soros's Open Society Foundations. In 2023, Soros provided a \$3 million grant for Indivisible's activities. In Colorado Springs, organizers claimed up to 15,000 participants on October 18. Chants demanded abolishing private schools and guaranteeing housing, advancing **communist-backed agendas**. Indivisible's broader aim includes dominating American education, subverting republican principles.

A Necessary Restoration

The Trump Administration's actions defend constitutional order against judicial, legislative, and activist encroachments. By upholding Article II and III precedents, it safeguards sovereignty and prudence. Critics must recognize this as restoration, not rebellion, to preserve our Republic for generations.

Michael J Badagliacco, "MJB"

Michael is the father of five and grandfather of three, United States Air Force Veteran, International Recording Artist, passionate about the United States of America and the founders Genius of the Constitution and Editor-in-Chief, Colorado DOGE Report (coDOGEreport.com).

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

SCOTT MIJARES IS NOT AN EFFECTIVE LEADER

Editor:

I write this as a senior citizen who has lived in Montrose County 47 years. Much has changed in the county over those years and I'm so very proud of the many people who have cared enough about our community to give it their time and energy.

I've not always agreed with them but we survived their decisions whether I agreed with them or not. That's called democracy at work.

I'm very saddened and alarmed by the actions and attitude of Scott Mijares. I don't know him personally but I've

watched recent county commissioner meetings and spoken to people about their experiences with him which has led me to the conclusion that he is not an effective leader. We all know what a biased, uninformed, bullying leader looks like. That is exactly what I see in Scott Mijares. You can see it for yourself if you will go online and watch recent county commissioners meetings.

Many thanks to the past and present leaders in Montrose County who have shown integrity and trustworthiness, humility and commitment to service. Thank you for your effective communication,

your vision and decision making, and your ability to collaborate with others. Leadership is all of these things.

Scott Mijares does NOT display these things.

He is NOT an effective leader. Please give thought to the kind of leadership you want in our beautiful community. If you votes Yes on the recall and then vote for Kirstin Copeland as a replacement commissioner we will get the leadership we need and deserve. It all starts with **Voting YES on the recall of Scott Mijares**. It's the right thing to do.

Sandy Cave, Montrose

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TRICK OR RETREAT

Trick or Retreat—

Both are miserable scenarios for Montrose County. We unfortunately face a double-whammy of lost time and wasted opportunity.

At a crucial moment when our community can jointly take up the tasks of improving health care, encouraging workforce development, promoting clean energy and building upon our tourist-based economy, we have a County Commissioner that abhors such changes and denies local realities including security, personal well-being and an American dream for fulfillment.

As a lifelong public servant for Western Colorado, I've worked with over 35 County Commissioners—but this guy is a real doozy! Time and time again, we are being conned by convoluted public meeting

processes, regulatory irresponsibility, visible / invisible Facebook pages, callous responses and never-ending moratoriums. When community controversy arises, our BOCC Chair gives citizens a dismissive smirk (as if we're inferior beings), ignoring public opinion that is counter to his, and runs for the hills to cash that fat \$85K salary check.

While I was in Hawaii working for the Army National Guard, mister small m was out surfing. We've seen at both the national and local levels how power can be as addictive as catching a big wave. Locals would refer to the power-grabbers as 'huli-huli chicken'.

We're paying out our hard-earned money for what? Ignorance, ineptitude, superiority and political retardation all come to mind. Not addressing local concerns is

akin to paying our Fire Department to cook hot dogs all day—crappy hot dogs at that, with nothing to relish. Commissioner Mijares fire-hoses our creative ideas while fanning the flames of derogatory comments and woeful leadership. He attempts to drown community sentiment, but he will not snuff us out. We will keep our Democrat & Republican & Independent Aloha spirit burning and stand up for Montrose County.

Fearing the Sun God along with a bizarre desire to suck the life out of local Agriculture leads one towards a Dracula-like comparison.

Happy Halloween, as it's time to send mister small m on an extended holiday! Vote YES to RECALL Commissioner Mijares.

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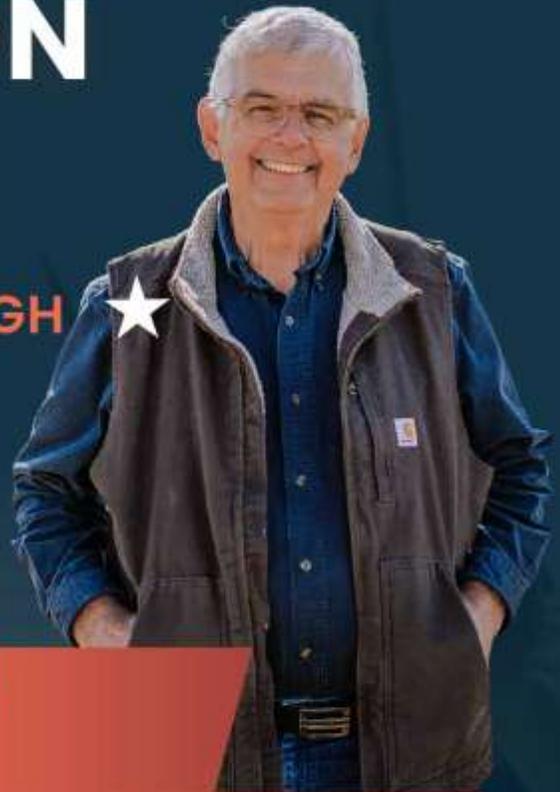
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ERIN LILES HONORED WITH YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD

City Residents Seek Help after Neighbor Injured by Golf Ball



Mayor Dave Frank presents the You Make A Difference Award to Erin Liles on Oct. 21.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Mayor Dave Frank welcomed everyone to the Montrose City Council meeting of Tuesday, Oct. 21, and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. All City Councilors and Youth Council Representative Sydney Bell were present. Also present were a number of city residents who asked for help to mitigate the increasing number of golf balls being driven into their yards—despite their properties not being adjacent to the golf course.

There were no changes to the meeting agenda.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD

Erin Liles (owner of Salon Polished) was honored by Mayor Frank with the You Make A Difference Award.

BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Dave Frank read the [proclamation](#) into the record. The proclamation was accepted by Amanda Andrews of Peer Kindness, who spoke about the importance of bullying prevention efforts in the community.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Frank read the rules for public comment and asked speakers to line up. Tamera Schlegel spoke first, saying that she represented herself and others who live on the 16th hole of the Black Canyon

Golf Course and across the street on Heather Lane. Schlegel said that neighbors had been working to find a solution to the golf balls that are flying into their yards in increasing numbers. “...We have experienced an increase in golf ball damage to our homes and person.”

Promised improvements have not materialized, she said, despite neighbors engaging in discussions with Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler and City Manager Bill Bell. “Those of us on the golf course expect errant balls, but I had 48 balls in my front and small back yards and two holes in my vinyl fence in the past two years...it continues with the balls smacking off my house—one again just an hour ago—and roof—and sailing into my front yard. It’s not safe to be sitting on my patio or working in my yard as they sail through with incredible speed...”

Schlegel asked that the city continue the dialog about safety measures that had been discontinued.

Others who addressed the issue included Amy Speilman, who said she lives six houses down from the 16th Hole. She has found balls all over her yard and has come close to being hit. “We have children playing, riding bikes, walking in the street, people walking their dogs. It’s just a regular, typical neighborhood. We did not plan on having to be concerned that a ball would hit someone, except a ball did hit one of our neighbors in the arm. When four of us went to the pro shop late last spring to voice our concerns, we were snickered at by your golf pro and the entire staff...”

Speilman asked that the city work with neighbors to reach an amicable solution to the golf ball situation, and asked not to be snickered at.

Patti Greeves spoke. “I also am very concerned about the errant golf balls that land on my property...I get about eight to ten golf balls a year, some years it’s higher...my neighbor...she was badly hurt when a golf ball hit her arm...this is a true safety issue...I can’t even see the golf course from my house...new technology has advanced dramatically...it’s a more deadly projectile than it was years ago...the balls are just going further...”

Her neighborhood was not even built when the golf course was designed and the City built the back nine, Greeves said. “...Was there adequate consideration given to the design of this course, knowing there would be houses built around the perimeter...we’re afraid, and we need your help.”

John Brown spoke about the November ballot. “...the board had a perfect opportunity to pass the buck to the public. You could have written a simple little yes or no statement, ‘should we become a non-sanctuary city or not?’ Yes or No...But instead you didn’t do that; now it’s back up to the public to make that decision for you...this is the last city council meeting we’re going to have before the next election...I just encourage everybody to not vote by popularity, vote by knowledge...we have a God-given right to vote in this country...please get out and vote...that’s what we need, we need to vote.”

Tim Clifford spoke. “...I’m a developer...I built Crossroads Park One 22 years ago...getting ready to build 39 units across the street...”

“12,000 constructed units, 17 states, 989 employees, no hair on my head...in those years, and in all of those states, and over 120 cities in those states, I have not worked with as good a staff as you have here. I’m here tonight to complement them...Scott Murphy...Andy Palmer...Josh Sickles...Kendall Delp...Jason Will...I mention those names because you folks need to know, Mr. Bell, that your staff are doing things outside of the call of duty; that’s not normal in our world today...I can’t tell you how much I love my city...I’m focused on bringing attainable housing to this market, I just want to thank you...”

Gregg Rutecki spoke, “When I look out my window I can see Rotary Park, Columbine Middle, and a pond that doesn’t have any water in it. From October of last year until the middle of May there was no water in the pond. They put water in the pond in May, and it stayed there until Labor Day when they started draining it again. By the end of September it was completely drained, just mud. Then they

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City Residents Seek Help after Neighbor Injured by Golf Ball From previous pg

started filling it again; they filled it up to the top. Two days later they started draining it again. People I ask about the pond, the reason why they drain the pond, the reason why they drain the pond is because they always drain the pond. Which I guess is on their schedule to drain the pond, so they drain the pond. Why would you drain it, fill it, and drain it again all within five weeks? That's the only question I have."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2025 special City Council meeting and the October 7, 2025, regular City Council meeting as presented.

