



ONLINE NEWS
ASSOCIATION

SAVE A TREE, READ THE MIRROR!

ISSUE 712 Oct. 19, 2026

Find us Online:

www.montrosemirror.com

Please support our advertisers!

scott's
printing & design

<https://www.scottsprinting.com>



<https://www.ridgelinehomescolorado.com>



Alpine Bank

<https://www.alpinebank.com>



www.montrosehealth.com

CENTURY 21

www.century21.com



CIMARRON CREEK

<https://cimarroncreekcommunity.com>



**Hidden
Lake**

www.thehiddenlakecommunity.com



<https://www.whiteyhomeimprovement.com>

the Montrose Mirror

MHS STUDENTS FORM ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION



Members of the Student Advisory Committee addressed the Board of Education. Meeting Screenshot.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-With District F Director Jody Hovde attending remotely and the sudden resignation of Board Vice President and District B Director Ted Valerio, two seats were empty at the Montrose County School District RE-1J regular business meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Directors now include Board President Neisha Balleck; District D Director Tom West; District E Director Tiffany Vincent; District F Director Jody Hovde; District G Director Shane Daly; and District C Director Scott Scarborough.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence, the Board voted to approve the meeting agenda.

Continued pg 7

MONTROSE COUNTY 2027 BUDGET INCLUDES THREE FTE'S FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-During a special meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 14, Montrose County Commissioners heard a [presentation](#) of the [2027 County Budget](#).

All Commissioners were present. There were no comments from the public.

County Manager Joe Kerby introduced the \$104.9M budget for 2027; Finance Director Cindy Dunlap and Assistant Director Lanny Paulson presented the budget in detail.

Assistant Finance Director Paulson delivered the initial portion of the presentation with a comprehensive overview of revenue and expenditures.

Finance Director Cindy Dunlap discussed expenditures. The total proposed budget of \$104.9M includes \$42.3M in Labor Costs, or 40 percent. Non-Personnel Operating costs are \$37.5M, or 36 percent. Capital Expenditures are \$25.1M, or 24 percent.

The proposed budget for 2027 reflects an overall expenditure decrease of \$15.2M, or -12.6 percent. The operating budget increase of \$4.7M is offset by a \$19.8 percent decrease in capital expenditures.

The Sheriff's Budget of \$17.7M includes the addition of three FTE's. BOCC discretionary funding for the Sheriff's Office totals \$9.4M, or 53 percent of the Sheriff's Operating Budget.

Sales and Use Tax revenue is projected to increase by 1.7 percent in 2027. Operating Revenue for 2027 is projected to increase by 2.1 percent.

Link to [proposed budget](#) for 2027.



The Montrose County BOCC heard the proposed budget for 2027. Pictured above L-R are Assistant Finance Director Lanny Paulson, County Manager Joe Kerby, and Finance Director Cindy Dunlap. Meeting Screenshot.

Gia Pirelli Column:
The Satisfied Self! Pg 88

Cartoons by Tim Jones &
Mariano Velasco!

Osprey Rescue in
Hotchkiss! Pg 76

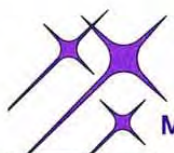
Letters to the
Editor!

Regional News
Briefs!



Youth Services Program

Star Wars Reads



Friday, October 23
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

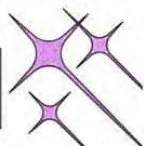
Montrose Regional Library

Special guests
may appear
for photo
opportunities!



Costumes and
cosplay
encouraged!

Join us for fun
activities for all ages!



320 S 2nd, www.montroselibrary.org
Mon-Thurs 10-7, Fri 10-6, Sat CLOSED, Sun 1-5,
(970)249-9656.

MONTROSE REGIONAL
LIBRARY DISTRICT

www.montroselibrary.org

MIRROR CLASSIFIED!



8500

ANONYMOUS

Download The APP. **P3TIPS**

**MONTROSE REGIONAL
CRIME STOPPERS**

see something, say something

SPECIAL EVENTS

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Lane Anderson

Classically trained in New York-

Multi Instrumentalist

tromhorn@yahoo.com

970 596 2149

Commercial Offset &
Digital Printing

Trade Bindery &
Finishing Services

Innovative
Screenprinting

Custom Digitizing &
Embroidery

Direct-To-Garment Printing

Creative Design &
Prepress

Promotional Marketing

Large Format

in the heart of the San Juans...

Scott's PRINTING
SINCE 1974
COMMERCIAL Offset PRINTING

(970) 249-2611 • 315 S. 12th Street, Suite A • <https://linktree/scottsprinting>

<https://www.scottsprinting.com>



MONTROSE

ASSOCIATION of REALTORS

Beyond the Listing Price. Making Sense of Local Property Taxes

***Statewide tax changes and local mill levies directly impact your monthly payment.
A local Realtor helps you see the complete financial picture.***



Buying or selling property in Western Colorado involves financial details that generic national websites simply cannot calculate. Following major statewide legislative updates, understanding property taxes across Montrose and Ouray Counties requires genuine local insight. Knowing how your valuation was established and how local mill levies apply prevents unexpected surprises in your monthly mortgage escrow. A local Realtor looks beyond national estimates to provide clear, localized numbers you can trust.

How a Montrose Association Realtor safeguards your closing:

- **Accurate Payment Estimates:** Calculating true monthly payments using verified county mill levies rather than generic online tax averages.
- **Closing Cost Precision:** Ensuring property tax prorations and escrow reserves are calculated accurately at the closing table.
- **Connecting to Tax Relief:** Directing eligible long term seniors, disabled veterans, and surviving spouses to county assessor exemption programs.

Is your agent a member of the Montrose Association of Realtors®?

***Local clarity. Financial Confidence.
Serving Montrose and Ouray counties.***

www.montroseassociationofrealtors.com



Not Just a Better Deal. A Better Dealership!

Montrose Ford-Nissan SINCE 1986!

Online Service Appointments. And we can come to YOU!



Our tech. Your driveway.

Added convenience, no added charge.
That's ownership built around you.

Tap To Schedule Service Now

Mobile Service is limited by geography. Does not include parts, labor, repair charges, environmental fees or taxes. A & B for details.

BEST of the Valley for 2025!

- BEST New Auto Dealer
- BEST Oil Change Shop
- BEST Auto Repair



Wes Abbott



Nick Klahr



Erik Eckman



Manny Vargas



Guillermo Barba



Jonathan Munger



Berta Suarez



Tony Perez



Zac Mckay



Maria Tollefson



Waseem Shala



970-249-4576
MontroseFordNissan.com

<https://www.montrosefordnissan.com/xtime-schedule-service.htm>

RULES FOR PUBLISHING

Dear Readers:

We appreciate your letters! We like reading and hearing opinions from all perspectives. We are sharing herewith our updated guidelines:

In the past we have had one rule, to be implemented at the editor's discretion. We are now including two more suggested "Rules" for letter writers.

RULE 1. The Dead Horse Rule has been in place from the start of the *Mirror*. This is somewhat self-explanatory, but there are times when something has been said so many times it can run afoul of the "Dead Horse Rule," in which case we will inform the writer. This rule now includes requests to re-print letters that have already run.

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.

RULE 3. Please limit repetitive mud-slinging to avoid bumping up against Rule 1. Also, in the case of those writing to intentionally discredit a public official or candidate for public office, please provide a link to the source of your allegation if possible. Unsourced, unproven allegations are not credible, and could in fact be untruths. Finally, opinions expressed in letters and commentary are those of the authors themselves, and do not reflect the views of the *Montrose Mirror* or editorial staff.

Thank you,
Caitlin Switzer,
Montrose Mirror Editor

the Montrose Mirror

Fresh news for busy people

Serving Colorado and Beyond Since 2010!

Published every Monday in Montrose, Colorado, the Montrose Mirror reaches a readership of more than 40,000 across the region and around the world

Editor: Caitlin Switzer

Publisher: Harry Switzer

Of Counsel: B. Switzer, Esq.

For information, advertising opportunities, or to submit content:

Email: Editor@montrosemirror.com

Website: www.montrosemirror.com

Connect with us on social media:

www.facebook.com/MontroseMirror

www.instagram.com/MontroseMirror

We welcome community contributions and commentary! Please note, submitted content does not necessarily reflect the views of the *Montrose Mirror* or its editorial team. In addition to the Online News Association, we hold memberships in the Colorado Press Association and Society for Professional Journalists.





WHITEY'S

HOME IMPROVEMENT, INC.

Replacement Windows

- Vinyl Insulated Low E Glass
- Windows & Patio Doors

Entry Door System

- Insulated Steel & Fiberglass • Many Styles

Storm Doors

- Heavy Duty • Many Styles & Colors

Exterior Siding - Low Maintenance

- Insulated Vinyl • Aluminum or Steel

Eaves & Overhang Coverings

- Vinyl-Aluminum • Low Maintenance

Seamless Rain Gutters

- 5" & 6" Aluminum, Steel, and Copper
- Over 30 Colors Available

Gutter Leaf Guard

Patio Covers & Lattice Pergolas

- Steel & Aluminum - Any Size
- Attached or Freestanding

Mobile Home Improvements

- Roofing, Windows, Doors, & Siding

Skylights & Suntubes

- Many Sizes & Styles

Before You Buy, Give Whitey's a Try!
"Serving the Local Area Since 1947"

Montrose
970-249-9603

www.whiteyhomeimprovement.com

Delta
970-874-3665

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

PLEASE JOIN ME IN VOTING NO

Dear Editor:

Fifteen former Mayors of Montrose have shown their opposition to the four Amendments to the City Charter on this November's ballot. Only one Mayor, who now heads up the three person majority on the present Council, favors the Amendments. Why is this so? The fourteen see the City heading in the wrong direction if these Amendments are approved. The one seeks to move non partisan City elections into a crowded November general election where City issues are submerged into mostly partisan State, Federal, County, and special District elections. The present Mayor is now relying upon the support of the Republican Party to assist him in his position. This is evidence of the partisan trend which future City elections may take should the one Amendment seeking its change should pass. I am one of the fifteen, having served as Mayor in 1995-6 and am speaking in opposition. Article III Section 5 of our Charter prohibits such partisan interference.

Our City Charter calls for a Council-Manager form of government. The elected Council sets policy through its Ordinances; the appointed Manager hires the people who, by following the Ordinances, run the City. Passage of two of these Amendments will result in weakening the authority of the Manager and strengthening the authority of the Council. The Manager who now has the exclusive power to hire/fire the Police Chief and Clerk must share this power with the Council if two of the Amendments are approved.. Managers, assisted by the Personnel department, now hire City employees based upon MERIT, meaning hiring the most qualified person for the job. Councils, being elected, are affected by POLITICS. See how the Republican Party of Montrose County has lined up behind the actions of the present Council. Political appointments may be based more upon Patronage (a reward for favors). Patronage may not result in the best qualified person filling the position. On the contrary such a person may feel " beholden " to the one who appoints. While this result hopefully will not occur, why, by approving these two Amendments, take this risk that it would be more likely to occur.

A City Council, which has a good working relationship with its Manager, should be able to communicate their ideas for the hiring/firing of important City Staff positions. Unfortunately, the present Council could not establish such a working relationship and the City is now without the service of Bill Bell as our City Manager. Many of the fifteen former Mayors have served effectively with Mr. Bell over the past fifteen years of his service and our City has thrived by such cooperation. I served as Mayor with a former Manager. It is my opinion based upon my sixty years as a citizen of this City that Mr. Bell was the best Manager. It is tragic for the City to have lost him as its Manager.

Please join me in VOTING against these Amendments to our Charter.

Tom Cheney, Montrose

Your Charter –Your Choice

Move PD and Clerk To Joint Accountability.

- ☐ The Proposed Amendment Is A Power Grab
- ☐ Proposed Amendment Adds Bureaucracy To Administrative Function
- ☒ **Vote No On Proposed Amendment**



Moving Municipal Election to November

- ☐ Loss of Focus on Local Issues
- ☒ **Vote No On Proposed Amendment**



MHS STUDENTS FORM ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION From pg 1

STUDENT, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY REGNITION

Public Information Officer Mikayla Unruh presented the Student Spotlight, with students and Principal Scot Brown from Black Canyon High School giving an update on the school's performance framework, and PEAK Academy Teacher Doug Eccher and his students showcasing their work on an air quality study that they are working on in coordination with students from the Outer Range campus.

Recent donations to the District include:

- The Nina L. Weaver Charitable Trust donated \$20,000 designated for the OMHS Nina Weaver Scholarship Fund;
- Merritt Contracting Services donated \$1,000 for Peak Academy staff meals during upcoming school conferences.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Neisha Balleck said that [links to the Board's Mission and Vision, Board Goals, and Board Norms and Values](#) are included in the meeting packet.

Directors shared updates from advisory committees, including the Facilities and District Advisory Committee (DAC).

Interim Superintendent Jessica Kalb presented upcoming District-wide events.

Directors shared their recent visits to schools. Directors Balleck and Vincent attended Camp Read Aloud at Pomona Elementary; Balleck also attended Go Green events in Olathe. Director Hovde visited Olathe Elementary School for October Count Day and visited Olathe-Middle High School and Montrose High School as well. West visited Montrose and Olathe High Schools as well as Olathe Elementary.

SUPERINTENDANT'S REPORT

John Steele and Leigh Nansel presented [a Career Pathways Strategic Plan Update](#).

Montrose High School students have formed a new Montrose High School Student Advisory Board, and plan to meet regularly with the Board of Education. Members of the new Advisory Board were present at the Board meeting and

spoke about their plans and motivation for creating the Advisory Board.

Next, the Board of Education heard a presentation on the Pre-K Replacement project, with Peter Icenogle of BG + Co. and Craig Siepka and Rick Dewar of Wight and Co. Colleen Kaneda of Dynamic Program Management (School District Owner's Representative) attended virtually.

The presentation was extensive, presented by Architect Peter Icenogle. (Icenogle previously worked on plans for the proposed Montrose High School replacement.)

The Pre-K Replacement Project plans were also presented to the public at the Field House on Oct. 13.