BROWN CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT

Council voted unanimously to approve a Colorado Commercial Lease Agreement between the City of Montrose and Tuxedo Corn Company, LLC, for the building commonly known as the Brown Center at 3325 North Townsend Avenue

BROWN CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT

Council voted unanimously to approve a Colorado Commercial Lease Agreement between the City of Montrose and Montrose Lighthouse, Inc, for the property commonly known as the Brown Center at 3325 North Townsend Avenue.

ORDINANCE 2693 - SECOND READING

Also approved was Ordinance 2693 on second reading, amending the zoning district designation of lot 1 of the Murphy Boundary Line adjustment from R-1A, Large Estate District, to OR, Office-Residential District.

ORDINANCE 2694 - SECOND READING

Ordinance 2694 on Second Reading was also approved unanimously, amending the zoning district designation of a portion of Lot 1 of the Black Canyon Golf Course Boundary Line Adjustment from P, Public District, to R-1A, Large Estate District.

RESOLUTION 2025-17

Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2025-17, setting December 2,

2025, as the hearing date for the Haynes Addition annexation.

STAFF REPORTS

Sales Tax Manager Leeanne Whittaker presented the Sales, Use & Excise Tax Collections Report for August and the Area Report.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Youth Councilor Sydney Bell presented the Youth Council update.

"We just had our first Youth Council meeting about two weeks ago...we are having a meeting tomorrow, we are going to start discussing maybe helping out with the Trunk or Treat." Youth Council officers include Jordyn Simo as Mayor, Greysen Vidmar as Mayor Pro Tem, Reign Icasiano is Treasurer, and Shiloh Warthen as Secretary.

Mayor Dave Frank said Council looks forward to working with Youth City Council on projects.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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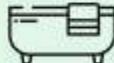
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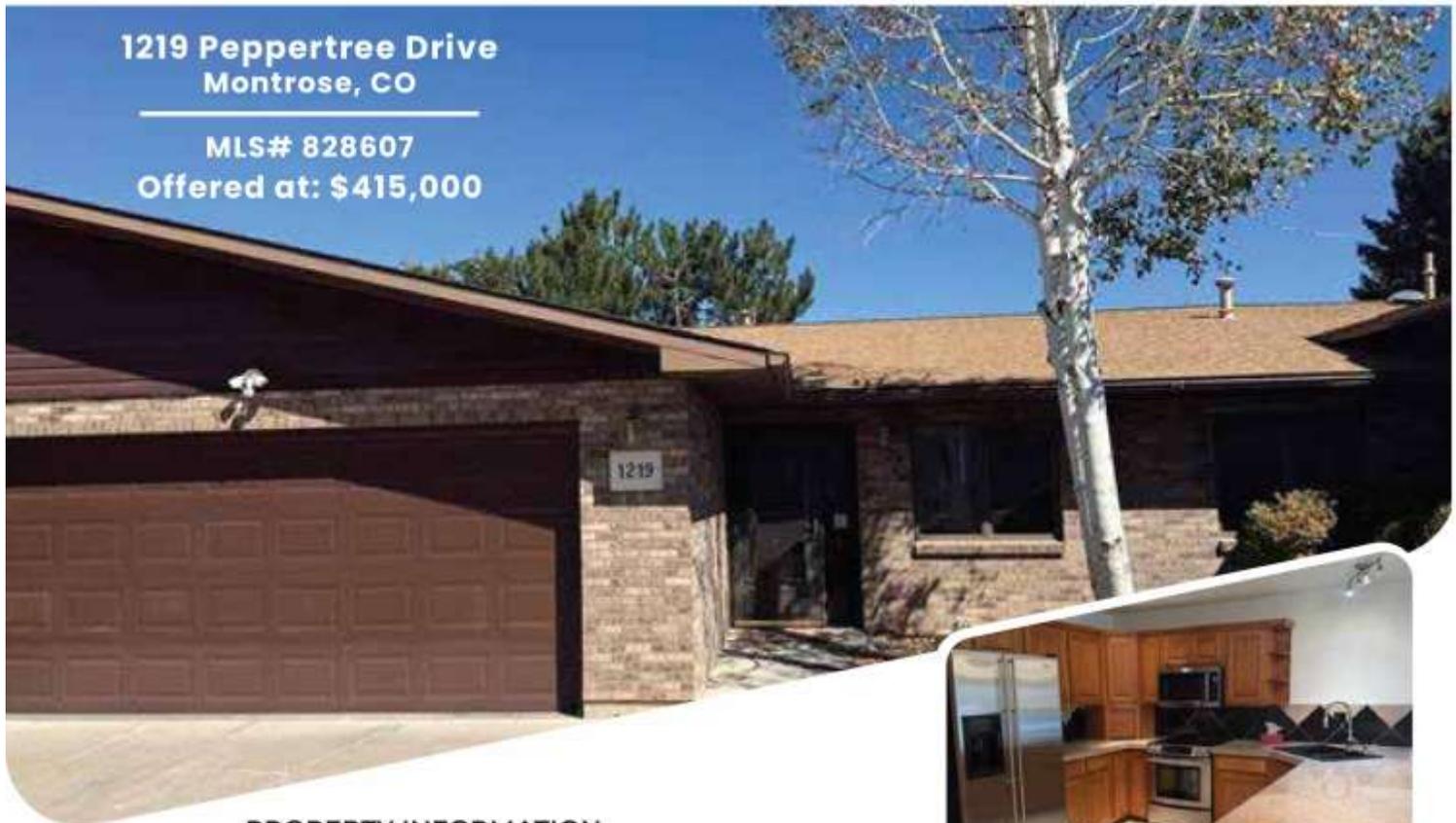
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applicant interviews and review before that appointment.”

Commissioner Sue Hansen said, “...We are going to open the position today, according to your suggestion—according to the two commissioners’ suggestion. So we received this email on Friday, opened (the position) on the 20th, closed on the 23rd, for both external and internal. So as a professional in the HR business for a number of years, what are your thoughts on how many external candidates we’ll get?”

Quon said, “...We haven’t been receiving a lot of external candidates, period. But I think in a three-day window we will probably not receive many at all.”

Hansen said, “So this seems like...I’m going back to October 8th, when we were given some choices by you...there were three options on preferences on floating the position again, which was sort of in conjunction with extending David’s contract until January, but posting the position later this year...so that would be probably the end of November, December, for internal and external and internal candidates, that was just one of the options...the other options...also included a longer time period, a normal time period...for floating a position.”

Quon reviewed the three options she had originally presented.

Hansen then said, “So instead, we’re going to reduce this to three days, and close the position....so it would appear that my fellow commissioners have decided...it’s not a big leap, to decide who they’re thinking would be the best candidate even though we’ve not looked at other candidates.”

Quon said, “We’ll have to see what candidates we have once the position closes...”

Once applications have closed, Quon said, she will forward resumes and applications to the BOCC.

Hansen said, “...I’m not a betting girl, but I would say we’re probably not going to get any additional candidates in that time frame. So, we are really choosing from one and maybe somebody that’s on staff who would be an internal candidate...I’m just going to state here, it’s pretty clear

who’s running the board. And even though there are three commissioners, it’s pretty clear that two people are making most of the decisions for the board, and this is a pretty critical decision. I might remind the Chair that this is exactly the reason why you were so incendiary at the end of last year when we hired Frank Rodriguez...I would also say just for the public watching...if the internal candidate gets selected by the two commissioners...most contracts will have to include a severance. “Everybody knows we have an election coming up,” she said. “Who knows what the outcome of that will be, however it seems to me making this decision now, it’s a pretty faulty decision to do this at the very end of the year—exactly what you criticized the previous board for doing, because we would be subject to a severance, if that board decides...whoever the internal candidate is.”

BOCC Chair Scott Mijares asked Quon when the decision to hire or not hire a candidate would be made.

Quon said that finalists would be announced on November 5th. “...Then we have a 14-day window, from the time we announce it, by statute, until we can actually appoint someone.”

Hansen said that the position is important. She called attention to Ouray County’s search for a manager. “We’re basically going to limit the exposure for this position, thereby eliminating the expertise that might be interested in leading the county along with county commissioners...”

Quon said that a previous search took three weeks and generated 16 candidates. “Very few of them were qualified,” Mijares said.

“Right,” Quon said.

Hansen said that doesn’t mean there wouldn’t be qualified candidates this time. “...It almost seems like a predetermined outcome...I’m more than a little upset about that. And also, for commissioners that talk about transparency all the time, the fact that this notice came in Friday about 230pm...about the timeline, I’m just registering my displeasure at not being

included in that conversation.”

“I understand,” Mijares said. “What would you suggest?”

BOCC Vice Chair Sean Pond said that the email was sent by Leslie Quon, not the commissioners. “...I got it at the same time you did.”

Hansen said that the email had stated that Commissioners Pond and Mijares were in agreement on the request to post the position for three days. “...That connotes to me, I’m just throwing it out here, that there were some conversations prior to that that indicated your interest in limiting the window...”

BOCC Vice Chair Sean Pond said that there were no conversations between Chair Mijares and himself. “I actually initiated an email to Leslie Quon, letting her know my statement; I believe she followed up after that.”

Quon said that she had contacted all three commissioners more than a week in advance, multiple times. The email sent on Friday was to confirm the timeline after hearing from all commissioners.

Hansen said, “I think to limit our applicants to a three-day window, internal or external, I would suggest that we go to one of the other options that Leslie sent us...that gave us some options to keep the window open long enough so we could get some qualified candidates to apply, so we have a choice of county managers, not just a slim choice.