RE-1J Finance Director Emily Imus presented the [Enrollment Report](#). This was not the funded pupil count. The official October enrollment of 5,422 is 21 students down from last month and 329 students down from last October, Imus said. The count does not include Montrose Classical Academy, which has 146 students, down from 149 students last month. Next month the report will include entry and exit data, Imus said.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Linda Gann spoke during the time for public comment. She reminded the Board of the priorities stated by the four new board members who were elected last year (parent rights, student achievement, and school safety).

"I supported those goals and I support them now," Gann said, "I want this board to succeed because I want a strong, stable, academically successful school district.

"Yet nearly a year later I'm still looking for measurable evidence of your decisions that are advancing those priorities. This board inherited a district showing academic progress..."

Gann cited an increase in AP participation and test scores and participation earning college credit, and performance ratings earned by multiple schools. Also, Career Pathways earned statewide recognition and the District received a \$6M Best Grant.

"That was under Dr. Stephenson's leadership," Gann said. "Under this board's

leadership we have seen investigations, grievances, leadership disruption, threatened litigation, and rising legal fees..."

Legal fees have increased by five times the average since hiring Miller, Farmer, Carlson Law, she said, noting that the reasons for those costs are redacted from CORA requests, "What are we paying for...what is being done to protect our district from these outrageous additional legal expenses..." Gann urged the Board to stop pursuing changes to the District leadership team.

Next to speak was Jamie Lopez, who resides in District B. She expressed her formal interest in being considered for the vacant District B Director seat. Lopez said that she works in Health Care, has three children currently enrolled in local schools, and would like to serve the community as a member of the board. She plans to submit a formal letter of interest.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board voted to adopt policies [BEAA, Electronic Participation in School Board Meetings](#) - Board member recommended changes to IKF, Graduation Requirements; [JKA, Use of Physical Intervention and Restraint](#); and [JKA-R, Use of Physical Intervention and Restraint](#).

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items, including [Personnel Report](#), were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board voted to accept the resignation of the District B Director, adopted a resolution declaring vacancy on the board, and established procedures for filling the vacancy.

President Balleck said that Director Valerio had been an asset to the board and thanked him for serving, though he was not present.

Director E Director Tiffany Vincent nominated Director G Shane Daly to fill the vacant Vice President position for the remainder of the current term.

MHS STUDENTS FORM ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION From previous pg

District D Director Tom West nominated District F Director Jody Hovde to fill the vacant Vice President position for the remainder of the current term.

Daly was elected in a four-to-two vote to serve as Vice President for the remainder of the current term.

The Board voted four to one, with Hovde voting nay, to approve [payment to BlazerWorks, LLC in the amount of \\$102,637.50 for Katharina Hartshorn](#)

[contracted services](#) for the 26-27 School Year.

The Board voted to approve the [Superintendent Search RFP Process and Calendar.](#)

Directors voted to approve the [2027-2028 and 2028-2029 School Calendar Survey for distribution](#) in November 2026.

The Board voted to approve [the establishment of the "Montrose High School Student Advisory Group"](#) as a standing item

on monthly Board meeting agendas.

The Board considered [District Accountability Committee members and Good Faith form for the 2026-2027 school year.](#)

The board considered [Revised Board Policy AE-R, Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment on first reading.](#) No action was taken.

Directors spent time in a Board planning discussion, and then adjourned the regular meeting.

DELTA COUNTY PRESENTS PROPOSED 2027 BUDGET FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Special to the Mirror

DELTA COUNTY— The Delta County Board of County Commissioners reviewed the proposed 2027 county budget during a special meeting on Tuesday, October 13th. Residents are encouraged to review the proposed budget and participate in the budget process before the board considers final adoption in December.

The proposed budget reflects submissions from elected officials and county departments, including updates discussed during department budget presentations on October 7 and 8. Commissioners will continue reviewing the proposal during upcoming work sessions. The budget remains a proposal, and adjustments may be made before final adoption.

A public hearing will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, in the County Commissioners Meeting Room at the Delta County Administration Building, 560 Dodge Street, Delta. The hearing will include public comment on:

- The proposed 2027 county budget.
- The proposed capital improvements in the 2027 Capital Improvements Fund.
- The proposed use of Highway User Tax Fund monies for 2027.
- The proposed uses for Secure Rural Schools Act Title III funds.

The board is scheduled to consider adoption of the 2027 budget at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2026, during a commissioners' meeting held at the County Administration Building in Delta. Any interested elector of Delta County may file objections to the proposed budget before final adoption.

Budget materials and updates are posted on the county's [Annual Budget page](#) on www.DeltaCountyCO.gov. A printed copy is also available for public review at the County Administration office at 560 Dodge Street.

For budget information or assistance with public review, please contact (970) 874-2100 or email reachus@deltacountyco.gov.

The Mirror:
Coverage with vision for the future.



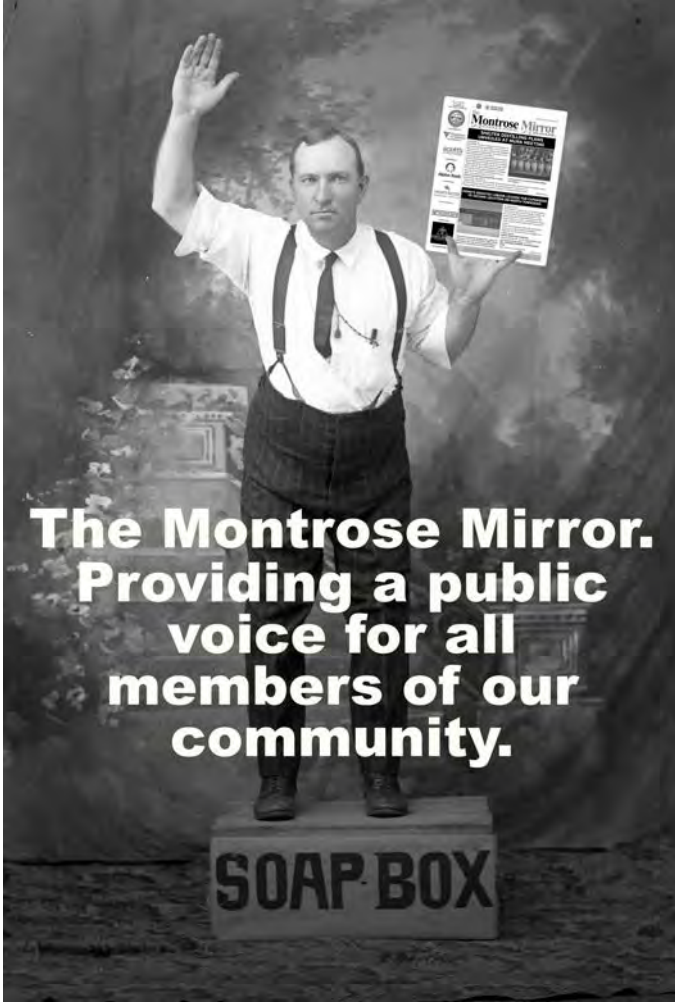
OPINION/EDITORIAL:LETTERS

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITIONS NN AND 137

Editor:

Vote NO on Proposition NN and NO on Proposition 137. Don't fall for the same old tricks they use to eliminate TABOR. If you're not familiar with TABOR, it limits government spending, requires voter approval for any tax increase and requires any revenue above TABOR limits be refunded to the taxpayers. We ALL benefit from TABOR. Don't give the wasteful politicians more of our money. VOTE NO on Proposition NN. SAVE TABOR.

Carol McBride, Montrose



The Montrose Mirror.
Providing a public
voice for all
members of our
community.

SOAP BOX

Make **Integrated Dermatology of Montrose** your skincare destination of choice!



Spencer Hamner,
PA-C
Se habla Español



Carly Routzahn,
PA-C

3480 Wolverine Dr.
Suite F
Montrose, CO

OPEN M-F 8AM-5PM

Call today at 970-252-7444 or visit us at:

www.IntegratedDermatologyofMontrose.com

Providing safe, sophisticated care featuring:

- Precancer & Cancer Screenings
- Skin, Nail, & Hair Disease Treatment & Management
- Non-Invasive Repair of Damaged Skin
- MOHs Surgeries
- Cosmetic Procedures
- TeleDerm Appointments
- Parking Lot Check-Ins
- Monthly Specials



Montrose Ears, Nose and Throat Center

Charles E. Harper, M.D.

Medical and Surgical
Treatment of Ears, Nose,
Sinus and Throat
Problems

231 S. Nevada Ave. Montrose
970-249-3800

In Montrose Since 2007
Most Insurance Plans Accepted

Removal of Skin Cancers
from Ears, Face and Neck
Treatment of Hearing Loss



Have a home you're ready to rent? Don't want the headaches of being a Landlord?

Alpine View LLC Property Management, formerly REMAX Alpine View Property Management, is ready for you.

Your property is an investment.

Let us help protect it with our experienced managers.

Contact Us for More Information

LISA
970 901-7715

DEE
970 209-0032

We've got you covered.

- ✓ TENANT PLACEMENT & SCREENING
- ✓ PROFESSIONAL MARKETING
- ✓ LEASE MANAGEMENT
- ✓ RENT COLLECTION
- ✓ MAINTENANCE COORDINATION
- ✓ PROPERTY INSPECTIONS
- ✓ ONGOING TENANT SUPPORT

PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT • GREAT COMMUNICATION • PEACE OF MIND

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WELCOME HOME: MY HONOR FLIGHT

Editor:

Written on the plane home from Baltimore, with the ending added after I landed.

I'm sitting in the plane on the tarmac, waiting for my fellow honorees and the regular passengers to board. My thoughts range from "it can't be over" to "I wish we were already home." Home is still another day away for me, while most of the others live in and around the Denver area.

I'm remembering Wednesday afternoon, when I left the safety of my family to start this journey with the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight. I slept very lightly that night, partly because of the unfamiliar surroundings, but mostly from anticipation and "tripiation," a blend of trip and trepidation. What would the people organizing this opportunity be like? What would my fellow honorees be like?

4 a.m. came way too early. I was tired and excited to meet my team leader, a man whose first name and last name could be interchangeable., Kramer Peter. After watching the hotel shuttle leave without me, here came my Red Leader: a nice-looking young man, a family man with two younger boys. After some brief chit-chat, we arrived at the staging area at the Denver airport.

What looked like total chaos was actually organized: 28 honorees (veterans being honored) and 26 guardians (the volunteers who accompany us), plus all our gear, melded together and herded like cats toward TSA. We all cleared security without a hitch, and then TSA gave us a farewell I'll never forget. People clapped and thanked us for our service as we loaded the plane. I wondered what it was about us that stirred such a response from strangers waiting for their own turn to board.

Halfway through the flight, sandwiches were handed out, made with care by the local VFW. (Thank you!)

Our arrival in Baltimore was nothing like

my arrival in Denver had been. As we left the surrounding area and another look at the gate, people began to clap, and they clapped monuments.

and cheered all the way to baggage claim. I've never experienced anything like it. It was humbling.

By then we had started talking to each other and getting acquainted. We boarded a bus to the hotel, where the manager and staff welcomed us and the manager passed out room keys himself. Each room held one honoree and one guardian. My TV displayed "Welcome Home, John", We rested a couple of hours, freshened up, and gathered for our first meal together. It was delicious and sparked conversation everywhere. When you put a group of veterans together, nobody is a stranger for long, and this was no exception.

After a round of introductions, we were given our busy schedule for the next day.

As promised, morning came early, with a four-star breakfast buffet. My biggest disappointment was the coffee. I have truly become a coffee snob!

We had a full day of memorials. The war memorials were the most moving and sobering to me. We also visited the Navy Memorial and the MLK and FDR memorials. I had been to DC in the spring of 1976, but there were very few memorials then. We ate lunch at the "Chief's Mess," and it was very good. We returned to the hotel exhausted, but not too tired for another great dinner. Afterward we held our business meeting and dedicated the Missing Man table. Certificates were handed out with a big thank you to us for attending. They deserved a thank you themselves for taking such good care of all of us.

Our last morning started with the rooster, at 4:30. We had to pack, eat breakfast, and be on the bus by 6. Our first stop was Arlington National Cemetery, where we watched the Changing of the Guard with such precision. Afterward, the guards helped us lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This was the most moving and humbling day, and we also visited the Marine Corps and Air Force memorials.

Our final meal was atop the Pentagon Sheraton, with great views of the

After the drive to the airport, we staged our equipment and regrouped to leave Baltimore and DC. As on every arrival and departure, the send-off was heartwarming.

Now the lights are just about all out on the plane. After a Chick-fil-A sandwich, the conversations have quieted too. It seems like the time for reflection and catching up on sleep, and the events of the last few days are swirling around me. I could not have asked for anything more rewarding. If anything, I wish we'd had a little more time at a few of the venues.

When I got out of the service in 1973, the mood in the country was different, and some of us were made to feel ashamed or guilty for having served. Thank God that has changed. We are respected and appreciated by the public. I don't know what awaits us in Denver, but I know we won't be greeted as baby killers or have bottles and rocks thrown at us.

Home

Now that I'm home, I can tell you what did await us.

Halfway through the flight from Baltimore to Denver, we were handed packets of greetings from grateful well-wishers. They held blessings from our guardians, previous honorees, military members and their families, and school children and teachers. If you were as fortunate as I was, they also held personal messages from your family. One of the flight attendants even put together a video, which I will post later.

By the time we deplaned, all the other passengers had already left. To our surprise, a very large crowd had gathered to give us a special "Welcome Home," one we did not receive at the end of our service or when we returned from the conflicts. They escorted us all the way to baggage claim. What a rush. I shall never forget it.

The Wall

Continued next pg

WELCOME HOME: MY HONOR FLIGHT From previous pg

Seeing the Vietnam War Memorial was the most emotional part of the trip for me. A number of my classmates joined the military as I did, but weren't as lucky and ended up in the rice paddies of Vietnam. These were kids I went to school with, whose football and basketball games I attended, whom I rooted for in baseball and track. They never had the chance to experience life before it was taken from them.

Would I do it all over again? A resounding yes. I am more inclined than ever to encourage other veterans to sign up. It's an event that happens to only a few of us each year.

Thank you to the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight crew, their sponsors, the volunteers, and the ever-supportive guardians. I shall never forget this.