Pond said, “I am not gonna change my stance on this. And I think, Commissioner Hansen, to sit beside David White, who’s done a fantastic job getting us to this budget process, and downplay his professionalism, and his involvement, and what he brought to the table, is inflammatory and kind of rude in my opinion.”

“I didn’t downplay anything,” Hansen said. “All I said was...”

Pond continued. “You’ve made this meeting incredibly political. I think David’s done a fantastic job. And should he choose to apply, I think he would be a good candidate. If there’s others, we’ll obviously read the applications, interview, and go through the process.”

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“Thank you for your comments,” Hansen said. “But there’s nothing political about this; this is just good business. And good business means that you see all the qualified candidates, and you leave the window open enough for all the qualified candidates to apply. There’s no way that people are going to see a three-day window and then get a resume together and apply.”

“So I would say that if you’re talking political, that it’s not I.”

BOCC Chair Scott Mijares asked how Jon Waschbusch had been made county manager. “Was there a long, protracted application process? It seemed like he just got in pretty quickly.”

Quon said that the position had been posted. Commissioner Sue Hansen said that Waschbusch had been with the county for 19 years. “Well known for his expertise and intelligence, and how he conducted business. And for all intents and pur-

poses, served as a quasi-county manager for a number of years because he did much of the decision making, so he was well known.

“David White came in as an interim three months ago,” Hansen said. “I haven’t even seen his resume, I haven’t seen his qualifications. I only know David through the community, so if David is the guy that you’re talking about...I think this is highly improper.”

Mijares said, “What you’re saying is that exceptions have been made, is that what I’m hearing, with Jon Waschbusch in this position in the county...I do want to note for the record that David White is a two-term county commissioner. I think he’s well adapted to what happens in the county...”

Hansen said that as a commissioner she is not qualified to be a county manager and would not apply to be one. “...I think the skill set required for a county manager is

wholly different...”

Pond said that he agreed, and that White had excelled in the position.

Hansen said that anybody can be on good behavior for 90 days. “And then you see something different after that. I’m not casting aspersions...it looks to me that it’s contrived and not the way the county should do business...especially with an election in the very near future.”

Pond moved to approve the presentation of the proposed timeline for county manager recruitment; the motion was approved two to one, with Hansen voting No.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The BOCC then met with the County Attorney, Interim County Manager, and Finance personnel in Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) for legal advice regarding the public safety sales tax.

Following Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned.



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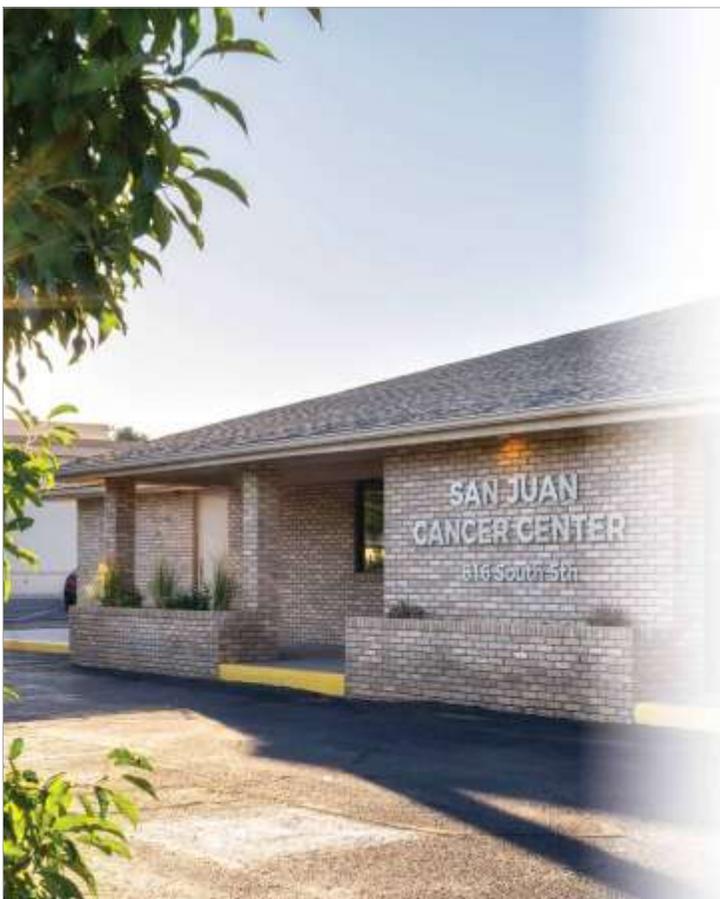
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historic month because it was dry.”

Cash Flow Report – September 2025

Turner said, “We are doing good on cash flow. Water sales are ahead by \$1M. With miscellaneous we are right on schedule. Interest is off a little because there is not as much in the bank. Expenses are tracking below 2024. The big one, water treatment, is up a little. Admin is up a little. Debt service is where we expect it. Overall, our expenses are below last year. There is \$5M in checking and \$3.5M at Colorado Trust.”

Process Control – September 2025

Turner said, “Process control compares seven-year average for 2025. October 31st the South Cannel will be turned off.” Turner’s report included water levels for local reservoirs.

Updates – September 2025

Turner said, “The Cedar Creek culvert (installed by CDOT) has four caissons that caused us a lot of concern. It is progressing really well. They will excavate under it and slide box culverts under our [water] line.”

Referencing the recent wind damage to a storage building Turner said, “Recla Metals took nine loads of scrap metal. The fence repair is scheduled. Phone poles still have to be replaced. We’ve got insurance money. The phones are up and running again. They were out of commission for a month and a half.”

When asked about insurance reimbursement, Turner said that the fence and backhoe windshield were covered; however, the building itself was not insured. Final hardware upgrades are scheduled for the plant.

Legal Update – Attorney Mavis Fitzgerald (Zoom).

Fiscal Operations Policies (potential action). Fitzgerald noted that although he had some communication with Chipeta, “...this is the same draft that was before you in September.”

Chipeta Water District Representative Matt Miles said, “We exchanged emails. Was there no benefit in our comments?”

Fitzgerald said, “I followed-up with you, but I didn’t think you had any questions.”

Matt Miles said, “We offered construc-



Citizens, as well as board alternates, attended the Project board meeting on Oct. 23. There were no public comments. Photo by Gail Marvel.

tive criticism.”

Fitzgerald said, “It’s hard for me to respond to one set of comments without the board, updating language without the [full] board weighing in.” The Physical Operation Policy draft was approved.

Contracting Update (informational).

Fitzgerald said, “My second item is contracts we’ve been updating. Last month Garver and we’re working on the D.A. Davidson contract. HDR [contract] will be addressed by Rick [Huggins].” Huggins did not mention the HDR contract in the public portion of the meeting.

Updated Risk Assessment of Regional Drinking Water System (potential action). Background:

The Resiliency Project, which was first presented in 2023, is to build a second water treatment plant south of Montrose that would have direct access to Ridgway Reservoir. The project, brainchild of the Project 7 Board, has been turned over to a contracted management team — Program Manager Engineer Rick Huggins, D.A. Davidson Representative Greg Swartz (financial); Deputy Project Manager Miles Graham, and Jessica, a Garver employee.

An excerpt from the Sept. 25, 2025, board meeting:

Board member Randy Meaker noted that since 2018 the board started down the road to build an expandable plant. He said, “Our expectations got bigger and bigger and bigger. We started out at about \$70M, not \$180M. We wanted the biggest bang for the buck. We turned it over to our [contracted consultants] engineer to take the monkey off the back of this board of being out of our mind! That’s my spiel.”

A management team member told the *Mirror* they take direction from the board, but the board retains authority. However, recommendations for the project, which continues to change and evolve, come from the consultants.

Huggins said, “Most of the update is financial related.”

Matt Miles said, “I thought we were clear the last meeting. Did I misunderstand? We were going to hit pause and discuss the 2013 Risk Assessment. Now you’re saying we’ll blow that off till next month — with the holidays. When we hit the pause button that doesn’t mean we move

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on.”

Management team member Miles Graham recommended a workshop next month.

Matt Miles said, “That’s what we should be doing right now. We hit the pause. I thought we were going back to the 2013 Risk Assessment.”

Vicki Ripp said, “Not that we were going to look at it [tonight], but we were going to update it. In September we voted to update the Risk Assessment. It was estimated to cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000 and take a couple months.”

Randy Meaker said, “[We need the update to look at] what is current economics.”

Matt Miles said, “I think that’s a waste of time. He has been leading the charge for 12 years.” It was unclear if Miles was referring to someone on the board, or a member of the management team.

Board Chair Jake Foreman said, “We’re not going to be confrontational.”

Old Business: Peer Rate Study

Consultant Greg Swartz (Zoom) said, “We generated a draft of 58 Colorado drinking water systems.”

Huggins presented the definition of affordability. He said, “What is a financial strain? It means different things to different people.”

Swartz said that two-thirds of cost to residents is paid to the entities, one-third of the cost to residents is paid to Project 7. It was suggested that a reasonable increase is between two and two and a half percent, but that two and a half percent is too much. Once again there were questions on the cost to individual residents in the entities. Swartz suggested meeting with each entity in the next week, before October 31, to explain their cost and then have a final report on January 22, 2026.

Solutions & Next Actions –PowerPoint slide Greg Swartz.

As he has done in past meetings, Swartz continues to promote the idea that Project 7 should amend the Establishing Contract between the entities because of the restrictions in that contract. However, another suggestion was put forward to create a new “Joint Exercise of Member

Agency Authority – Coalition of Willing.”

Huggins said, “There are ways to work around some [entities] if they don’t want to do away with the Establishing Contract.”

Meaker said, “Are there entities that don’t agree with the basic cost allocation?”

There was no board response.

Huggins said, “I would recommend time in the workshop [for more discussion].”