Whenever someone now says "Thank you for your service" it has greater meaning than before to me.

John Brown

U S Navy 1966-1973

Get the Mirror

OUR
NUMBER HAS
CHANGED!

delivered fresh to
your phone each
week! We are working
with **iVisionMobile**
to enable our text
blast service!



Text **MIRROR** to **1-877-957-0831**
to opt-in to our **NEWS TEXT** alerts!

By texting MIRROR to 1-(877)-957-0831 you consent to receive recurring news and alert messages from The Montrose Mirror. Message frequency may vary. Reply STOP to unsubscribe, reply HELP for help. Message & Data rates may apply. Consent is not a condition of purchase.

Ts & Cs / Privacy Policy @ www.therevenuegenerator.com/terms_of_use.asp
TEXT mirror TO 1-877-957-0831.

**THE
MONTROSE MIRROR**
Your Source for Local Business News and Information



TAKE A LOOK AT THESE PROPERTIES!



MLS #836393 | TBD 5725 RD \$995,000

122 acres of irrigated farmland that includes river bottom. Come fish in your own piece off the river! Large mature trees line the river banks. Property includes underground irrigation systems that provide water to the whole property. Good views of the San Juans, Grand Mesa and the West Elks.



Justin Convington

Broker

970-275-4189

justinconvington@remax.net



553 North Badger Trail

MLS #810743 | TBD N Badger Trail Ridgway \$1,195,000

The home has 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, rec room, and custom finishes throughout. The home also has a nice outdoor dining/entertaining area for you to enjoy the fresh air and wildlife from. The primary bedroom is on the main floor with a patio area attached to the bedroom. The upstairs has a rec room bedroom and a covered porch area for you and your guests to use throughout the year. This home is yet to be built and the builders are happy to work with you to make any changes to have it fit your lifestyle and needs. You are in close proximity to many recreational activities such as hiking fishing, hunting, camping, and skiing.



Mark Convington

Broker

970-209-1956

markconvington@remax.net



MLS #827376 | Lot 23 Eagle Heights \$155,000

This charming 1,384 sq. ft. home features 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, and an attached garage in a convenient central Montrose location! Whether you're looking for a primary residence or an investment property, this home offers great potential. The spacious primary bedroom includes a versatile bonus area perfect for a home office, workout space, or reading nook, along with direct backyard access through sliding glass doors.



Steve Zahniser

Broker

970-765-1719

Stevez@remax.net



MLS #837646 | 1665 Sneffels Street \$480,000

Meticulously well kept home located in Vista San Juan, a centrally located subdivision with large lots. This ranch style home is on a .31 acre lot with mature trees. The home has new exterior paint, a 40 yr roof installed in 2023, with 100 yr soffits. The home is cozy, with 3 good sized bedrooms, 2 baths (one with a brand new walk-in shower), and a lot of natural sunlight.



Vicki Jones

Broker

970-209-3018

vickijones@remax.net

REMAX Alpine View

1563 Ogden Road

alpine-view-ogden-rd-montrose-co.remax.com

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

THE CHOICE IS SIMPLE...

Editor:

The years beginning with the Obama administration and continuing to this day have been a real eye opener for most Americans. We now realize that much of what we optimistically believed to be true about our government were blatant lies, and that we have been played for fools by Democrats (and Rhinos). I wrote last week that our media has proven that they cannot be trusted. Rather than actually reporting the news to inform and educate the public, our "media" now looks at the news and decides how to shape it to fit the Democrat narrative (reminiscent of Pravda, the official news outlet of the communist party in the old USSR). Perhaps even more unsettling have been the revelations regarding USAid and its total corruption by the Democrat party. Most of us have always felt good about all the great things we thought this country did with its foreign aid – you know, feeding starving people and healing the sick around the world. Now we know that USAid was little more than a Democrat slush fund, paying do-nothing executives in wealthy NGO's, who funneled a good share of that largesse back to Democrat politicians. The little amount of tax money that was not absorbed by the NGOs went to extreme left-wing projects that can only be described as insane. (Hundreds of millions of dollars to fund poppy cultivation and heroin production in Afghanistan, benefiting the Taliban? Meals for al Qaeda fighters in Syria? \$6 million to fund tourism in Egypt? \$32,000 for transgender comic books in Peru? \$47,000 for a transgender opera in Columbia? The list goes on and on.)

My wife and I routinely get literature from Mercy Ships and Samaritan's Purse. Mercy Ships was founded by Olathe native Don Stevens and his wife Deyon. With their two hospital ships, the "Africa Mercy" and the "Global Mercy," the charity provides the largest non-government hospital ship service in the world, focusing mainly on Africa. Samaritan's Purse provides a wide range of humanitarian relief efforts in response to conflicts, natural disasters, and other emergencies around the world. The organization and its president Franklin Graham provide aid in over 100 countries worldwide. Samaritan's Purse also provides

aid to veterans through its Operation Heal Our Patriots. Here's a key point: Can you imagine what a benefit and blessing this country could be to the rest of the world if our tax dollars ("foreign aid") were actually used to help the world's poor rather than being used to make filthy rich politicians richer? I would venture to say that Mercy Ships and Samaritan's Purse do more good in the world with a small fraction of the amount of money that is wasted and stolen from our "foreign aid."

There's even more damning news about USAid. Once Trump shut down USAid, the left stopped winning presidential elections in Central and South America. In a short period of time, leftists lost control of the governments of Ecuador, Chile, Columbia, Peru, Bolivia, Costa Rica, and Honduras, and will also soon lose control of Brazil to conservative candidates – eight out of eight. Turns out that Chinese credit and a continuous flood of U.S. taxpayer money was enough to prop up socialist governments in spite of the sorry state of those countries. Once again Democrats played the American taxpayer for fools, this time to prop up left wing socialists south of our border. USAid wasn't about feeding the poor. It kept the people poor and funded far left rulers and causes.

Another area the American people now realize they have been played for fools is our international trade. It is now obvious that we have been subsidizing the rest of the world at the expense of the American taxpayer for decades. There is also a good case that the offshoring of American jobs and manufacturing was intentional on the part of our politicians. I'll use Canada as just one example. President Trump has told Canada that our days of giving them a free ride are over. Our country has been losing \$90 billion a year with Canada. For example, they have charged one-way tariffs on American dairy at levels as high as 400% while our markets remained open. Year after year our illustrious politicians have allowed Canada to dictate trade policies, in spite of the fact Canada does 95% of its business with us, while we do very little with them by comparison. We do not need Canada for anything. They need us. I wrote last week about the new steel plant in Iowa and the new pharmaceutical plant in Ohio, both the result of Trump no longer allowing the rest of the world to play us for fools.

The suicidal actions of Western European democracies have exposed perhaps the most damaging area where the Democrat party has

taken the rest of us for fools: open borders and the influx of third-world invaders. Across France, Britain, and elsewhere, leftist governments have abandoned the most basic duty of the nation-state: the defense of its sovereign borders. When a government surrenders its borders and loses the nerve to defend its own civilization, it forfeits its sovereignty. Once sovereignty dies, the rule of law dies with it. Thus, France goes up in the flames of riots and an organized effort by the intifada-loving global left to terrorize and subjugate the country. The Spanish city of Ceuta is invaded by military-age Islamists. Migrant boats continue flooding into Britain as its cowardly government chooses to prosecute native (non-Muslim) citizens for online dissent, while violent (Muslim) offenders walk free. (Shaun Tuck posted a racist comment on Facebook and was sentenced to prison. Sam Melia sold anti-immigration stickers and was sentenced to two years in prison. Al Soaimi raped a 12-year-old girl and got a suspended sentence and community service.)

Writer John David Davidson wrote in The Federalist: "The riots in France last week stand as a warning to the U.S. and all western countries: mass immigration will split your country in two, and the two sides will eventually go to war." Because Democrats have been so successful in the past in fooling everyone on multiple issues, they assume they can continue to take us for the fool and advocate for open borders and sanctuary cities while they vehemently oppose deportation of any and all illegals. A child rapist and violent gang member here illegally suddenly becomes their "constituent" and a family man just trying to make a living. Like Europe, Americans have to choose between scrapping our civilization and heritage, allowing all comers in including America hating Islamists, and watching our nation dissolve -- or to embrace our Western culture and values and return to greatness. It sure seems like a simple choice..

Thomas Sowell: "Historians of the future will have a hard time figuring out how so many organized groups of strident jackasses succeeded in leading us around by the nose and morally intimidating the majority into silence."

Ed Henrie, Montrose



★ MONTROSE COLORADO ★ **VOTER GUIDE**

Know Before You Vote ★ November 3, 2026

Stronger Communities ★ A Brighter Colorado ★ A Freer Tomorrow



★ REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES ★

-  **GOVERNOR
VICTOR MARX**
-  **U.S. SENATE
MARK BAISLEY**
-  **ATTORNEY GENERAL
MICHAEL ALLEN**
-  **SECRETARY OF STATE
JAMES WILEY**
-  **STATE TREASURER
KEVIN GRANTHAM**
-  **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 3
SHERRI WRIGHT**
-  **U.S. HOUSE
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3
JEFF HURD**
-  **COLORADO HOUSE
DISTRICT 58
LARRY DON SUCKLA**
-  **LOCAL REPUBLICAN
CANDIDATES**

★ LOCAL CITY CHAPTER AMENDMENTS ★

-  **YES** Move April City Council Elections to November
-  **YES** 8 year term limits for council members
-  **YES** Council accountability for city manager on police chief appointment and discharge
-  **YES** Council accountability for city manager on city clerk appointment and discharge

STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES

★ ★ READ ★ RESEARCH ★ VOTE ★ ★



VOTE YES

**A SAFER,
STRONGER COLORADO**

-  **81** **Law Enforcement & Federal Immigration**
Allows communication between local law enforcement and federal authorities.
-  **82** **Right to Purchase & Sell Natural Gas**
Protects access to natural gas.
-  **83** **Constitutional Right to Hunt & Fish**
Protects hunting and fishing rights.
-  **84** **Mail Ballot Voter Identification**
Requires ID number or last 4 digits of SSN for ballot verification.
-  **85** **Plain Language Ballot Titles**
Requires statewide ballot titles to be written in plain language.
-  **86** **Congressional Redistricting**
Keeps the current committee format with public meetings and no favoritism.
-  **132** **Increase Penalties for Fentanyl Crimes**
Increases criminal penalties for specified fentanyl offenses.
-  **133** **Human Trafficking of a Minor**
Increases penalties and allows life sentences for child sex trafficking offenses.
-  **134** **School Sports by Biological Sex**
Limits girls' teams to biological females and boys' teams to biological males.
-  **135** **Surgery on Minors**
Prohibits gender-transition surgeries for minors.
-  **136** **Income Tax Rate Cap**
Caps Colorado's flat income tax rate at 4.4%.



VOTE NO

**HIGHER TAXES
HURT COLORADO**

-  **NN** **Education & State Revenue**
Retains and spends TABOR refunds instead of returning them.
-  **87** **Graduated Income Tax**
Creates higher tax rates for higher earners.
-  **137** **Sporting Goods Revenue for Conservation**
Redirects sporting goods tax revenue out of TABOR.

- For more info, go to MontroseRepublicans.Org -

Paid for by Montrose County Republican Central Committee;
Registered Agent: John Felsing



3819 Chestnut Dr.



SCAN TO VIEW
THE VIDEO TOUR

3805 Chestnut Dr.



SCAN TO VIEW
THE VIDEO TOUR

TWO BEAUTIFUL HOMES. ONE GREAT LOCATION.



Peg Evanoika
Broker Associate

SRES | CRS | MRP | SSF

970-209-3934 | Realtor@PegEvanoika.com

CENTURY 21.

Elevated Real Estate

500 E. Main St., Montrose, CO

THE-RES.COM

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

THE TRUMPIAN CRIME WAVE WILL END SOMEDAY AND ACCOUNTABILITY WILL COME

Editor:

The fate of our nation depends on the integrity and truthfulness of our leadership. It's hard to keep up with the avalanche of lies and crimes perpetrated by Trump and his sycophants in congress, the media, and the billionaires who support his chaos agenda. The Trump formula: blame others for your blunders, lie about everything that makes you look bad, spread wild conspiracy theories that sow chaos and anger, divide our nation into "us vs. them", and profit extraordinarily from office. From the start, he has steadily increased the severity of all of the above with each passing week. There was a time when he would have ended up in jail; but now republicans simply shrug it off as "trump being trump".

He gets away every time because of a cowardly congress that refuses to hold him accountable. He started a war, Operation Epstein Fury, which he waged to take attention off of his close friendship with the world famous pedophile (and it worked!). The failed war has driven petroleum prices to the point where they threaten our economy, threatens to turn into WWII, and has turned Iran into a boiling mass of 90 million who will hate us forever, all while not ending their nuclear threat. He and his family have profited by billions of dollars, using his office to openly solicit bribes from dictators and business leaders. He sows chaos so widely that courts cannot keep up with his crimes. He works for the billionaire class, while lying and paying lip service to the rest of us. He created a Tariff World War, which has wrecked our trade relations with our friends around the world, even including Canada, who, formerly the best of friends, now considers us an enemy! He alienated Denmark and Greenland, previously close allies, as well. He rolled out the red carpet with full honors for his friend Putin, and Chinese dictator X. Just this week, he lifted sanctions against Russia, and called for the ouster of Zelenski of Ukraine, blaming Ukraine for the rise in oil prices!

The Trumpian crime wave will end someday, and accountability will come. What will supporters of the felon president say when their children ask them "What did you do when all of this was going on?". Will they answer honestly; or will they do as our president always does, lie to protect his own hide?

David Congour, Montrose

AMERICA MUST STAND WITH THOSE DEFENDING FREEDOM

Montrose Mirror Editor,

"Rozliuchenyi" is a word in the Ukrainian language meaning "very irritated" or "seething with rage or anger."

'Rozliuchenyi' describes how Ukrainians are feeling since the Trump administration announced a decision to allow Russia to sell millions of tons of diesel fuel to American and global markets, and to issue a sanctions waiver license to make it happen.