Part-Time CFO Procurement (informational)

Swartz said, “What we see across Colorado is that Project 7 is understaffed. They are not unique. Metro districts rely on outside, part-time accountants and personnel for monthly board meetings. There are firms in Colorado that provide monthly reports. Adam has the authority to hire.” Swartz suggested the position would be five to 10 hours a month, as well as preparing for the audit, with a cost estimate of \$30,000 to \$45,000 a year. There was no discussion about hiring locally.

Matt Miles said, “What do we do currently? Who does accounting?”

Turner said, “We have the QuickBooks System. Tessa [Scharf] and I have the responsibility. Tessa really is the head bookkeeper.”

Matt Miles said, “Can you pull me up what we have paid Miles Graham? I’d like to see that at the next meeting. QuickBooks is a powerful system. You should be able to pull that up right now. From what Chipeta has observed, there is a big gap in financial reports. We need more in-depth [financial] reporting.” Matt Miles then made a similar request regarding Swartz. He said, “Give us information that we can digest. Make it user friendly.”

Ripp said, “I agree, we need better accounting. Maybe we need to send Tessa to a class on QuickBooks.”

Matt Miles questioned the title CFO (Chief Financial Officer). He said, “This is not a CFO. It’s mislabeled. This is day-to-day-entry.”

New Business: Possible Special Meeting

A Special Meeting, which will include a workshop, was scheduled for 3pm, Dec. 11.

Executive Session:

Executive Session pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(f) (I) to discuss personnel matters.

2026 Budget Hearing

The Mirror did not remain for the 2026 Budget Hearing.

Adjourned

The board does not meet in November; a special meeting will be held on Dec. 11.

Project 7 Background:

Established on September 29, 1977, the Project 7 Water Authority is a cooperative among seven water entities that provide domestic water to the municipalities and rural areas of the Uncompahgre River Valley.

The seven entities that comprise the Project 7 Water Authority are:

[The City of Montrose](#)

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[The Town of Olathe](#)

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Project 7 Board meetings, which are held on the fourth Thursday of every month, begin at 4:30pm.

Meetings are open to the public and are available on Zoom. Board packet materials, which are unavailable to the public, are circulated to board members prior to the meeting.

Project 7 Contact Information:

The seven entities that represent the Project 7 Water Authority are:

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[The City of Delta](#) Mayor Kevin Carlson 970-874-7566 kevin@cityofdelta.net

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WOULD YOU WANT A MONTROSE COUNTY SOLAR POWER LAND USE CODE THAT WAS DEVELOPED DEMOCRATICALLY?

Editor:

Would you want a Montrose County solar power land use code that was developed democratically by the community or a code that was developed exclusively by the Montrose Board of County Commissioners?

A land use code for solar power generation facilities does not currently exist for Montrose County. This code should have minimum standards and regulations for such facilities. This code should be designed to reduce potential impacts and protect constituents, while still allowing for different forms of energy production to viably develop. A code is needed so that our communities do not end up with solar projects like those in Paradox and the Louisiana Pacific location near Olathe. However, overly restrictive codes can eliminate the capacity for solar energy production to develop altogether and operate as a major restriction to private property rights. It is a balance.

The Montrose Board of County Commissioners is now considering **two** distinct versions of such a code for potential approval. One code is loosely titled "Alternative One" and the other is "Alternative Two."

"Alternative One" and "Alternative Two" are vastly different documents with equally different origins. "Alternative One" is the product of nearly three years of research and drafting from constituents, county leadership, stakeholders, industry experts and regional energy cooperatives. Neighboring San Miguel and Mesa Counties were referenced as solar land use models for "Alternative One," and the Montrose Planning and Development Commission unanimously passed "Alternative One" earlier in 2025. "Alternative One" is a well-balanced code that responsibly honors private property rights, constituent protections and the

facilitation of a viable environment for solar development.

"Alternative Two" was created exclusively by the Montrose Board of County Commissioners, which makes the document fundamentally undemocratic.

"Alternative Two" was introduced July 31st, 2025, and County Commissioners attempted to approve "Alternative Two" on August 6th, 2025— allowing for exactly one week of public notice and constituent input. This is a grossly insufficient amount of time and would have served to effectively steamroll "Alternative Two" through had it been approved. Given constituent outcry, it was not. **If "Alternative Two" is passed, it will constitute the most restrictive land use code for solar in the State of Colorado. While "Alternative Two" maintains the protections of "Alternative One," it introduces new regulations that, when taken together, will effectively act as a shadow ban on nearly all scales of solar projects other than those appropriate to private residences. The Montrose County Planning and Development Commission denied "Alternative Two" on August 28th, 2025 during review of the alternative. In spite of this, "Alternative Two" is still being advocated by County Commissioners for potential passage.** As an example, "Alternative Two" mandates the solar energy facility to be located within 1,000 feet of an existing transmission line. Very few transmission lines exist in any given county district. **This requirement would kill most projects at the point of application. The county does not have authority over transmission lines, and "Alternative Two" is attempting to introduce a mandate inappropriate to the regulatory purview of a governing body.**

"Alternative One" has majority support in Montrose County Districts 1 and 2. Solar projects should be well-planned, responsi-

bly mitigate impacts and invest in the community with county tax revenue. This is possible under "Alternative One."

"Alternative One" requires ANY solar project over 20-30 acres be subjected to special use permitting. Special use permitting requires public noticing and constituent input. A special use permit must be approved by both the County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners (*Montrose County Zoning Regulations*, 141). Special use permit applications can be denied or significantly modified, including the size of the project. The location of the project proposal can also be changed, either with a new application or a rezoning amendment (*Zoning Regulations*, 67). **Special uses are subject to any conditions and limitations as the county may prescribe (Zoning Regulations, 69).** The county prepared a Special Use Permit map that acts as a guideline for locating special uses across the county. The map helps to determine project compatibility with surrounding land uses, zoning regulations, and community priorities (*Montrose County Master Plan*, 43). **Special use permitting gives county leadership and residents the power to specify, approve, modify or deny all solar proposals.**

"Alternative Two" will simply halt the majority of potential solar proposals.

Constituents can independently review each alternative and should send input to Tallmadge Richmond, Montrose County Planning and Development Director: trichmond@montrosecounty.net or (970) 252-4550. **A public hearing will be held Thursday, October 30th at 6:00 PM at the American Legion Hall in Olathe. A second public hearing will held Monday, November 3rd at 6:00 PM at the Montrose County Event Center to gather resident input on both alternatives.**

Thank you,

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RED HAWKS SOFTBALL: PONDEROSA MUSTANGS 13, RED HAWKS 0

MONTROSE-The Montrose Red Hawks Softball Team finished their regular season with a 15-7 overall record, a complete reversal from the record of the team last season. Their season record qualified the team for a playoff slot and an opportunity to continue their season.

The Ponderosa Mustangs took no prisoners in their initial contest with the Montrose Red Hawks as the Mustangs plated 8 runs in the top of the first inning to remove all doubt regarding the outcome. The Mustangs added a pair of runs in their third inning and three more in the fifth and final inning as the 10 run rule came into effect. The East Slope power banged out 13 runs on 13 hits while surrendering only 3 singles to the Red Hawks. The Red Hawks struck out 7 times and left 8 runners on base. Junior Isabelle Mott pitched the entire game for the Red Hawks.

WESTMINSTER WOLVES 4, RED HAWKS 1

The Red Hawks' second tournament game with the Westminster Wolves was a much closer affair as the Red Hawks dropped a 4-1 game that went 7 full innings. The Red Hawks scored first, pushing across one run in their half of the second inning. The Wolves took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the third inning and then added single runs in the 6th and 7th innings to secure the victory. The Wolves pounded out 9 base hits compared with only 5 for the Red Hawks. Sophomore Aubrey Blacker

led all Red Hawk batters with two base hits. The Red Hawks left four runners on base.

The Red Hawks finished the season with 15 wins vs 9 losses and are looking forward to an even better 2026.

RED HAWKS VOLLEYBALL: FRUITA-MONUMENT WILDCATS 3, RED HAWKS 1

The undefeated streak is over. It ended at the hands of the Fruita-Monument Wildcats as the Red Hawks traveled to the lair of the Wildcats. The Wildcats won the first game by the score of 25-22. The Red Hawks bounced right back and took game two by the score of 25-23. The Wildcats shifted their offense and their defense into another gear and won game three 25-16 and game four by 28-26. As per usual, Maggie Legg and Marcella Mendoza led the Red Hawks with 14 and 15 kill shots. Both Legg and Mendoza were very busy receiving service. With 34 and 26 receptions, Junior Lilly Nelson continued her dominance in ball handling with 28 sets.

RED HAWKS 3, GRAND JUNCTION TIGERS 0

The Montrose Red Hawks played their last game on the West Slope prior to the Discovery Canyon Tournament in the Colorado Springs area, as they defeated the Grand Junction Tigers 3-0. The Red Hawks bounced back from their loss at the hands of Fruita-Monument to outscore the Tigers 25-15, 25-19 and 25-21.

The Red Hawks will head over to the eastern slope on Halloween and will take on the Erie Tigers in their first match. The

Red Hawks record to date is a sterling 18-1 with a league mark of 9-1. The four-game tournament will further lock in seeding for the CHSAA regionals and the state tournament. Stay tuned.

RED HAWKS SOCCER: RED HAWKS 5, PALISADE BULLDOGS 0

The final three games of the fall soccer season are now in the books and the team awaits their seeding in the CHSAA State Tournament. The Red Hawks are currently sitting in 15th place with a 10-2-3 overall record and a 7-2-1 record in league action.

The Red Hawks had their offense and their defense in high gear as they scored 5 times and gave up nothing to the Bulldogs.

RED HAWKS 2, ROARING FORK RAMS 2

The Montrose Red Hawks soccer team traveled to Carbondale and took on the Roaring Fork Rams on their home pitch. The game was a very close-knit affair with the two teams each scoring once in each half of action. Both teams played well on both offense and defense as neither team could distance itself from the opposition.

RED HAWKS 1, DURANGO DEMONS 0

The Durango Demons paid a visit to Montrose on Friday and saw the home team come away with a hard-fought 1-0 victory. The Red Hawks were able to get their offense cranked up in the first half of action and scored a single goal.

The Demons and Red Hawks played very tight defense as witnessed by the 1-0 final score. The Red Hawks Defense proved the better of the two as they held the Demons scoreless in the contest. The Red Hawks finished their regular season with 10 wins, 2 losses and 3 ties. The Red Hawks league record stands at 7 wins, 2 losses and a single tie.

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WESTERN SLOPE FILMMAKERS BRING *CINEMORTAL* HOME FOR WORLD PREMIERE AT THE EGYPTIAN

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Courtesy photo: Cast and crew at the Egyptian Theater.

DELTA— Two years after turning Delta’s historic Egyptian Theatre into a working movie set, a group of recent film school graduates is returning to the scene, but this time they will walk the red carpet. Their debut feature film, *Cinemortal*, will make its world premiere at The Egyptian on Friday, Nov. 7, giving the young creative team a full-circle moment in the theater where it all began.

The filmmakers, including Writer/Director and Western Slope native **Tycho Wade**, Actor/Producer **Peter Nepi**, and Producer/Director of Photography **Sam Gannuch**, spent two weeks in the fall of 2023 shooting their first full-length film inside the century-old venue. *Cinemortal* is a story that blends horror and mystery, following a late-night party gone wrong in an old movie theater, where a group of friends uncovers the building’s darkest secrets.

"I started making movies in my backyard in Grand Junction when I was about thirteen, and I have always known that is what I wanted to do with my life. Coming back to the Western Slope to film *Cinemortal* really felt like being in that backyard again. The crew was joking around, pulling pranks, and working really hard. It honestly felt like summer camp with friends," said Wade.

"The people in Delta were amazing. Everywhere we went, folks were excited to hear we were making a movie in their city, and they made us feel so welcome. This screening at The Egyptian is really special. After almost three years of work, this is the first time anyone will see our finished film. I hope people have a great time with some thrills, laughs, and maybe a few scares. This event is really a celebration of The Egyptian, it’s an amazing and important place. Our film would not exist without the Egyptian, so bringing it back here feels like coming home."

The premiere will include a **440 Filmmaker Reception** from 5:30 to 6:50 p.m., featuring small bites, a cash bar, and photo opportunities with the cast and crew. The movie screening begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by a **filmmaker question and answer session** at approximately 9 p.m.

"The Egyptian has seen a lot in its nearly 100 years, but serving as a movie set and then hosting that same film’s world premiere is something truly special. We could not be prouder to welcome these talented young filmmakers back," said a theater spokesperson.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

SHOW ME WHO YOU WALK WITH

By Sean M. Pond

Montrose County Commissioner, District 3
Public service demands truth, even when that truth is uncomfortable. A little more than a week ago, Congressman Jeff Hurd and I had a tense exchange before nearly five hundred people. He approached me angrily, raised his voice, and told me several times that he “knew” I was going to run for his seat. He challenged me repeatedly to “be a man and get in the race.” It was loud, aggressive, and unnecessary. I kept my composure, told him my focus was on Montrose County, and extended my hand. We shook on a promise to communicate and work together.

That handshake should have meant something. Instead, just over a week later, a meeting was scheduled in my own district, the West End of Montrose County, without me or the chair of our board, Commissioner Scott Mijares. We were never notified or invited. Commissioner Sue Hansen, who represents another district and is in her final year of office, was. The timing and the guest list spoke for themselves.

When community members sent me the invitation, I was stunned to see nearly every political antagonist and recall supporter in attendance. The meeting is being held in one of only two buildings in the West End that display “Vote Yes on the Recall” signs. The other building with the only other sign sits right next door. Many of those on the list have publicly attacked Commissioner Mijares and me, and some helped lead the recall effort. Yet somehow they, not the sitting county leadership, were labeled “community leaders.”

I contacted Congressman Hurd immediately. He called, apologized several times,

and said the mistake would be corrected. That night, unable to sleep, I wrote him a detailed email explaining exactly why the meeting, scheduled just seven days before the recall election, was politically dangerous. I asked that it be postponed or restructured to include every voice in the community, not just one faction.

He chose to move forward anyway.

When we spoke again by phone, the conversation turned one sided. The Congressman talked almost nonstop, interrupting, talking over me, and brushing aside my attempts to explain the local situation. At one point he said the people who read newspapers or Facebook already have their minds made up and that I shouldn't worry about what they might say. It was dismissive and demeaning. I eventually stopped trying to interrupt the stream of words, realizing he wasn't interested in hearing another point of view.

In that conversation, he told me he wanted to build a relationship and learn how to work together. As I listened, I understood something I'll never forget. This is how people become politicians. This is how good men and women lose themselves in the process. They start with conviction, and then someone tells them that “working together” means compromising what they believe.

That moment was a lightbulb for me. I saw clearly how it happens, how people drift from who they are, how they forget why they were chosen to serve. I refuse to be one of them. I will not trade principle for popularity, or integrity for access. I will not “go along to get along.” I will remain unapologetically myself: a loyal servant of the people, a defender of the Constitution, and a steadfast believer in liberty and freedom.

I share this not to attack anyone but to be transparent with the people I serve. I have made every good faith effort to communicate with respect. I respect the office Congressman Hurd holds, but I am not subordinate to it. My duty is to the citizens of Montrose County, and I will not be silenced when something is wrong.

The Congressman says he wants to build a relationship. I want that too, but one built on mutual respect, honesty, and shared values, not convenience or political positioning. He calls himself a Republican, but repeatedly aligns with the very moderates and recall supporters working to unseat conservatives in this county. That may be politics as usual in Washington, but it's not leadership here.

The Constitution isn't flexible, and neither are the freedoms it protects. I will never compromise my principles or integrity to gain favor. I wish Congressman Hurd had handled this differently. I wish Commissioner Hansen hadn't played a role in shaping a list that excluded the sitting leadership of this board. And I wish our community weren't being used for political theater at a time when we need unity and truth.

There's an old saying: Show me who you walk with, and I'll tell you who you are. When a Congressman chooses to walk with recall organizers and known antagonists while excluding the elected leadership of his own party, he shows the public exactly where he stands.

A line was drawn this week, but it wasn't drawn by me. My loyalty remains with the people of the West End, with the voters who value freedom over politics, and with the citizens of Montrose County who deserve honesty from every level of government.

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Dear Montrose,

My name is Hollee Mundell. I am running for school board director for District E in the MCS D board elections. I am proud to be one of three people running in District E, because I give you, the voters, more choice. I am not in any partisan groupings which truly makes me a non-partisan candidate in a non-partisan election. These are the qualities that make me a strong candidate:

Board experience. For the past four years I have been invested as the Director for the Western Slope for the Colorado Dental Hygienists Association. I am but one voice amongst a sea of dental hygienists from the Front Range. I have never backed down in speaking up for policies or resolutions that have or may have an impact on the Western Slope dental hygienists or access to care. I will take that boldness and courage into the board room if elected school board director.

All my children are in public school. Over the past decade I have been investing in my children's public education. I have never regretted having my children in public school. I have made some hard phone calls and meetings to teachers that my children felt were "embarrassing," and

I do not regret doing it. Have there been some struggling times trying to get teenage boys to get their homework done or do more than the minimum effort? Why yes there has, however, there have been some great teachers along the way pushing them to do better. Those teachers didn't have to do that, especially when they had over 20 students per class, but they did because they knew my children's potential.

No hidden motives. I do not have a platform. Having a platform to me is like making campaign promises that I cannot keep. My profession has taught me not to be influenced by opinions or what is trending, but to look at the evidence. My business analytics degree tells me to look carefully at the data, because some data can be manipulated to favor bias or a particular narrative, which can distort the reality of this school district and even the community. I have been educating myself on the policies that the school district already has in place. I have been attending school board meetings online and a couple of meetings in person to gain more understanding. I have actively listened to the teachers, parents and children that have come through my chair.

Integrity and character. Running for school board is not a decision I take lightly. I know that it can affect the family, however, my husband's and my integrity and character are evident in the way our children carry themselves.

They have grown up watching how we treat others, handle challenges, and stay true to our values. Individuals that know me well can attest that I am able to listen effectively to those that think differently than I do and have the courage to be bold enough to speak out when ideas run contrary to goals that are trying to be achieved.

Call me an outlier that is neither predictive nor shaped by others. I live in freedom being an individual that went against the norms to be one of three candidates for District E in this single winner race. I believe in ensuring we leave this school district better for the next generation. Some of you have already voted, but to those that have not, my name is Hollee Mundell, and I would be honored to have your vote.

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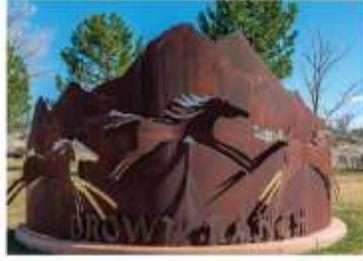
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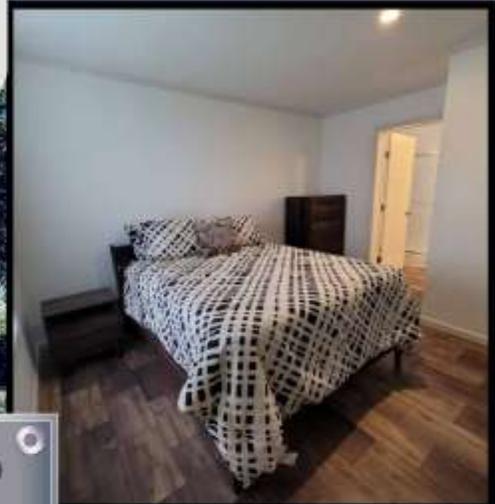
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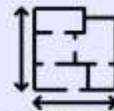
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TELLURIDE-Poet and painter Beth Franklin of Boulder will be the featured reader at the Tuesday Nov. 4 Bardic Trail virtual poetry series, sponsored by the Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Program. Franklin is the Executive Director of the Colorado Poets Center, founded by her late husband Robert W. King. She coordinates and sponsors in-person and virtual poetry readings, a yearly poetry contest for



Beth Franklin.
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Greeley-Evans high school students in her husband's name, and publishes *The Colorado Poet* newsletter.