Every ton of diesel Russia sells funds the war machine that bombs Ukrainian cities, homes, schools, and hospitals every night.

Polls consistently show that an overwhelming majority of Americans support strengthening sanctions against Moscow. Enabling Russia to export oil makes a mockery of American values, American interests, and the clearly expressed will of the American public.

Sanctions relief given without any Russian concession on a ceasefire sends the wrong signal to Moscow and to every ally watching how America keeps its commitments.

The diesel deal is also illegal. The Ending Importation of Russian Oil Act (Public Law 117-109) bans Russian energy imports until Russia withdraws its invasion force and ceases hostilities on terms acceptable to Ukraine, followed by a 90-day congressional review. The accompanying sanctions waiver defies the Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act, passed only weeks ago.

Congress cannot stand by while its laws are disregarded and Putin is rewarded for aggression. Contact your senators and representative and demand that they publicly oppose this deal, insist on the withdrawal of the sanctions waiver, enforce the Ending Importation of Russian Oil Act, and reject any pressure on Ukraine to accept a unilateral halt to refinery strikes. America must stand with those defending freedom, not those destroying it.

Neonila Martyniuk, Montrose

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO



COSTUME PARTY

SAT OCT 31, 2026 7:00. PM

OLATHE, CO

SUPPORT OUR
LOCAL
VETERANS

FREE
STAND-UP
GAME!

WIN
AWESOME PRIZES FOR
BEST MENS COSTUMES
&
BEST WOMANS COSTUME

Doors Open at 5:30 PM,
Early Bird starts at 6:30 PM.
Main Bingo Session starts 7:00 PM
315 South 5th St Olathe, CO 81425

CENTURY 21[®]

— ELEVATED —

PRICE REDUCED!

BUILDING ONLY FOR SALE

Possible Owner Carry terms



COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN MONTROSE, COLORADO

4,325 Sq Ft | Remodeled From 2015-2019

• Prime Location | Corner Lot with Great Parking

500 E. Main St., Montrose, CO

MLS #829529

\$930,000

Michelle Klippert

CRS, ABR, GRI, SRES, SFR



970-275-3016



MichelleKlippertRealtor@gmail.com



500 E. Main St., Montrose, CO

SCAN FOR
MORE INFO



CARTOON BY TIM JONES

SOUR GRAPES

by Tim Jones



<https://www.gocomics.com/sour-grapes>

VOTE *Yes* CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

☒ **NOVEMBER ELECTIONS**
 + HIGHER VOTER TURNOUT + LOWER CITY EXPENSES

☒ **COUNCIL TERM LIMITS**
 + 8 YEAR LIFETIME CAP + NEW VOICES - FRESH IDEAS

☒ **CHIEF & CLERK HIRING**
 + RESTORE COUNCIL OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY

Paid for by Montrose County Republican Central Committee; Registered Agent: John Felsing.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

INTEGRITY OF AN ELECTION IS IN THE DETAILS...

Editor,

Election day is just two weeks away. I am grateful to the many people who told me they learned a lot from my research on the integrity of an election is in the DETAILS.

Detail # 11. Recognizing some VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE: The Election Judges (Judge).

These folks are dedicated to assuring the election is conducted according to the laws of the State of Colorado under Title 31 or Title 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) and the specific instructions of the City Clerk, Lisa DelPiccolo or the County Clerk and Recorder, Tressa Guynes.

They are the voter's eyes and ears! Their duties are precise and tedious. They put in many hours, not only on election night, but throughout the election cycle.

Duties will vary depending on assigned position. Below are some duty examples:

Ballot Pick-Up: This will require driving to the various ballot drop boxes to collect ballots and return them to City Hall or the County Election Office, depending on the election. This can happen daily, every other day, or several times in a day depending on ballot returns. On

Election Day there will be multiple pick-ups. The last pickup being at 7 pm on election night.

VSPC Judge: A VSPC Judge will be stationed at one of the Voter Service and Polling Centers

where residents will come in to register/update registration, drop off a ballot, vote in person, or ask questions about any of the above. Judges may also be responsible for setting up and breaking down a VSPC and its equipment.

Ballot Processing: There are several positions including signature verification, separating the envelopes from the ballots, preparing the ballots in batches for tabulation, adjudication, and several smaller jobs that are required to properly run an election.

If you know someone who has served as an Election Judge, be sure to thank them!

DETAIL # 12. Criteria for being a Judge for the City of Montrose (City) and the Montrose County Elections Office (County Elections Office).

Title 31 and Title 1 of the C.R.S. cover selection, duties and responsibilities and removal of a Judge.

Generally, Judges must meet the following basic qualifications:

1. Be a registered eligible elector willing to serve;
2. Be U.S. citizens by the date of the election at which they are scheduled to work;
3. Be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of an Election Judge;
4. Attend a mandatory Election Judge class prior to each election at which they work;
5. Never been convicted of election fraud, any other election offense, or fraud; and
6. Neither a candidate whose name appears on the ballot in the precinct that they are

appointed to serve nor a member of the immediate family, related by blood or marriage to the second degree, of a candidate whose name appears on the ballot in the precinct that they are appointed to serve.

Once selected, Judges will receive training by the Designated Election Official or one of their Election Officials about the duties to be performed, the responsibility of the position and make sure they are prepared to undertake the task.

Then, each Judge shall take an oath substantially in the following form before assuming any duties.

I, ..., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and the state of Colorado; that I am a registered elector who resides in Colorado; as shown in the statewide voter registration system; that I will perform the duties of election judge according to law and the best of my ability; that I will studiously endeavor to prevent

fraud, deceit, and abuse in conducting the same; that I will not try to ascertain how any elector voted, nor will I disclose how any elector voted if, in the discharge of my duties as judge, such knowledge shall come to me, unless called upon to disclose the same before some court of justice; and that I have never been convicted of election fraud, and other election offense, or fraud.

DETAIL # 13 Selection of a Judge by the City.

INTEGRITY OF AN ELECTION IS IN THE DETAILS...

From previous pg

The City has selected City employees for many years. In April 2026, 15 City employees and one friend of the City Clerk from Crested Butte were appointed as Judges. The Judges work together in pairs.

In a phone conversation with Lisa, I told her I did not think this was a good idea. She said in hindsight she agreed, and in the future, she will reach out to the voters to serve as Judges. I do not know if the City does a Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) background check on the City employees each year before they are selected.

DETAIL # 14. Selection of a Judge by the County Elections Office.

The Judges selected by the County Elections Office are bipartisan, must be a Democrat or a Republican. Unaffiliated voters cannot be a Judge as a Judge is appointed by one of the two major political parties. Every County Judge goes through a background check with the CBI every time they want to serve.

An eligible voter can request to be an Election Judge by contacting their political party or checking a box on the Voter Registration Form. The Judges work in bipartisan pairs – One Republican and one Democrat during all of the functions they are required to do. The County can have between 20-40 Judges depending on the size of the election.

DETAIL # 15. Election Watchers.

The City does not have Election Watchers. The County accommodates any Watcher meeting the criteria set in statute.

Watchers are governed under Title 1 of the C.R.S. A Watcher is an eligible voter who has been appointed by an authorized entity (like a Democratic or Republican Party) to witness and verify the conduct of the election. They must present a Certificate of Appointment to the County Clerk and Recorder or their designated staff member. A Watcher must complete a Watcher's training course provided by the state. Each is identified by a Watcher lanyard, which must be easily visible at all times.

Watchers at the County Elections Office are not allowed in the counting room, but they can observe the activities through two large windows which look directly into the room.

Election Watchers who have taken the Watcher Training Course may observe election activities where confidential or personally identifiable information may be within viewing. This includes: Setup and breakdown of Voter Service and Polling Centers; Voter check-in and registration activities; Ballot receipt and processing; Signature verification of mail ballot envelopes; Ballot duplication; Ballot tabulation; The Logic and Accuracy Test and Post-Election / Risk Limiting Audits; Provisional ballot processing; UOCAVA ballot processing; Canvass; and Recount.

As I have talked to voters during the time I wrote these articles for the Montrose Mirror, I have been impressed with the desire of most voters to become informed by asking questions, attending meetings, reading articles, being willing to listen to both sides of an issue, not listening to unfounded gossip, but taking the time to really think about the importance of their choice.

Montrose voters recognize the value of living in this special town! We may not always agree with each other but we Stay Here, Play Everywhere in this place we call home.

Thanks for the support over the last several weeks!

Patty Greeves, Montrose



The Mirror: many views, one newspaper.

REGIONAL NEW BRIEFS

A BIG “SERVE” FOR CAREGIVERS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Anna Countryman, left, and Marcella Mendoza, team captains in girls volleyball at Montrose High School, “serve” a symbolic check (taped to the volleyball) to Laird Landon, chair of the Caregiver Support Foundation (CSF) in Montrose and Delta counties. A real check, which Head Coach Shane Forrest estimated October 9 to be around \$2,000, was to be given shortly afterward to the foundation. This is the second year the MHS girls volleyball program has given its fundraising money to the foundation. Mendoza and Countryman, both seniors, represented the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman teams at MHS. Landon said the donation was timely and particularly appreciated one week before the caregivers foundation presented its 2026 Family Caregiver Summit Friday, October 16 at the Montrose Pavilion. Landon spoke earlier to the teams about family caregiving and its challenges and rewards. Several girls also shared their family caregiving experiences.



MLK WEEKEND CELEBRATION

Beloved Community, Rural Roots



SAT 1/16
AWAKEN

SUN 1/17
ENGAGE

MON 1/18
SERVE

MONTROSE, COLORADO

mlkdaymontrose.com

www.mlkdaymontrose.com

Round Up. Make Change.

Your cents make a big difference in people's lives.

When you sign up for DMEA's Operation Round Up and pay your electricity bill, you are helping others in our community.



How it works:



100% Voluntary and Member-funded

If your bill is \$52.15, DMEA will round up your payment to the nearest dollar, or \$53.00, and the extra 85 cents will be pooled with other members' Round Up donations. Round up each month or make a one-time contribution.



Power in Numbers

Members pay about \$6 annually. In 2025, 6,700 members participated, and funds add up as more members opt in. A little change can make a big difference.



Where do Donations Go?

Operation Round Up dollars support DMEA members—from an individual going through a medical hardship to a local teacher who needs classroom supplies—all funding stays local. In 2025, members powered over \$50,000 in distributions.

Ways to Sign Up for Operation Round Up:

Visit dmea.com/operation-round-up

Call 877-687-3632

Scan the QR code



*Or make
a one-time
contribution
by calling
today!*

877-687-3632 | dmea.com



DMEA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Call me for all your Real Estate Questions and Information



Diane Haynes,
GRI, ABR, CRS

Century 21 Elevated Real Estate

dianehaynes@outlook.com

dianehaynerealtor@gmail.com

970-596-3521

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE!

Editor:

There is a "committee" in town urging a "no" vote on all 4 proposed City Charter amendments. One banner even claimed; "the people should decide what changes should be made, not three kings". Really? "Three Kings"? How is presenting a list of proposed changes to the people an act of a king, or three kings?

I agree that the people should decide! And the People will decide, at the ballot box if they believe the measures should be enacted.

How Charter Amendments Reach the Ballot according to the Charter

Charter amendments have always been decided by the voters of Montrose. Nothing has changed. Article X, Section 2 of the Montrose City Charter states that amendments "may be framed and submitted to the electors through petitioning the Council or by the Council on its own initiative in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Colorado."

According to the Charter, there are only two paths to the ballot.

-Citizens can gather signatures equal to at least 5% of the total number of registered electors and place a proposal on the ballot themselves. OR;

-The City Council can propose amendments and send the proposals to the voters.

Either way, nothing becomes law unless a majority of the people approve it at the election. A citizen's commission is not required or even mentioned in the Charter. The Council used the method the Charter itself provides for the Council to use.

The Same Process of Past Council's

The packages in 1993, 2014 and in 2025 of charter amendments brought forward by previous mayors and councils followed this same route: the Council proposed them, and the voters decided. Opposition that focuses on the process rather than the substance overlooks that history. The self-appointed group now urging "no on all 4" has invoked the names of some of those former mayors who used the same process used this time! So ask yourself, why the change of heart now?

What the Four Amendments Actually Do

The proposals are straightforward adjustments, not a rewrite of our city government.

Moving regular municipal elections from April to November of even-numbered years puts city races on the same ballot as higher-turnout elections. The April municipal elections bring an average of 25-35% of registered voters, while November brings 60-87%. Moving the elections to November simply provides a truer voice of the people. And it saves the taxpayers \$20,000-\$25,000 per election!

An 8-year lifetime limit of elected service on the Council brings fresh perspectives while still allowing experienced members to serve meaningful terms.

Council approval of the City Manager's decisions to appoint or remove the Police Chief and the City Clerk simply adds basic oversight of the two positions most directly responsible for public safety and the integrity of city records and elections. The Council is already the policy-making body and is charged with oversight of city management. These changes do not invent new power; they make existing responsibility clearer. There is no day-to-day management granted to the Council, it is exclusively limited to the approval of the entry and exit of these two posts.

Why the Strong Opposition?

Ask why some former mayors and a newly formed self-appointed committee are fighting so hard against basic, common sense adjustments that leave final authority with the voters. The fearmongering that treats an ordinary process as a power grab is nonsense. The Council is doing the job voters sent it to do: bringing clear questions to the people so the people can decide.

These four questions give you, the voter, the chance to decide, it is your decision.

Michael J. Badagliacco, "MJB"
Citizen, Montrose, Colorado

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MONTROSE

COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY**\$480,000.00**

MLS 837908

**2,875 SF**

HEATED MAIN LEVEL

750 SF

BASEMENT STORAGE

1 BATH

ALLEY ACCESS



FRONT RETAIL / OFFICE



MAIN-LEVEL SPACE



SHOP / STORAGE



OVERHEAD DOOR

Once a blacksmith shop, this character-filled building offers approximately **1,475 sq ft of front office or retail space** and **1,400 sq ft of flexible shop or storage space**, plus basement storage. An overhead garage door with alley access adds everyday functionality.