She is professor emerita at the University of Northern Colorado, where she prepared pre-service teachers in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education. A passionate believer in the importance of poetry, Franklin is dedicated to developing and supporting local and global poetry projects. For those who like prompts, Franklin has selected "Gratitude." Virtual attendees are encouraged to bring a story or poem to share each month after the featured reader, their own work or someone else's.

December will bring CMarie Fuhrman of Idaho (and currently heading up the poetry program at Western Colorado University in Gunnison) to the Bardic Trails series. We will skip the West End Stories & Poems series in November, with Glade Hadden and Art Goodtimes talking about the local Uranium Industry history in Naturita on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 6 pm. The Wilkinson Library and Talking Gourds are discussing starting a new Stories & Poems series at the all-purpose community room on the third Tuesday of every month starting in December or January. Talking Gourds' Scot Rasor (KOTO DJ Razor Blaze) is working with Telluride Arts to continue to bring poetry to Artwalk first Thursdays in selected galleries and is also working with a lot of local arts entities to start a monthly music and poetry event somewhere in town with the beginning of the new year

The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Program hosts the free Bardic Trails virtual zoom series on the first Tuesday of each month.

The Wilkinson Public Library continues as our collaboration partner, with town support from Commission for Community Assistance, Arts & Special Events. No longer needing to register with the library, participants are encouraged to visit <<https://www.tellurideinstitute.org/western-slope-calendar>> to get the zoom link each month, if they aren't already on our mailing list. Thanks to the Cantor Family, the Guttman Family Foundation, CCAASE and our Fischer and Cantor contest participants for supporting our program and projects.

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The Colorado Department of Revenue will never send unexpected text messages requesting personal information or banking updates. If you receive such a text, please report it to [StopFraudColorado.gov](https://www.stopfraudcolorado.gov).

Anyone who receives this kind of fraudulent text message is encouraged to report it to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov. Be sure to include the phone number or email that sent the message and the website linked in the text. Taxpayers in the following states and cities have also been targeted by this campaign:

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

ELECTRIC CO-OPS: SAY NO TO DATA CENTERS

Editor:

Since the 1930's, America's rural electric co-ops have provided reliable and affordable power to places that investor owned utilities would never serve. The co-op model of member ownership has served rural Americans very well. But now, the rise of AI and its driving need for more data center capacity is turning the electricity supply situation upside down across the US. This issue has been mostly relegated to cities so far but now as they run out of power, a move to rural areas by the tech industry is afoot.

Traditionally, electric co-ops have operated as very fiscally conservative organizations and this is why we have seen very few go belly up. Our local Colorado Ute co-op was an exception back in 1990. Local board governance and a relentless focus on the best interests of co-op members has generally kept electric co-ops very financially strong with electric rates lower and more stable than those of investor owned utilities.

Now as the tech industry's data center developers go into overdrive to secure more processing capacity, electric co-ops need to be more vigilant than ever about getting lured into high risk electric supply contracts with these entities. Supplying data centers, which can consume as much electricity and water as a medium sized city, can demand massive expansion of a utility's generation and transmission resources. This could amount to hundreds of millions of dollars of new capital expenditures by the co-op.

And, to complicate matters, many financial experts are vocally urging caution as the AI/Data Center business has all the earmarks of a massive bubble, which if it pops, could make the Dot Com meltdown of the early 2000's look like a minor blip. Such an event could leave a co-op holding the proverbial financial bag as the data center clients fade away.

So, this is the time for electric co-ops to be very fiscally conservative and to always put the interests of their members first. Avoiding high risk entanglements with volatile tech industry players is the smartest course of business. So, co-op members...say NO to data centers!

John Gavan, Paonia, CO

MISFEASANCE BY ELLEN ANGELES

Editor:

This evening I got a post on Nextdoor from Ellen Angeles. In it she alleges that the four Conservative School Board candidates are receiving major backing from a Denver PAC. She lists a site to click to prove her point. The site clearly shows that it has been closed since 2018 and has NOT given money to candidates in this race.

Is this the kind of duplicity that we want on our School Board?

PLEASE DO NOT VOTE FOR ELLEN ANGELES.

This is the link she gave, see for yourself!

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

LINDA CHARLICK

May 24, 1954 — October 14, 2025



LINDA CHARLICK, 71 passed away on October 14, 2025 at 4:45pm at her home on Loghill, Ridgway, Colorado.

A celebration of life will be held at Taylor Funeral Service Chapel on

Thursday, October 30th, 2025 at 10am.

Linda was born on May 24, 1954 in Tacoma, WA. The 2nd of 7 children of Orval Frederick Tommy Johnston and Darlene Faye (Simon) Johnston.

Linda's dad was military so they traveled a lot, seeing and living in many of the states and also Panama and Germany. She graduated from Mitchell High School in

Colorado Springs, CO. Linda met her husband, Timothy Charlick on a blind date in October of 1973 and they married on February 2, 1974 (Ground Hogs Day). They lived in Colorado Springs for 20 years then ventured over to the Western Slopes that her sister Edith introduced them to. They lived in Montrose for a year before purchasing a home in Delta on 5 acres. Linda worked for a medical manufacturing company for 7 years then became the secretary at REMAX Today. Linda was encouraged to take her Real Estate License and work for Rose Smith as her PA. She did that for five years until Rose retired then continued selling Real Estate in Delta and Montrose counties where she won numerous awards and touched many lives. Linda was an active member of the real estate community serving both the Delta

County Board of Realtors and Colorado Real Estate Network Multiple Listing Service in various roles.

Timothy and Linda had one son, Corey Charlick. He married Jennifer McElroy in 2006. They blessed Tim and Linda with granddoggies!

In 2023 Timothy, Linda, Corey and Jennifer started building a multi-generational home in Loghill, Ridgway, moving in in 2024. Linda loved the mountain scenery and the closeness of family.

Linda is survived by her husband, son and daughter-in-law, her mother, two brothers and two sisters. Her extended family of two brother-in-laws and their wives and family and of course her granddoggie – Jasmine!

In lieu of flowers please donate to a charity of your choice.

PHYLLIS ARLENE BUTTERFIELD

February 2, 1931 — October 15, 2025

PHYLLIS ARLENE BUTTERFIELD (age 94) passed away on October 15th, 2025. She died in her sleep at the home where she had lived for the past 65 years. She was born in Montrose on February 2nd 1931 to August and Gladys Krill.

Phyllis lived in the Olathe area her entire life. She grew up on her family's farm in Coal Creek, attending Coal Creek School and Olathe High School. In 1949 she married William (Bill) Butterfield and together they raised two children, daughter Sheryl (Starbuck) and son Phillip. While her children were young, Phyllis did seasonal work in the apple packing sheds on Ash Mesa. Once her kids entered school she began working at Olathe Elementary School, first as a cook in the hot lunch program and later as a teaching assistant. Her final job as an assistant in the library provided her with a chance to connect

with kids on a one-to-one level; she found that work to be especially rewarding. Her summers were spent canning fruits and vegetables from Bill's garden and local orchards. Although Phyllis's dill pickles, apricot jam, and green beans were famous throughout the family, her husband loved her canned peaches and pears the most.

Phyllis was a capable and thoughtful homemaker and took pride in maintaining an impeccable home and yard until the day she died. She especially enjoyed tending to her roses and other flowers. Phyllis was a loving Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Holidays were special at GGPhys's house where she enjoyed hosting all the family that could come. She loved watching her seven great grandkids grow up and spending time with them either in person or via video on her

phone. Phyllis was solid in her faith, spending time each day in prayer and reading her bible.

Phyllis is survived by her son Phillip (Patricia) Butterfield, son-in-law Harvey Starbuck, grandchildren Natasha, Caleb (Sarah), Sara (Ben), James (Stephanie), and Tristan (Taylor), and great grandchildren Greta, Heidi, August, Henry, Samuel, Kathryn, and James. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bill whom she married 77 years ago, her daughter Sheryl Starbuck, and her brothers George and David Krill.



COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

FLORA FAE (KALAR) STURGEON *December 28, 1929 - October 12, 2025*



Flora was born in Delta, Colorado to Walter and Edith Kalar. She was the 2nd of five children. Her older sister was Barbara and her younger three siblings were Walter, Lawrence, and Martha. After their time in Delta, the family moved to Lake City, Colorado and eventually ended up in Montrose, Colorado. She attended high school in Delta but never graduated. More on that later.

Eventually, she met and married Eugene Sturgeon. They went to Denver to get married. Question is, did they tell their parents? We will never know! At the time of Gene's death, they had been married 60 years. They had four children: James, Ronald, Patricia, and Rodney. We all lived in our home on California Mesa on our own

small farm. Our Mom loved it there and never wanted to leave. She was very comfortable with that place, and we all thrived there. We all treasure those memories. We learned to work hard by watching our parents.

After Gene passed away in 2007, Flora wanted to stay on the farm. However, she later moved to an assisted living facility in Fruita. Flora passed away peacefully at Hope West Hospice at the age of 95.

Now more facts about our Mom that a lot of you may not have known...

She got her GED!

She loved to bowl!

She also loved to snowmobile with our Dad!

She took up painting with oils, which she started in her 50's. And she usually won various ribbons at the fair in Montrose!

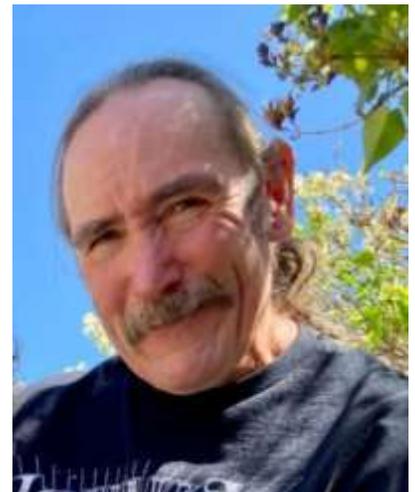
She loved to camp, go on picnics, and jeep rides!

FRANK LARRY PARKER *August 26, 1965 — October 20, 2025*

FRANK LARRY PARKER was born in Tarrant County, Texas on August 26, 1965, and entered his eternal home on October 20, 2025. He is survived by his life partner of 24 years Bernadette Davison and his children Suzette Owens, Jolynn Durazo-Diaz, Rita Martinez, Ray Parker, Elizandra Martinez, and Annie Bergantino. Frank is also survived by 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Frank built a life defined by hard work, strength, compassion and unconditional love for his family. If something needed fixing he is who you'd call and without hesitation he would be there. Frank took pride in providing for his family. He labored as a construction worker, contributing to this community by building roads, parks, event centers and everything in between.

At this time, a celebration of life is being planned and as information is set, it will be shared with Crippin Funeral Home. All are welcome to join in honoring his memory.



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ART & SOL

MONTROSE CENTER FOR ARTS PRESENTS *THE ART OF OBSERVATION: TWO VOICES*

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Center for Arts (MCA) is pleased to introduce two artists' voices, Bonnie Bucknam and Julia Reid, in *The Art of Observation* exhibit. Reid and Bucknam explore their observations in abstraction, using oil paint and cold wax medium, acrylic, and collage. The exhibit will run November 4 -29, 2025, during regular gallery hours. The opening artist reception will be held on the 13th of November, Thursday from 5 to 7PM at the gallery located at 205 E. Main Street in Montrose..

Reid explained her inspiration. "When creating in the studio, I regularly reference and tap into my life and the many aspects of my history and daily living which influences my work — be it discarded items along my path, colors, textures, skylines/horizons, animals, people, places or living in Southwestern Colorado. Often, the natural beauty and power of this landscape seeps into some aspect of what I am inclined to include in my art. Literally and energetically, it shows up."

"My process is rooted in exploration," she added. "With a shift in mindset, I've come to see my studio as a lab—where discovery, improvisation, play, and adaptation lead the way. There's freedom in letting go of control, in allowing work to evolve with its own voice. This is where the most honest pieces emerge. I hope visitors to my the exhibit experience this same sense of curiosity, movement, and

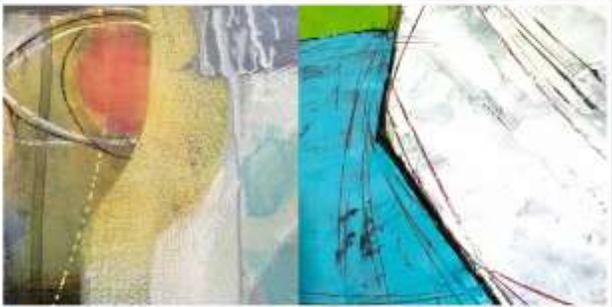
connection."

Bucknam started her first rock collection when she was six years old. She stated, "My fascination with geology, rocks, landscape, and geologic history continues to this day. I grew up in Southern California, where the vegetation is sparse and the earth gives up its story easily. I camped and hiked with my friends around the Southwest — an annual road trip to Death Valley in February, treks to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, exploring lava tubes in the Mojave Desert."

In college, Bucknam studied archaeology and geology and said that working on archaeological digs took her from California to France, New Mexico, and finally, Alaska, where she lived for 31 years. Over the years, her work evolved from landscapes to abstracts, which are a distilled response to the character and essence of the places she has lived, the people she has visited, and the creations of cultures that have come before. Her latest collage work explores art elements for their own sake and continues her studies with abstraction.

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Stayed Tuned for Holiday Magic

MCA has very special plans for the holidays this year. The "Give the Gift of Fine Art: A Holiday Marketplace of Art" will offer a wide range of art — paintings, pottery, wood and metal art, jewelry, fabric art and more. The exhibition reception will kick off the holiday season at MCA on December 2, 5 – 7 p.m.

Colorado Gives Day

Help support the

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MONTROSE CENTER FOR ARTS PRESENTS THE ART OF OBSERVATION: TWO VOICES

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arts in Montrose! Colorado Gives Day is December 2, but you can begin giving any time starting November 1. Montrose Center for the Arts is registered, so please consider making a donation before the tax year ends. Visit www.coloradogives.org or you can go directly to our website at <https://montrosecenterforarts.com/donate/>.

About Montrose Center for Arts

MCA is a non-profit organization totally served by volunteers and is always looking for volunteers to help with a wide variety of activities, from hosting at the reception desk, to helping with events and planning and developing the future of the organization. If you are interested in helping bring art to the Western Slope, call or email MCA to volunteer.

The MCA depends upon support from membership, contributions, sponsorships, grant funding and the local community. To support the MCA and local artists on the Western Slope, become an MCA member by stopping by the gallery or visiting our website. (970) 787-9428

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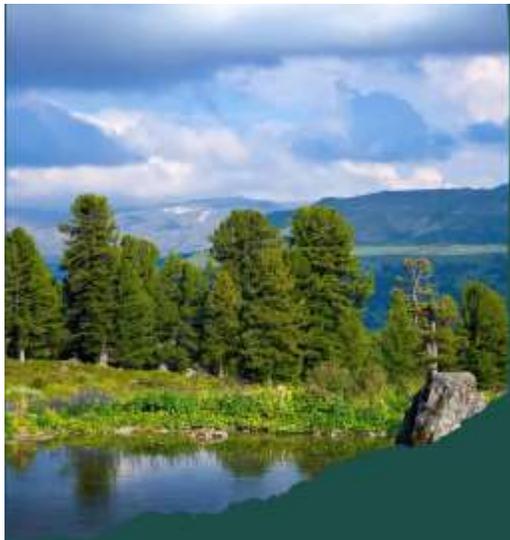
MONTROSE-On Saturday, Nov. 1, 9 am Columbine Quilters will meet at Welcome Home Alliance Warrior Resource 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way Montrose. Social time at 9am, Business Meeting at 9:30am, followed by Show-and-tell, Refreshments and Program. Visitors are always welcome. For more information: Paula millsappscoui@gmail.com or Cheryl 970-462-3849

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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
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 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)
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Student (middle & high school) at 9am.

Adult -Discipleship classes 8am and
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Name of Church: Christ's Church of the
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Denomination Affiliation: Non-
 denominational Christian Church/Church
 of Christ

Address: 10 Hillcrest Plaza Way. Mont-
 rose, CO 81401

Office hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-
 noon and by appointment.

Contact information:

Phone: 970-249-0530

Email: CCVMontroseCO10@gmail.com

Website: ccvmontrose.org

Name of current Senior Pastor: Ken Law-
 rence

Worship service times: 10:30 a.m.

Mission: Christ's Church of the Valley is a
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Affiliation: Lutheran Church Missouri Syn-
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Address: 1980 N. Townsend Ave., Mont-
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Contact: 970-633-0226

Website: www.montroselutheran.org

Email: montroselutheran@gmail.com

Pastor: Tim Onnen

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Office hours: Call or text for appointment

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Email: spirit@communityspiritucc.org

Website: communityspiritucc.org

Current Pastor: Rev. Wendy Kidd

Worship service: Sundays at 11am

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 thentically.

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Denomination affiliation. No affiliation

Address Office hours N/A

Contact: 720-951-9941,

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Office hours: By appointment
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Contact information: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, 970-252-0908, arlyn@spiritaware.org, www.spiritaware.org
Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn

Pastor: Interim Pastor Ian Hyde
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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., 2nd Sunday of each month; Chai Chats, a Wednesday morning midweek informal spiritual gathering at 10:30 a.m. at Pun Hill Himalayan Restaurant, Mont-

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

support one another through spiritual growth, worship, and service in our community, country, and world. We also encourage children and youth to grow their relationship with Christ through our children and student ministries.

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.

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.

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.

rose; 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. People of all ages are welcome.

There are currently no Sunday School or nursery services provided but craft supplies are available for youth.

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

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

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

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-

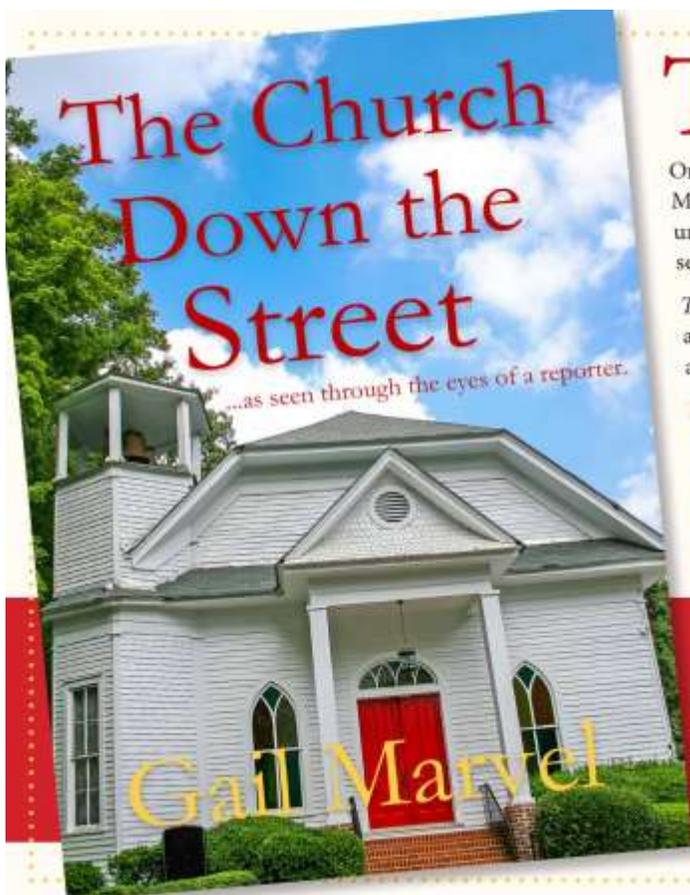
6874; email at info@vbcmontrose.org; website: vbcmontrose.org
Current Pastor: Roland Kassales
Worship Service Times: Sunday School at 9:30am, Sunday AM Service at 10:30am, Sunday PM Service at 6pm, Wednesday Night Service at 6:30pm (all services include childcare)

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?