**LESLIE GORE, REALTOR®**

Broker Associate | GRI, CRS, ABR, SRES, SFR

970-275-3195

LeslieGoreRealtor@gmail.com

Leslie.gore@century21.com

CENTURY 21

ELEVATED REAL ESTATE

RE/MENTALITY MOVES



Some listing photos may include virtually staged amenities, furniture, or fixtures. Square footage is approximate.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

EXPRESSING INTEREST IN BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT B SEAT

To the Montrose County School District Board of Directors,

I am writing to express my interest in filling the school board seat for District B that was recently vacated by Mr. Ted Valerio. I am unable to express my interest personally at the meeting on 10/13/2026 because I will be attending my children's parent teacher conferences. I am the proud parent of two students that attend Montrose Public schools.

I have dedicated my entire adult life to helping children. I've been a board certified pediatrician for 15+ years. After attending medical school I had the privilege to serve as a physician for US Navy for 7 years. I was able to care for children all over the world. I've been lucky enough to continue that service here in Montrose, where I was born and attended public school myself.

I have served previously on my community school board in Alamosa, Colorado. Unfortunately, my term there was cut short when I moved back to Montrose 8+ years ago. Now I am thrilled there is an opportunity to continue to serve my community. My mother was a retired teacher and education has always been a cornerstone of my family values. Montrose schools provided me with the foundation to thrive, explore the world, and come back home to help. I benefitted from the work of those who came before me, and now it's my turn to pour into the generations that will take over for us one day. As a small business owner in our community I see every day how important it is to develop our future workers, and leaders.

I served previously on the Montrose County SD Planning Assistance Team (PAT) to help guide the priorities of our district. One of those priorities was developing a new space for the Early Childhood Center, and I'm excited that process is moving forward. I also served on the Northside Elementary School Accountability Committee. Most uniquely, I had the opportunity to be one of the community members chosen to help select Montrose High School's new mascot.

I appreciate your earnest consideration of my candidacy and I look forward to discussing things further in person.

Very Respectfully

Thom Miller MD, FAAP

Alpen Confections
970-648-0609

Crash Burger
970-249-0825

Coffee Trader
970-249-6295
970-787-9021

Tacos & Beer
970-964-4448

Tacos & Beer on Main
970-964-4999

Pahgre's
970-249-6442

Delta: CB's Tavern
970-399-3570



Premier Sponsor:
Montrose Farmers Market
970-249-0705

Horsefly Brewing
970-249-6889

**Jimmer's BBQ,
Burgers & Beer**
970-252-1227

**Fiesta Guadalajara
Re-Opening 2026**
970-249-2460

El Jimador
970-249-8990

Busy Corner White Kitchen
970-323-6215



Lighthouse Eatery
970-964-7570

Ray's Corner Cafe
970-417-4340

Rib City
970-249-7427

Stone House
970-240-8899

Sidelines Sports Bar
970-765-0129

Delta: Pour Ernie's
970-546-0074

CARTOON BY MARIANO VELASCO



**It's Your
Business!**

**Let's Grow
Together.
Advertise
with
The Mirror!**

970-275-0646



Expecting a baby or exploring
your maternity care options?

Meet The
Midwives!



Come meet us, see the space,
and ask questions!



**Second Saturday of
every month, 8-10 AM**



MRH Family Center, 2nd Floor
800 S. 3rd St.
Montrose, CO 81401

No appointment necessary • Hospital tours available
Coffee & donuts provided

For more information, please call

(970) 240-7272



[MontroseHealth.com/Family Center](https://www.MontroseHealth.com/FamilyCenter)



WHAT IS ON THE AGENDA?

The City of Montrose is [accepting applications through Wednesday 10/21](#) for the vacant "At-Large" seat. The Council will interview the top 3 candidates on Monday November 2 at the work session and appoint the new Councilor Monday night November 2, 2026, at the Regular City Council Meeting.

Council Meetings this week.

Both the work session and Regular City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday October 20, 2026.

Work Session from 2:00-4:00 PM

Discussion Items:

- Montrose Regional Health Update
- Fee Schedule Revisions for 2027
- Discussion on Rescinding the Emergency Declaration for the Ouray Wildfire
- Black Canyon Flats Ogden Frontage Piping Funding Request

- The Shepherd's Hand Shelter Funding Request
- Proposition 123 Affordable Housing Opt-In
- Landfill Agreement Extension Recommendation
- 2025 Financial Statements and Annual Audit Presentation

2027 City Council Meeting Schedule
Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 PM

Agenda Items:

- Resolution 2026-16 (Colorado Proposition 123)
- Auth for Sheperd's Hand Shelter Operation
- Resolution 2026-17 Rescinding local emergency declaration

Both meetings are at the Council Chambers at 107 S. Cascade.

For anyone needing more information to help you make your decision on the four Proposed Charter Amendments on the ballot, the [redlined version](#) with the full text of the proposed changes can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

Thank you,
Michael J. Badagliacco, "MJB"
Mayor, Montrose, CO



It's Your Business!

**Let's Grow
Together.
Advertise
with
The Mirror!**

970-275-0646

OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY**THE OZONE “THEORY”**

By Don Stott

I have a marvelous book Titled “OZONE CRISIS,” which was copyrighted in 1973. And sure enough, in January 1973, Mario Molina and Sherry Rowland ‘discovered’ that CFC’s can destroy the ozone shield in the stratosphere. There’s supposedly a protective cloud which protects us and it has a hole in it. They persevered, and in June of 1974, their ‘theory’ was printed in Nature magazine. In case you didn’t know, CFC’s are that old fashioned Freon which was used in probably a hundred million refrigeration –air conditioning units in the entire world. From page 8: “In short, the breakdown of CFC’s by sunlight would set off a catalytic chain reaction in which one chlorine atom, like a monster Pac Man could gobble up 100,000 molecules of ozone, turning them into impotent molecules of oxygen.” Made no sense to just about everyone, and they got nowhere for 15 years.

Throughout the entire 270 page book, the Rowland-Molina ‘theory’ is used almost exhaustively. As an example of this, on page 63 the “Rowland-Molina hypothesis was based on calculations and limited knowledge about reactions between chemicals. There were no laboratory experiments that verified the theory.”

Chapter 15, beginning on page 230 is headlined, “The End of an Industry,” and after 15 years of fake science, and absurd hearings by all sorts of semi-government, semi-scientific, headline grabbing efforts, the book says: “During the nine days in March 1988, Rowland and Molina gained the backing of the three factions they had long sought to convince policy makers, scientists and industry, and the end of the American CFC industry began. U.S. Legislators unanimously approved 83 to 0.” The rest of the world followed.

The estimated cost was \$235 billion. Ozone is still there, as is that cloud which supposedly has a hole in it, allowing ozone to get through. The air we breathe is generally one part per billion ozone, and is the same as it was before 1973. The odd part is that while Freon 12 was bad, it has been replaced by Freon 134, which doesn’t do as good a job as did Freon 12. The tone of the book is best illustrated by the headline on Chapter 9, on page 142: “The Sky Is Falling.”

Of course we remember until recently, that burning fossil fuels, such as oil, coal, gas, et al were destroying the earth. That dire warning has mysteriously disappeared, since I suppose people realized that we have been burning fossil fuels since man appeared, and especially a hundred years ago, when there were hundreds of thousands of steam locomotives hauling all our freight, and hundreds of millions of homes were heated by coal! We’re still here.

An merican invented LED light bulbs, and as of 2018, had saved over \$220 million in electricity, not counting the fact that they outlast the previous filament bulbs by about 20 years! There’s been no argument here, but how about the current, and quickly passing theory that our body is needing “BEETS?” I think this is just another fad, and eating beets is no better than eating any vegetable.

Only my opinion, but I really do believe that “Buy low and sell high” makes a lot of sense, and gold and silver are at the bottom as far as I can see ten minutes from now. Silver is half of its previous high, and if I needed any, I’d buy it now.

SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING



970-249-8500

ANONYMOUS CALL

**MONTROSE REGIONAL
CRIME STOPPERS**



228-230 S 2ND ST
MLS #829853 & 835480
\$499,900

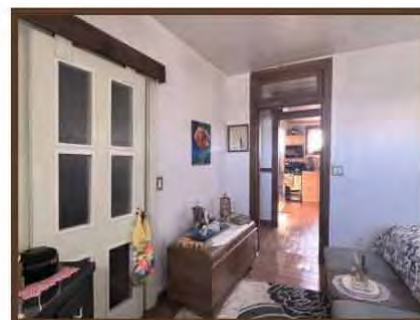
**FORMALLY A STYLING SALON,
 CURRENTLY A RETAIL SPACE
 WITH ROOM FOR CLASSES
 AND WORKSHOPS.**

ZONED B-2

**PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 ON SECOND FLOOR,
 PRIVACY FENCED,
 10 PARKING SPACES**



LIVING ROOM



BEDROOM

realtor@pegEvanoika.com

970-209-3934

PEG EVANOIKA, BROKER ASSOCIATE



Elevated Real Estate
 500 E Main , 970-249-5673

Montrose Mayors Agree: Vote NO on All Four Amendments

The following former Montrose **mayors** have joined together in opposition to all four proposed City Charter amendments:

Dave Frank J. David Reed Barbara Bynum
Doug Glaspell Dave Bowman Roy Anderson
Judy Ann Files David Romero Bob Nicholson
Thomas Smits Noelle Hagan Bill Patterson
Tom Cheney Peggy Carey Don Gladwell

These experienced leaders understand Montrose city government—and they agree that these amendments are not in the best interest of our community.

Join them in voting NO on all four City Charter amendments.

VOTE NO
ON ALL 4 CITY
CHARTER AMENDMENTS

TRUST – HONESTY – ACCOUNTABILITY

Charter Issues Committee. Registered Agent: Robert Nicholson
Learn more at: MontroseCityCouncilWatch.com

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

“NONPARTISAN” IS A BALLOT RULE, NOT A BLANK MIND

Editor:

We keep hearing, this election season, that the city is supposed to be “nonpartisan.” Worth asking what the word is doing.

Merriam-Webster defines it as not partisan, especially free from party affiliation, bias, or designation. That is a wide word. The Charter uses a narrow slice of it.

What the Charter actually says

Article III, Section 5 says all special and general municipal elections for elective office of the City shall be nonpartisan. Elections for office. No party label next to a council candidate’s name. The City does not ask for an affiliation, and it does not print one.

That is a ballot rule. It is not an order to check your judgment at the door of the Council Chambers. It does not turn a charter question into a candidate race. And it does not require anyone or organization in town to pretend they have no point of view.

A point of view is not a defect

There will always be a lean, whoever is sitting up there. You cannot peel a person’s values off and set them on a chair. Those values are part of who they are. They show up in a vote, and in the policies a person thinks are right for the city. We do not run partisan elections for council, and nobody walks in empty, either. There will always be a bias.

The groups that wear the label

I went back and read a few organizations that advertise the word, because the claim was not matching the work.

The League of Women Voters’ own rule is that the League shall not support or oppose any political party or any

candidate. Fair enough. They also call themselves a political organization that, after study, advocates for or against policies: voting rules, redistricting, money in politics, health care, the environment, immigration.

This summer the League of Women Voters of the Uncompahgre Valley wrote, as a nonpartisan group, asking the county to review the city’s proposed charter amendments.

Common Cause says the same thing in plainer language. Asked if it endorses candidates, the answer on its own page is “Never.” It still lobbies on campaign money, voting laws, and ethics, and it takes positions on ballot measures.

The ACLU is a nonpartisan organization and does not endorse candidates. It also litigates and lobbies, and it publishes what it wants candidates to believe on abortion, immigration, speech, and policing.

Closer to home, the Colorado Municipal League calls itself a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. It adopts a policy statement and lobbies the Legislature for cities and towns, including against state preemption.

To be fair, none of that is illegal, and none of it is my complaint about their right to speak. A civic group can study an issue and take a side. The confusion is the label. In their own papers, nonpartisan means they do not endorse a party or a candidate. But they have a position. Once you see that, the word stops working as a claim of neutrality.

The high ground

My colleagues and I have been told we need to set our values and ideology aside, usually by people who simply do not share it. Those same people have no trouble pressing their own view, and they do it from what they treat as the high ground, because they have called themselves “nonpartisan,” they are not. I am sure most of them mean well. But

they are not unbiased. Nobody in this argument is. The label does not remove their bias. It asks the rest of us to pretend it does.

Say what you think

When a Democrat or a Republican supports a position, that is ordinary. I have never liked a straight ticket pulled without understanding. If you have not looked at and evaluated the question and the person, that is lazy. Do the homework. The honest part is saying what you think and why. Used as proof that one side has risen above the fight, the badge is a way to wear the referee’s shirt while still playing.

Have the coffee

Go back thirty years. Cutting off a family member over a party would have sounded silly in most houses I knew. I have family and friends who do not share my politics. Political disagreement knocks ideas around. It should not exile a cousin. Some of what the other side argues makes me uneasy. I still want the conversation. That is where the better ideas usually show up.

Have a cup of coffee, or a meal, have the conversation with someone you would normally skip because of politics. You may not leave converted. You may understand one thing you had ignored previously. Look for the common ground as Americans, as Coloradans, and as people of Montrose, without pretending the differences are not there.

The Charter keeps party labels off a council ballot. It does not keep a mind off a person. Say what you believe. Let the other person say what they believe. Then vote.

Michael J. Badagliacco, “MJB”
Citizen, Montrose, Colorado

CENTURY 21.
ELEVATED

FOR SALE

PREMIER HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL SHOWCASE

EXCEPTIONAL VISIBILITY • EXPANSIVE FACILITIES • UNLIMITED POTENTIAL



12,740 SF
HEATED
COMMERCIAL
FACILITY



3.67
ACRES



HIGHWAY 50
FRONTAGE



SECURE
FENCED
GROUNDS

OFFERED AT

\$899,000

MLS #835314

1325 & 1319 HIGHWAY 50 • DELTA, COLORADO 81416



Leslie Gore

📞 970-275-3195

@ LESLIEGOREREALTOR@GMAIL.COM

🌐 [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/LESLIEGOREC21](https://tinyurl.com/lesliegorec21)

*A Landmark
Commercial Opportunity*



HIGH VISIBILITY. HIGH POTENTIAL.



BUILT FOR YOUR SUCCESS.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING

Montrose Regional Health Statement
MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Health (MRH) reduced its workforce by 77 positions effective Oct. 12 as part of an organizational restructuring plan. This included 34 current employees and 43 positions left vacant through natural attrition. The reduction included 12 leadership roles, three physicians, three advanced practice providers, and 59 other positions across the organization. Of the 77 positions, 36 were direct patient care roles and 41 were non-direct patient care roles.

MRH experienced approximately 10% growth in patient services over the past year. However, cash payments from insurance companies remained essentially flat while labor, supplies, and other operating costs continued to rise. Approximately \$25 million in payments from insurance companies remain outstanding for care already provided. These pressures are not unique to MRH. Hospitals across Colorado and the nation also face rising costs and reimbursement that has not kept pace with the cost of care.

Before deciding that a reduction in force was necessary, MRH restricted hiring and capital spending, reduced operating expenses, limited community sponsorships and donations, reviewed contracts and purchased services, used rebate programs to lower medication costs, and pursued overdue insurance payments. These measures helped but did not close the financial gap.

"Reducing our workforce is one of the most difficult decisions we can make because it directly affects people who have contributed to MRH and our community," said Jeff Mengershausen, CEO of Montrose Regional Health. "We are incredibly grateful for the service of the caregivers affected by these changes. At the same time, we have a responsibility to ensure that MRH remains financially sustainable and able

to provide high-quality healthcare to this community for generations to come."

"The Board of Directors is committed to maintaining a financially strong and independent community healthcare system," said Jack Johnston, board chair. "Rural healthcare systems face unique challenges in an increasingly complex industry. After careful review, we believe these steps are necessary to ensure MRH has the structure and resources needed to protect and strengthen the nationally recognized care our community depends on."

Patient safety, quality of care, and continuity of care guided MRH's decisions and remain priorities as these changes are implemented. MRH does not anticipate changes to critical hospital-based services as a result of the restructuring. Other service changes include discontinuing cardiology services in Telluride, reducing pediatric occupational therapy availability, scaling back several therapy wellness programs, and consolidating the Sleep Clinic with the Pulmonary Clinic.

The workforce reduction is expected to reduce annual expenses by more than \$8 million while helping MRH align ongoing expenses with sustainable cash collections, improve cash flow, and pay vendors more consistently. MRH will continue pursuing outstanding insurance payments, managing expenses, and supporting access to high-quality healthcare throughout the region.

QUESTIONS-

1. Why did MRH eliminate positions?

MRH continues to face financial pressure because insurance payments have not kept pace with the growth in services, while labor, supplies, and other operating costs continue to rise. Approximately \$25 million remains outstanding from insurers, and previous cost-saving measures were not enough to close the financial gap.

2. What did MRH do before eliminating positions?

MRH spent more than a year reducing expenses and improving revenue and collections. Actions included hiring

restrictions, operating and capital expense reductions, limits on community sponsorships and organizational donations, contract and purchased-service reviews, reducing medication costs through available rebate programs, and legal efforts to collect overdue insurance payments. Unfortunately, those measures were not enough to close the financial gap.

3. How many positions were eliminated, and how many employees were affected?

On Oct. 12, MRH eliminated 77 positions as part of its restructuring plan; 34 employees were laid off, and 43 positions left vacant through attrition will not be filled.

4. Which types of positions and departments were affected?

The reduction included 12 leadership roles, three physicians, three advanced practice providers, and 59 other roles across clinical and nonclinical areas. Of the 77 MRH positions, 36 were direct patient care roles and 41 were non-direct patient care roles.

5. Did MRH also reduce traveler contracts?

The 77 positions did not include contracted travelers. Separately, MRH has reduced its use of contract travelers by 12 assignments since June 1. Some contracts ended early, some were not renewed, and some planned assignments were canceled before they began. MRH will continue using travelers in select direct patient care roles where needed to maintain safe, high-quality patient care.

6. Were other positions eliminated before Oct. 12?

Before Oct. 12, MRH had been reviewing its organizational structure and making changes as vacancies and other operational opportunities occurred. Those changes included consolidating responsibilities and eliminating some positions as part of MRH's broader effort to operate more efficiently. MRH does

MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING From previous pg

not comment on individual personnel matters.

7. How does this help financially?

The workforce reduction is expected to reduce annual expenses by more than \$8 million. It is part of a broader organizational restructuring intended to align recurring expenses with sustainable cash collections, improve cash flow, address overdue vendor balances, support more timely vendor payments, and position MRH for long-term financial stability. It will also help preserve MRH's ability to invest in the future of local healthcare.

8. What is MRH doing about the unpaid insurance claims?

MRH continues pursuing payment for outstanding insurance claims through collection efforts and legal action.

9. How were positions selected?

Positions were evaluated based on organizational structure, staffing needs, service volumes, responsibilities, duplication of work, and management structure. Patient safety, quality, and access were primary considerations throughout the process. The reduction was driven by financial and organizational needs. Many talented, dedicated employees were affected because their

positions were eliminated, not because their contributions were unrecognized or unvalued.

10. Will patient care or services be affected?

Patient safety and quality remain MRH's priorities, but some services are changing as part of the restructuring. MRH does not anticipate changes to critical hospital-based services. MRH has discontinued cardiology services in Telluride, reduced pediatric occupational therapy appointment availability, and scaled back several therapy wellness programs. The Sleep Clinic is also relocating and being combined with the Pulmonary Clinic at 715 S. Third St. Sleep services will continue at the combined location. MRH is communicating directly with affected patients and referring providers. MRH does not currently have specific projections for caseload or wait-time changes related to the affected services. Leaders will monitor scheduling, capacity, and patient access and adjust as needed.

11. Is this related to the Community Hospital partnership?

MRH remains committed to preserving its independence and local decision-making. The proposed Community Hospital partnership is a separate, long-term strategy intended to help both organizations preserve their local independence through greater

scale, shared resources, and operating efficiencies. It does not replace the need to address MRH's immediate financial challenges.

12. Is MRH the only hospital facing these financial pressures?

MRH's financial challenges reflect a combination of delayed insurance payments, reimbursement that has not kept pace with the rising cost of care, and increasing labor, medication, supplies, and operating costs.

Hospitals across Colorado and the nation are facing many of these same pressures. Nearly 70% of Colorado hospitals are operating with financially unsustainable margins, and more than 60 hospitals and health systems nationwide have announced workforce reductions in 2026.

Sources: Colorado Hospital Association, Colorado Hospital Industry Update; Becker's Hospital Review, The Hospitals and Health Systems Cutting Jobs in 2026.

13. Will there be additional layoffs?

MRH does not have additional workforce reductions planned at this time.

The organization will continue monitoring its financial position and will communicate openly if circumstances change.



The MOoving Company

WE'RE UDDERLY THE BEST!
CALL US TODAY! 970-240-3106



WE OFFER:

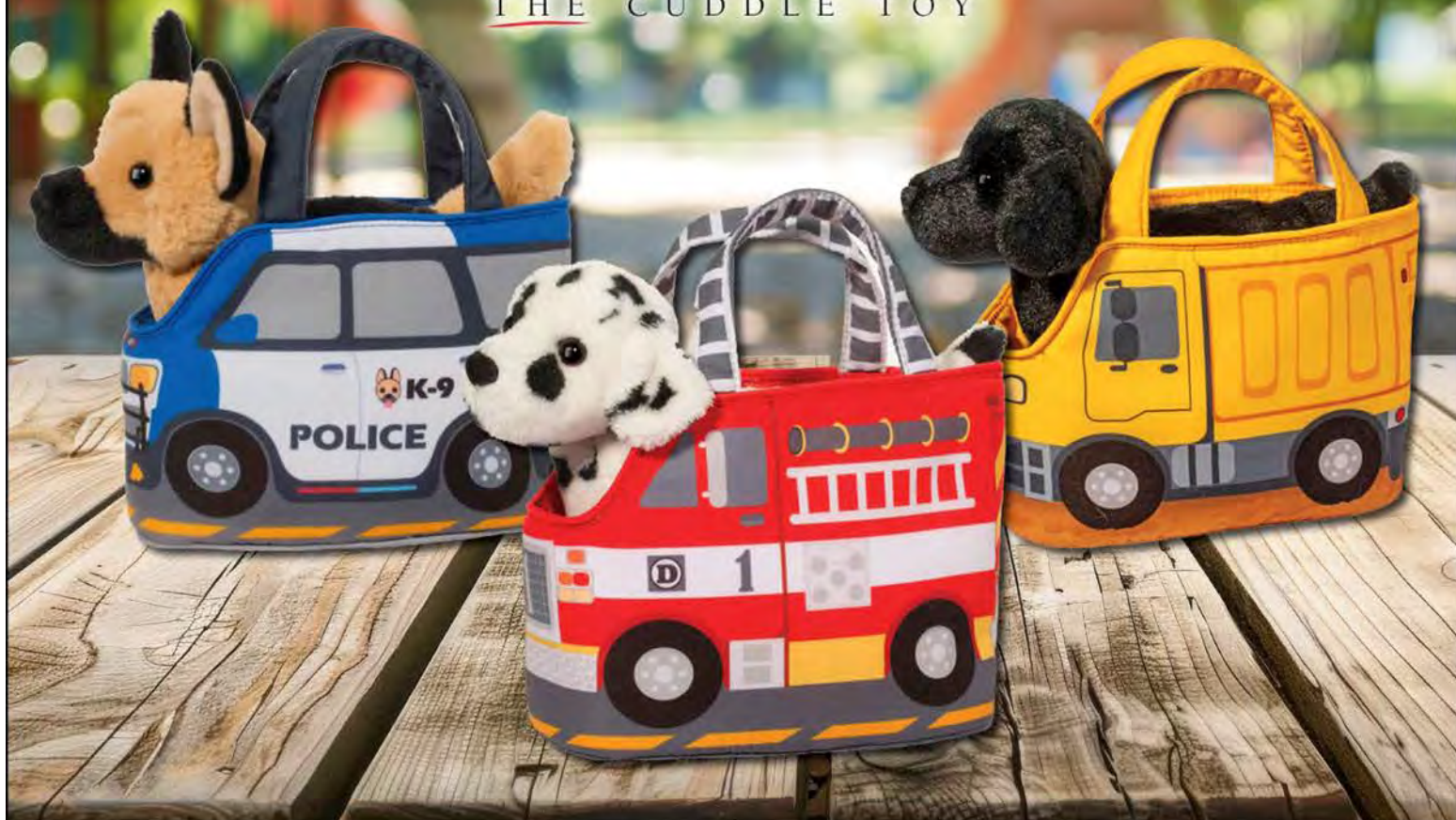
- LOCAL MOVING
- IN-STATE MOVING
- OUT-OF-STATE MOVING
- LABOR SERVICES
- PACKING SERVICES
- PACKING MATERIALS
- MILITARY DISCOUNT
- SENIOR DISCOUNT
- FREE ESTIMATES
- & MORE

[HTTPS://MOOVINGCOMPANY.COM/](https://moovingcompany.com/)

Now Available: Pet Saks by
DOUGLAS®



THE CUDDLE TOY



The bags showcase bright vehicle graphics in soft, kid-friendly materials. Riding inside, the trusty plush partner encourages adventures and storytelling all day long.



328 E. MAIN ST. | MONTROSE, CO | 970-249-8323

Protect Your Ballot – Move Election Date to November

The COUNTY ...

The CITY ...

1	✓ ...holds elections in Primary, Federal, State and County elections, and elections for several Cities, Fire Departments, Libraries and Schools throughout Montrose County.	✗ ...holds an April election in even-numbered years to elect City Council Members. The City has a ballot issue on the November 2026 ballot.
2	✓ ...Elections Office is a separate wing of the Montrose County Building. It is a secure , locked facility, NOT open to public access or unauthorized users.	✗ ...City Clerk says, "Our election room is portable in nature. It is set up in early March and dismantled at the end of April".
3	✓ ...has 28 cameras running 24/7/365 where ballots are accepted, stored, processed, and tabulated.	✗ ...does NOT have surveillance cameras where ballots are processed.
4	✓ ...conducts Logic and Accuracy testing of voting equipment prior to an election to ensure it is working properly (<i>logic</i>) and counting ballots correctly (<i>accuracy</i>).	✗ ...does NOT own an electronic ballot tabulator, and should not hand-count ballots.
5	✓ ...uses bipartisan Election Judges who are eligible voters with either the Republican or Democratic Party.	✗ ...City employees have been used as Election Judges for many years.
6	✓ ... wants to handle all of the election functions for the City.	✗ ...ALREADY depends on the County Elections Office for some of the important functions of an election.
7	✓ ... allows Watchers who are appointed by either political party to witness and verify the conduct of an election.	✗ ...does NOT have Watchers.
8	✓ ... has several areas for people to wait on election night for election results.	✗ ...has NO area for candidates, family, friends, or Watchers to wait on election night for election results.
9	✓ ... encourages the use of BallotTrax through the Colorado Secretary of State's Office so voters can track their ballot.	✗ ...CANNOT use BallotTrax, as it is not available to municipalities.
10	✓ ...ballots in November have a 60-87% voter participation , showing broader voter representation.	✗ ...ballots in April have only 25-30% voter participation, probably because voters don't expect an April election..
11	✓ ...elections will cost significantly less , since a Coordinated Election is subsidized by the State.	✗ ...pays the FULL cost of the April election.
12	✓ ...has a full-time dedicated staff in the County Elections Office all year long .	✗ ...does NOT have full-time employees dedicated to an election.

The Montrose County Elections Office has the EXPERIENCE, FACILITY, SECURITY, and STAFF to manage City Elections.

Submitted by Patty Greeves, a Montrose concerned voter.

Going On Now!

Summer Sale



UP TO
70% OFF

MEN'S & WOMEN'S CLOTHING, SHOES,
ACCESSORIES, AND MORE!

D'Medici Footwear & Clothing

316 East Main Street in Historic Downtown Montrose • 970-249-3668

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MCSO BOARD OF EDUCATION SEEKS APPLICANTS TO FILL DISTRICT B VACANCY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE. — The Montrose County School District (MCSO) Board of Education is accepting applications from qualified community members to fill the Director District B vacancy following the resignation of Board member Ted Valerio, effective October 13, 2026.