The Church Down the Street, published pre-COVID, peers into the worship services of more than 70 churches, some of which have a weekly attendance of less than 10.

Organized in a topical format (Hospitality, Program & Source Material, Music, Meditations & Invitations, and The Message), the author uses an unbiased approach to allow readers to experience the worship service as seen through the eyes of a reporter.

The Church Down the Street contains anecdotes and stories from the actual worship services and asks thought-provoking questions that allow readers to draw their own conclusions.

Readers will:

- See strengths and weaknesses in the worship service
- Re-evaluate hospitality toward visitors
- Become more aware of source material used in the worship service
- Compare and contrast music presentations and selections
- Discern the value and content of the sermon.

Gail Marvel's book, *The Church Down the Street*, is available online at Amazon.com and wingedpublications.com.

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Please join us for our fifth Annual Trivia Night at the Elks Club!

Date: Saturday, November 1st at 5pm.

Registration: \$30 per person (up to 8 people per team)

*Includes unlimited access to appetizer & dessert bars and non-alcoholic drinks.

*Elks Cash Bar will also be available



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5th Annual Trivia Night

Gather your dream team (up to 8 players) and get ready for a lively night of trivia, laughs, and a little friendly competition! Tables are limited, so snag your spot soon. Prizes are up for grabs—and best of all, every question answered helps support the incredible community projects of Altrusa International of Montrose.

DATE: Saturday, November 1, 2025

TIME: 5:00 - 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Montrose Elks Lodge - 801 S Hillcrest Dr, Montrose, CO 81401

COST: \$30 per person, due at registration. This includes unlimited access to appetizer and dessert bars, and non-alcoholic beverages! (*Elks Cash Bar will also be open)

TEAM NAME: _____

Main Team Contact Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Players Names:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____

Please Complete one form per team.

We kindly ask that you are seated before our start time of 5:00 pm!

No outside Food or Drink will be allowed.

Questions? Please contact Gail at 970-275-0751 or Ginny at 970-964-4379

Please make checks out to Altrusa International of Montrose and mail along with the completed application to:

Altrusa of Montrose

PO Box 932

Montrose, CO 81402

Or call one of the contacts above and we can meet to obtain registration form and check.

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SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

ONGOING-

ALTRUSA INT'L believes in "Leading to a Better Community" and is always looking for new members. We meet in Montrose on the first three Tuesdays a month at the Field House: 25 Colorado Ave, 12-Noon. Pick a day that works for you & please join us! Through our local Altrusa Club, members unite their varied talents in service to others, achieving as a group what individuals cannot do alone." <https://www.altrusamontrose.org/> P: 970-765-7666 E: Altrusa.Montrose@gmail.com

BLACK CANYON AUDUBON SOCIETY provides a monthly program on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Montrose Field House, 25 Colorado Avenue, Montrose. blackcanyonaudubon.org

Tuesday - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays-Black Canyon Audubon Society hosts monthly birdwatching field trips in the Montrose area on 1st Tuesdays of the month and in the Delta area on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Check out the website for field trip details at blackcanyonaudubon.org.

COLUMBINE QUILTERS meet at Welcome Home Alliance Warrior Resource Center, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way Montrose. 1st Saturday except for July at 9 am.

FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS meets at the Montrose County Events Center, 4th Thursday Jan - Oct, 3rd Thursday Nov - Dec, 9am.

HEALING COLLECTIVE OF WESTERN COLORADO-Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12-1pm the Healing Collective of Western Colorado meets at 220 N Stough Ave. It is open to all wellness providers in the area who would like to collaborate with and learn from other local practitioners.

MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET (970) 249 0705 Centennial Plaza, 433 S. 1st St. Montrose, CO 81401

www.valleyfoodpartnership.org. Year-Round Farmers Market, Saturdays 9am-1pm (Summer), every other Saturday 10am-1pm (Winter). Accepts SNAP and Double Up Food Bucks.

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 Montrose Area Woodturners meet second Saturdays 9 am. Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. For location and information contact: 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.

MONTHLY

Nov. 1-On Nov. 1, 9 am Columbine Quilters will meet at Welcome Home Alliance Warrior Resource **4 Hillcrest Plaza Way** Montrose. Social time at 9am, Business Meeting at 9:30am, followed by Show-and-tell, Refreshments and Program. Visitors are always welcome. For more information: Paula millsappsouei@gmail.com or Cheryl 970-462-3849

Nov. 6-Women's Giving Club will meet Nov. 6 at 5:30pm Bridges Golf and Country Club.

Nov. 7-Miss Suzy's Educational Services Disco & Auction. 6-9pm Montrose Elks Lodge. Tickets can be purchased through Miss Suzy's or at the door. \$20 adults-\$10 Teens-\$5 children. Fall Crafts-70's Attire Contest-Dance Contest-Photo Booth. Call (970) 318-0982.

Nov. 13-14-First Annual Farm & Ranch Trade Show and 2025 West Slope Water Summit, Montrose County Event Center.

Nov. 14-Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club Crab Crack will be Friday, Nov. 14 at 6pm at the Montrose Pavilion.

Nov. 22-The San Juan Weavers Guild 47th annual Show & Sale is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Ute Indian Museum, 17253 Chipeta Rd., Montrose. The event is free to the public and will feature educational exhibits, demonstrations and hands-on activities. A vast selection of handwoven, handspun, and related fiber items made by guild members will be for sale. The facility is wheelchair accessible and provides on-site parking.

CONGRATULATIONS MHS MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM!

Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE-Montrose Red Hawks Cyclists competed in the Colorado Mountain biking Championship in Glenwood Springs on Oct. 18-19. Pictured is MHS Cyclist Sonora Shishim at the competition. "The girl behind her from Summit County has been in close competition with her all season. She lives in Paonia and goes to North Fork High School and participates on the Montrose team," Sonora's mother Teresa Shishim said. Photo is courtesy of Teresa Shishim.



RED HAWKS MOUNTAIN BIKE INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Montrose - D1											
17	1	7066 PEYTON SCHEID	Freshman Girls	F	9	385	33:04	35:06	-	1:08:10.88	☆
18	2	7067 SONORA SHISHIM	Freshman Girls	F	9	380	34:22	34:30	-	1:08:52.86	☆
65	3	11 TRE BROWN (LEGACY)	Varsity Boys	M	12	346	25:46	27:29	27:30	1:20:46.79	☆
68	4	54 MCKENNON KROLL	Varsity Boys	M	11	343	25:37	27:45	27:29	1:20:51.89	☆
52	5	3098 VIVIKA PRINTZ	JV Girls	F	12	324	34:33	35:41	-	1:10:14.92	☆
56	6	2335 JOSHUA SKARKA	JV Boys	M	11	320	27:57	28:43	-	56:41.74	☆
33	7	7013 HENNESSY DISCOE	Freshman Girls	F	9	320	37:02	36:31	-	1:13:33.74	☆
34	8	4258 COLTON WILLIAMS	Sophomore Boys	M	10	317	26:51	27:59	-	54:50.22	☆
60	9	2398 SAMUEL WHITE	JV Boys	M	11	316	27:58	28:53	-	56:52.55	☆
66	10	3020 KAYLA BRAATEN	JV Girls	F	11	310	36:44	38:35	-	1:15:19.66	☆
41	11	6311 GUS STARK	Freshman Boys	M	9	300	28:53	28:54	-	57:48.02	☆
46	12	6228 JACOB WEGELIN	Freshman Boys	M	9	290	28:27	29:43	-	58:10.81	☆
46	13	7054 LILIAN PHILIPP	Freshman Girls	F	9	290	37:03	38:00	-	1:15:04.16	☆
48	14	5087 MIA MUNZ	Sophomore Girls	F	10	288	37:51	40:45	-	1:18:36.77	☆
50	15	5003 ZURI BALLECK	Sophomore Girls	F	10	286	39:40	40:35	-	1:20:15.91	☆
50	16	6088 WILLIAM HINES	Freshman Boys	M	9	286	29:14	29:13	-	58:28.29	☆
60	17	5010 CYAN CASSELBERRY	Sophomore Girls	F	10	276	42:03	45:28	-	1:27:31.91	☆
105	18	2361 IAN STUTZMAN	JV Boys	M	11	271	29:26	29:50	-	59:17.40	☆
70	19	4033 EDAN CANODE	Sophomore Boys	M	10	266	29:00	29:15	-	58:15.42	☆
79	20	6025 GUS BRAY	Freshman Boys	M	9	257	30:04	31:18	-	1:01:23.14	☆
121	21	4220 VAUGHN SHERMAN	Sophomore Boys	M	10	215	31:20	32:15	-	1:03:35.76	☆
124	22	4318 SHAUN "FINN" SMITH	Sophomore Boys	M	10	212	31:36	32:04	-	1:03:40.92	☆