In accordance with Colorado law, the Board will appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy. The Board encourages eligible District B residents who are interested in serving their community and helping guide the district's future to apply.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for appointment, applicants must meet the qualifications established by Colorado law, including:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Meet applicable voter registration and residency requirements
- Reside within Director District B
- Meet all other legal qualifications for serving on a Colorado school board, including applicable criminal-conviction restrictions

Residents can find additional information about eligibility requirements and Director District B boundaries at www.mcsd.org/board-vacancy.

Application Process

Interested individuals must submit a letter of interest and a signed Affidavit of Application confirming their eligibility. Completed applications must be received by Friday, October 30, 2026, at 3 p.m.

Application materials and additional information about the vacancy process are available at www.mcsd.org/board-vacancy.

Applications may be emailed to Laurie Laird, Secretary to the Board of Education, at laurie.laird@mcsd.org or delivered to the MCSO District Office at 930 W. Colorado Avenue in Montrose.

Selection Process

The Board of Education will interview eligible applicants during a public work session on November 10, 2026. Following the work session, the Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting, during which it plans to discuss the candidates and make an appointment to fill the vacancy.

The appointed member will serve the remainder of the current term, which expires in 2027. The District B seat will be up for election in November 2027 as part of the regularly scheduled school board election.

MURDER MYSTERY AT THE FORUM –THE CASE OF WINDY POINT JANE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Her remains were found July 7, 1994, by a hiker exploring the Uncompahgre Plateau. That hiker discovered the remains near Windy Point, one of the high marks of the Divide Road which cuts across the Plateau about 25 miles west of Montrose. The next day, the Montrose County Sheriff's Office launched an investigation into her identity and how and why she died. Her identity remained a mystery for nearly 30 years.

Come hear the rest of the story and the advancements in forensic science and technology that led to her identify.

Montrose Sheriff's Office Commander Ted Valerio and Sheriff Gene Lillard will share the story and where the case stands today.

Join the Forum on Wednesday mornings in Cascade Hall at the Colorado Mesa University-Montrose campus, 245 S Cascade Ave. 9:00-10:00 A.M. October – April and 8-9 A.M. May – September.

Upcoming Programs

9-10 AM

October 28, 2026 — Red Cross: Beth McCorkle

November 4, 2026 — Caregivers Support Foundation: Laird Landon

November 11, 2026 — Salute to Veterans

November 18, 2026 — Billy Goat Hop Farm & LaNoue Dubois Winery

November 25, 2026 — No Forum: Thanksgiving

Legal Resource Days 2026 7th Judicial District

October 28th - 29th

Montrose Combined Courts

1200 North Grand Avenue

Montrose, CO 81401

Event to be held in Montrose
for all counties in the 7TH Judicial District;
Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Nucla,
Ouray and San Miguel



ATTEND FREE SESSIONS AND LEARN ABOUT:

DAY ONE Wednesday 10/28	COMMUNITY RESOURCES	DAY TWO Thursday 10/29
<u>9:00 a.m.</u> <u>PARENTING EDUCATION WORKSHOP</u> Families in Transition (FIT) <i>Presented by: CASA</i>	Colorado Legal Services (CLS) Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid (UVLA) Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) County Child Support Services Hilltop Community Resources San Miguel Resource Services Hispanic Affairs Project	<u>10:00 A.M.</u> <u>COMPLETE EVICTION PROCESS</u> From Service of Notice through Writ of Restitution Enforcement <i>Presented by: Lindsey Watson CLS</i>
<u>1:00 p.m.</u> <u>CHILD SUPPORT</u> Child Support Services Informational Presentation <i>Presented by: Adriana Hartley CSS</i>		<u>1:00 P.M.</u> <u>CONTESTED FAMILY LAW CASES</u> Family Court <i>Presented by: Andrea Rosenberry CLS</i>
		<u>2:30 P.M.</u> <u>EVIDENCE</u> Evidence for Self-Represented Parties <i>Presented by: Andrea Rosenberry CLS</i>

Consult an Attorney

30-minute appointments are available to speak with an attorney in the areas of family law, probate, and civil (money cases, landlord/tenant, small claims).

***PRE-REGISTRATION
REQUIRED***

***WE ARE DEDICATED IN
PROVIDING ACCESSIBLE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL
PARTICIPANTS.
IF YOU HAVE ANY
ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS OR A
DISABILITY, PLEASE INFORM US
SO WE CAN ARRANGE THE
NECESSARY
ACCOMMODATIONS.
(970) 252-4312
OR
07SRLC@JUDICIAL.STATE.CO.US**

****Sessions are FREE**
MEET WITH A MEDIATOR
*Pre-Registration Required***

For more information or questions,
please call or email:
Self Help Resource

(970) 252-4312

email: 07SRLC@judicial.state.co.us



Access
to
Justice
Committee

Community vendors on-site to provide information about local resources and service

Día de Recursos Legales del 7.º Distrito Judicial

Octubre 28 y 29, 2026

Tribunales combinados de
Montrose 1200 North Grand
Avenue Montrose, CO 81401

El evento se lleva a cabo en Montrose
para todos los condados del 7.º Distrito
Judicial: Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale,
Montrose, Nucla, Ouray y San Miguel



ASISTA A LAS SESIONES GRATUITAS Y APRENDA ACERCA DE:

DÍA UNO Miércoles 10/28	RECURSOS COMUNITARIOS	DÍA DOS Jueves 10/29
9:00 a.m. CLASE PARA PADRES Families in Transition (FIT) Presentado por: CASA	Colorado Legal Services (CLS) Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid (UVLA) Court Appointed Special Advocate (Defensor especial nombrado por el tribunal)(CASA) Servicios de Manutención Infantil del Condado Recursos comunitarios Hilltop Servicios de Recursos San Miguel Proyecto de Asuntos Hispanos	10:00 a.m. PROCESO COMPLETO DE DESALOJOS Desde la notificación judicial hasta la aplicación del auto de restitución Presentado por: Lindsey Watson CLS
1:00 p.m. MANUTENCIÓN INFANTIL Child Support Services Informational Presentation Presentado por: Adriana Hartley CSS		1:00 p.m. CASOS CONTENCIOSOS DE DERECHO DE FAMILIA Tribunal de causas de derecho de familia Presentado por: Andrea Rosenberry CLS
		2:30 p.m. PRUEBAS Presentación de pruebas para partes representadas por sí mismos Presentado por: Andrea Rosenberry CLS

Consulta con un abogado

Se ofrecen citas de 30 minutos para hablar con un abogado especializado en derecho de familia, relacionado con el proceso sucesorio y derecho civil (asuntos económicos, relaciones entre arrendadores y arrendatarios, reclamos de menor cuantía).

*** SE REQUIERE INSCRIPCIÓN PREVIA***

***NOS COMPROMETEMOS A OFRECER OPORTUNIDADES ACCESIBLES PARA TODOS LOS PARTICIPANTES. SI TIENE ALGUNA NECESIDAD DE ACCESIBILIDAD O ALGUNA DISCAPACIDAD, SE LE NOTIFICA QUE NOS LO COMUNIQUE PARA QUE PODAMOS ORGANIZAR LAS ADAPTACIONES NECESARIAS.**
(970) 252-4320 O
07SRLC@JUDICIAL.STATE.CO.US

Sesiones GRATUITAS

REUNIÓN CON UN MEDIADOR

*** Se requiere inscripción previa***

Para más información o si tiene preguntas, llame o mande correo electrónico a:
Self Help Resources (Centro de Autoayuda) al

(970) 252-4320 o

07SRLC@judicial.state.co.us



Acceso al Comité de Justicia

Habrán proveedores de la comunidad en el lugar para ofrecer información sobre recursos y servicios locales



COME HOME TO FALL

Pumpkins • Gourds • Corn Stalks • Straw Bales

Locally Grown & Ready for Your Home



SELF PICK UP & DESIGN

\$50

Any 10 Pumpkins PLUS

✓ 1 Corn Shock
OR

✓ 1 Wheat Shock
OR

✓ 1 Straw Bale

Self A La Carte Pricing

	Any Pumpkin	\$5
	Mini Pumpkins	\$1
	Corn Shocks	\$10
	Wheat Shocks	\$10
	Straw Bales	\$10
	Mini Straw Bales	\$5



OR LOVE THE LOOK BUT DON'T WANT THE WORK?

Let us transform your porch into a beautiful harvest display. Scan QR code for more information.

- ✓ Pumpkins & Gourds
- ✓ Corn Stalks
- ✓ Straw Bales
- ✓ Professional Styling
- ✓ Delivery & Setup



Perfect for homes, businesses, Airbnb properties, and real estate listings.

COME VISIT THE FARM

- 13010 5875 Road, Montrose
- (970) 209-0045
- www.petalparty.com



Harry Potter TEA PARTY



Scan QR code to
Purchase Tickets



HUNGER AWARENESS

WHEN: Saturday, November 7

WHERE: Montrose Pavilion

TIME: 2:00 pm

Advance Tickets: \$50.00
Day of Event: \$60.00

HIGH TEA, GAMES, PRIZES, SHOPPING, PHOTOS

FOR MORE INFO CALL: (970) 240-8385



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

WAIT IS OVER! INAUGURAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY SET FOR NOV. 11 AT NEW MEMORIAL!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – The Montrose Veterans Memorial Coalition announces the first Veterans Day ceremony at the newly constructed Montrose Veterans Memorial, 1800 Pavilion Dr., Montrose, Colo. on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2026.

A ribbon cutting/dedication ceremony, hosted by memorial partner the City of Montrose, will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m.

Guests will include the third memorial partner, Montrose County, as well as contractors/suppliers who contributed to the building of the memorial under the general direction of city public works director Jim Scheid and employees of contractor Stryker Co., under the leadership of Scott Stryker.

‘Truer’ meaning for Veterans Day in a special place

Following the ribbon cutting, veterans will lead in a Veterans Day ceremony which will feature posting of the colors and traditional program, according to J. Bob Brueske, MVMC BOD chairman.

–“We will bring a ‘truer’ meaning to Veterans Day,” Brueske said.

Brueske also is Veterans of Foreign Wars commander, a local chapter who hosted past Veterans Day ceremonies in Montrose.

“We’ve always had to have the Veterans Day ceremony at the cemetery, which has confused people,” he said. “Now we have a special place just for veterans.

Everlasting legacy

Les Williams, MVMC BOD president, said the new memorial is “an everlasting legacy.” He said he would like to see the public come out Nov. 11 and learn about the new memorial.

“Just the other day I met a woman from Colorado Springs who was visiting for the Montrose High School football game,” Williams said.

“She was taken back by the size and magnificence of the memorial and was taking photos for her husband,” he said.

“She commented on how the QR codes, which lead to a myriad of information, will be so helpful for visitors looking to learn more about our military.” MVMC BOD member Troy Meyer has created a website that contains information on all the elements of the memorial, including the soon-to-be-raised Huey helicopter.

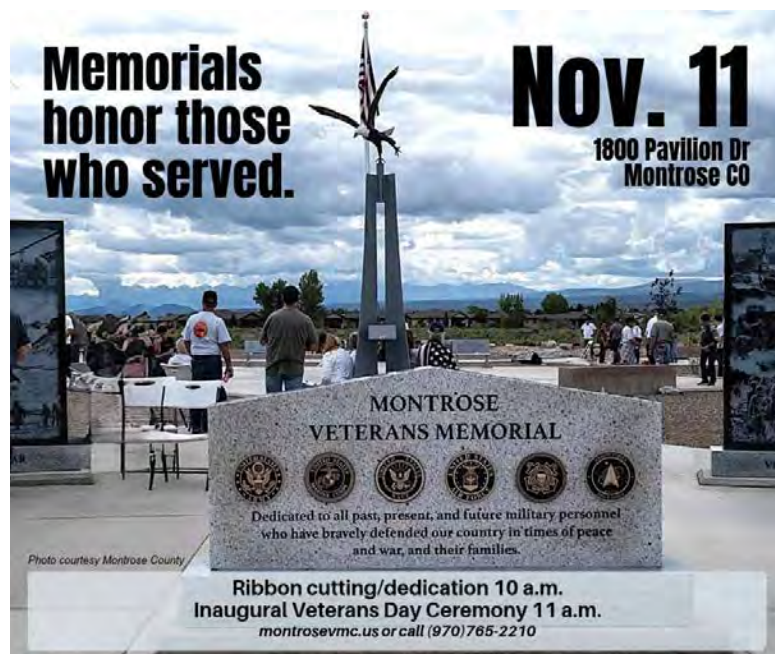
Brueske added that education in our country’s history and the part that our veterans played in it has deteriorated over the years.

“This memorial will help young people learn,” he said, “and help teachers teach.”

Brueske said he has traveled the country and made note that even in the smallest of towns there is always a nice veterans memorial.

“Now, we have one in Montrose.”

For more information on the ceremonies, tribute and patriot bricks, visit www.montrosevmc.org or call 970-765-2210. Deadline for purchasing bricks is Jan. 1, 2027, for the next brick-laying ceremony May 29, 2027.





Montrose UWF Presents

Down Home Country Bazaar

CRAFT VENDORS 🍁 BAKE SHOP
HOLIDAY TREASURES
FRESH GEORGIA PECANS

LUNCHEON MENU:
SLOPPY JOES, CHIPS, COLE SLAW,
DRINK & CAKES FOR \$10



Saturday, November 7, 2026



8 AM - 3 PM

19 S. PARK AVE



970.249.3716



Committed to **COLORADO** *and you.*

We believe banking should feel personal.

Thank you for choosing Alpine Bank.

We're glad you're here!



Alpine Bank

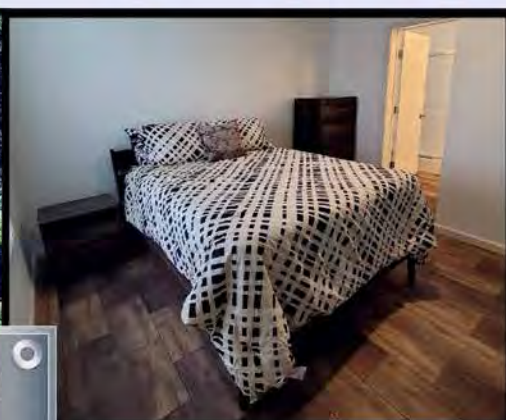
alpinebank.com • Member FDIC

PRICE DROP

**BRAND NEW
CHAMPION-YORK HOME**
Now \$161,000



62650 LASALLE ROAD
LOT #820
MONTROSE, CO



PROPERTY FEATURES



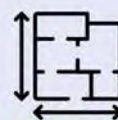
3 Bedroom



2 Bathroom



Stylish Living



1179 SF



Cul-de-sac
Location

***ONLY \$1,832.00
per month**

(\$1,018.00 mortgage plus
\$814.00 lot rent)

CONTACT US

📞 970-615-9412

✉ manager@thehiddenlakecommunity.com

🌐 www.thehiddenlakecommunity.com



**Hidden
Lake**

WAC. Estimated payment, rates and terms may vary based on credit history. Not all applicants will qualify. Subject to lender terms & conditions. Actual term, rate, APR, and loan amount may vary.



NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF
REALTORS®



SRES

Seniors Real Estate Specialist

Retiring,
downsizing
or selling
a family home?

A Seniors Real Estate
Specialist®
is uniquely qualified to
counsel
buyers and sellers
& here to
represent your
interests,
offer guidance and the
resources
you need to help you
through a time of
transition.



*I am a Senior Real
Estate Specialist,
I can help.*

Peg Evanoika, Broker Associate

970-209-3934

realtor@PegEvanoika.com



Elevated Real Estate,
500 E Main, Montrose, CO
970-249-7653 www.The-RES.com

CHAMPION HOME



\$99,000

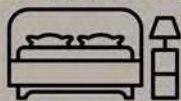
5% Down/25 Year Term



435 32 ROAD
LOT #212
CLIFTON, CO



PROPERTY FEATURES



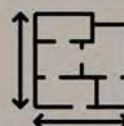
3 Bedroom



2 Bathroom



Well-Kept Home



1188 SF



Comfortable,
Functional, Inviting
Living Space

***ONLY \$1,430.00
per month***

(\$626.00 mortgage plus
\$804.00 lot rent)

CONTACT DETAILS

📞 970-434-8193

✉️ manager@midlandsvillage.com

🌐 www.midlandsvillage.com

WAC. Estimated payment, rates and terms may vary based on credit history. Not all applicants will qualify. Subject to lender terms & conditions. Actual term, rate, APR, and loan amount may vary.



Room to Roam.

ROOM FOR YOUR LIFESTYLE.

21
CENTURY 21
Elevated



ROOM FOR HORSES
& ANIMALS



ROOM FOR YOUR
WORKSHOP



ROOM FOR YOUR
RV STORAGE



ALL WITH THE MOST
MAGNIFICENT
MOUNTAIN VIEWS

61505 V60 TRL.
MONTROSE, CO

— PRICE —
\$1,399,000

- 4 Bedrooms
- 4 Bathrooms
- Office
- 4,375 Sq Ft
- 2 Car Attached Garage
- 2 Car Detached Workshop/Garage
- 4 Car RV & Car Storage Detached Garage
- 36.7 Acres
- Pinion Hills Estates
- MLS #835946



Bring your horses, your toys, and your dreams to this one-of-a-kind 36.7 acre property in Pinion Hills Estates. With incredible San Juan Mountain views, multiple garages, workshop space, and RV storage, this property offers the freedom and flexibility you've been looking for. Whether you need space for animals, equipment, guests, or your RV—this property delivers.



MICHELLE KLIPPERT

Certified Residential Specialist

CENTURY 21 ELEVATED

📞 970-275-3016

✉️ michelleklippertrealtor@gmail.com

SPACE TO LIVE. SPACE TO BREATHE.

Space to Thrive.



CENTURY 21

ELEVATED REAL ESTATE

Pumpkin spice is nice.

**BUT HOME
IS THE REAL
FLAVOR OF FALL.**

Cozy rooms. Warm kitchens. A place to gather.

Let's find the home that feels like yours.**LESLIE GORE****GRI | CRS | ABR | SRES | SFR****BROKER ASSOCIATE****970-275-3195**

LeslieGoreRealtor@gmail.com

Leslie.Gore@century21.com

25 years of experience - and relentless
commitment to your next move.**MAKE YOUR MOVE BEFORE THE LEAVES DO.**

RELENTLESS MOVES | WESTERN COLORADO

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DMEA SEEKS MEMBERS WITH UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) periodically returns capital credits to eligible members as part of its ongoing commitment to the cooperative business model. Before retirement occurs, DMEA seeks members who may have unclaimed capital credits—refunds that couldn't be delivered due to outdated contact information or inactive accounts.

"Capital credits are a meaningful benefit of being a member of an electric cooperative," said Chief Financial Officer Bob Farmer. "They represent each member's ownership in DMEA and reflect our commitment to putting our members first. Returning capital credits is one of the ways we share the financial benefits of the cooperative with the members we serve."

Unclaimed capital credits can accumulate over time, especially for former members who may have moved out of the service area or forgotten their membership. To help reunite members with their money, DMEA has an online search tool for unclaimed capital credits.

To check for unclaimed capital credits:

Visit dmea.com/capital-credits. Members can search by name and contact DMEA to update contact information.

DMEA will share additional details about the upcoming capital credit retirement once the timing is finalized. Upon retirement of capital credits, active members will receive a check if their refund is more than \$50, and a credit on their bill if it is less than \$50.

Members with questions can visit dmea.com/capital-credits, email capital.credits@dmea.com, or call 877-687-3632.

Need an X-Ray?

Try Imaging at River Landing



- Quick, in-and-out experience
- Less expensive than hospital visit
- State-of-the-art technology



Imaging at River Landing

Ambulatory Care Center
3330 S. Rio Grande Ave.
Montrose, CO 81401

970-497-5976

montrosehealth.com/imaging

Now easier to read on
your iPhone
www.montrosemirror.com



MONTROSE LIVING OFFERING COMFORT & CONVENIENCE!



PRICE IMPROVEMENT!

MLS - 837189
\$409,900

2320 JAMES STREET
MONTROSE, CO 81401

NO HOA or Covenants!

FEATURES:

- 3 Bed
- 1.75 Bath
- 1,613 Sq. Ft.
- Central AC
- Low Maintenance Landscaping
- 2 Car Garage

CENTURY 21

Elevated Real Estate

Holly Hensley

+970-208-4689

500 E. Main St.
Montrose, CO 81401





Paint Your Pet Mosaic Montrose



**Thr., Oct. 22nd
5:30-7:30 pm**



No experience necessary. Step-by-step instructions. Everything provided plus snack and adult beverage or soft drink.

21 N. Cascade Ave., Montrose



**With Kate Burke. Register online
<https://kathrynrburke.com/product/102226M>**

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

RUSSIA IS NOT OUR ALLY

As a child we were taught to duck under our desks in elementary school if we were attacked by Russian nuclear missiles fired on us from Cuba. The year was 1962. In my adult years I saw a photo in the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Visitor Center along Interstate 90 in South Dakota. It showed kids, just like me, ducked under their school desks. Incredible that anyone thought that would save us.

We've had strong presidents who have stood up to the USSR before it broke up and we now call Russia. NATO, of course, was one of our first deterrents against a Russian attack on our allies and to us. We placed those Minuteman missile sites around the rural countryside because of the Russian threat. Armed with nuclear ballistic missiles.

On February 22, 1922, Russia invaded Ukraine and started a war. A war that has been going on over four years now. Russia, under Vladimir Putin, has constantly attacked civilian targets in Ukraine. Incredibly they have held their country together and under Volodymyr Zelenskyy, have struck back at important facilities within Russia.

The United States along with many European countries as well as Canada have provided armaments and monies to Ukraine to support their sovereignty as a nation.

Again, Russia is NOT our ally.

Suddenly, within the last few days, the president of the United States began negotiating with Russia to buy diesel fuel from them. One month ago, the president had signed into law the Linsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026, a bi-partisan act. Two days before taking effect, the president put a hold on the Russian sanctions claiming "National Security".

He has called for President Zelenskyy to step down. He says Ukraine should stop the war. Reminder, Russia started the war.

Which, by the way, Donald Trump started the war with Iran. The war that has cost us and the world dearly. Not only in human lives but in the prices we are now paying for fuel and groceries. The war he promised us we would never be in.

The president was furious that Ukraine used drones to attack and severely damage facilities in Russia that were producing diesel fuel. He told them they needed to stop. Then Ukraine did something incredible. They attacked and took out several Russian data centers.

Last Wednesday, Elon Musk's Starlink services were cut off to Ukraine hampering their ability to detect incoming Russian drones. It is alleged from inside sources that the White House may have played a part in the decision to cut off Starlink.

Regardless, Ukraine is being treated like the aggressor. Funding from the United States to Ukraine has been severely limited. Meanwhile, the president halts Russian sanctions, wants to buy Russian diesel, thus providing money to Russia, to which they can spend on bombs.

Meanwhile, our long-time allies are constantly being threatened by the president. One of our best friends and biggest allies is Canada. The European nations are our allies.

The president hangs a signed photograph of him and Putin, taken at JBER in Alaska, in OUR White House. He invited the Chinese leader, Xi Jinping to the White House and even asked if he was interested in purchasing American weapons. The president still expresses positive feelings for North Korea's Kim Jung Un. Unbelievable.

What the president is doing to our one-time allies, and especially cozying up to Putin and Russia, can be defined in one word. Treasonous.

We cannot duck and hide under our school desks. We must speak out. Canada is our friend and ally. Ukraine is our friend, ally, and needs our support. Russia is the enemy. Anyone who supports Russia is the enemy.

Jon Sering

Former Montrose resident



Brain food. Feed your starving mind.

The Montrose Mirror

SOUND JOURNEYS at the Ute Museum

FULL MOON SERIES

Aug. 23. 'Ground' • Sep. 27 'Harvest' • Oct. 25 'Release'

'RELEASE' OCTOBER. 25

Sunday, 2-3 pm - Gia Pirelli



17253 Chipeta Rd., Montrose

\$47. Register for Ground giapirelli.com/product/102526ute

Welcome

Delta Health Adult
Primary Care is excited
to welcome Internal
Medicine Physician
DR. CARLY JOSEPH.



MEDICAL SCHOOL

- Central Michigan University
College of Medicine

SPECIALIZING IN

- Preventative health for adult
patients through end of life.

FOCUS

- Women's health across the
lifespan.



NOW ACCEPTING PATIENTS!

1450 BURGESS ST, DELTA, CO

970.874.7668

DELTAHEALTHCO.ORG

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TWO OUTLETS AND FOUR LIGHTS: DMEA LINEMAN PARTICIPATES IN ENERGY TRAILS TEAM IN GUATEMALA

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— DMEA Serviceman Tim Brandon has returned from Guatemala after spending over 15 days helping bring electricity to remote communities as part of an NRECA International project alongside linemen from Colorado, Iowa, and Oklahoma. Brandon was part of a team that traveled to the communities of Montenegro and El Estocal, where crews worked with residents to build the electrical infrastructure needed to provide electricity for the first time. DMEA's Chief Operations Officer, Cody Carver, also attended as part of the inauguration team to support the group's community service project to bring electricity to the village school.

By the end of the project, crews had installed: 82 electric services, 6 kilometers of primary line, 5 kilometers of secondary line, 55 primary-line poles, 31 secondary-line poles, and 11 transformers.

The work extended beyond the electrical system. As part of the trip, the inauguration team also completed a kitchen remodel for the local elementary school, painting the space and equipping it with supplies, utensils, and appliances, including a refrigerator and freezer.

For Brandon, the significance of the work became especially clear when crews began wiring individual homes.

"We were putting two outlets and four lights into these little dirt-floor huts where families were living," Brandon said. "Each family was also gifted a two-burner hot plate, which was a change from cooking over fire. It really makes you stop and think about how much we take electricity for granted. Something as simple as being able to plug something in or turn on a light can make a huge difference in someone's life."

The challenges of bringing electricity to the communities were unlike anything Brandon typically encounters in his work

in Western Colorado. Much of the project took place in steep, rugged terrain with little or no access for heavy equipment. Brandon was able to take a bag of his line equipment, but several standard tools weren't immediately available to the team. Brandon recalled that early work involved carving out plastic bottles and sticks until shovels were purchased.

At one point, villagers carried a power pole approximately a quarter-mile uphill on their backs because there was no road or equipment available to move it.

"That was something I won't forget," Brandon said. "A dozen guys were carrying a power pole up a hill because there was no other option. They didn't complain. They just figured out how to get it done. They wanted electricity for their community, and everybody was willing to do their part."

That spirit of cooperation became one of the most meaningful parts of the experience for Brandon. Residents worked alongside the crews, helping with everything from digging and moving materials to setting poles that would serve their homes and neighbors for years to come.

The project was coordinated through NRECA International, which works with electric cooperatives worldwide to bring electricity and the benefits of reliable service to communities that have never had it.

For DMEA CEO Jack Johnston, Brandon's participation in the project is an extension of the cooperative's commitment to serving communities both close to home and beyond its service territory.

"One of the things that makes being part of a cooperative special is that we don't just look at our own community—we look for opportunities to help our neighbors wherever they are," Johnston said. "That's why DMEA participates in projects like Light Up Navajo and why we're proud to support Tim's opportunity to serve in Guatemala. We are privileged to enjoy the benefits of



DMEA Serviceman Tim Brandon. Courtesy photo.

electricity, and are proud to support opportunities to help bring something fundamental to people who need it and create opportunities for a better quality of life."

DMEA employees have participated in Light Up Navajo, an initiative that brings volunteer electric cooperative crews together to extend electric service to Navajo families who have lived without electricity. The work in Guatemala offered a similar reminder of the difference reliable electricity can make in everyday life.

"Whether we're working with a family in our own service territory, helping a neighbor through Light Up Navajo, or traveling to another country to help a community build its electrical system, the reason is the same," Johnston said. "We have the skills and the opportunity to help, and that's what cooperatives are about."

For Brandon, the trip offered a new appreciation for the work he does every day at home—and for the people who make that work possible.

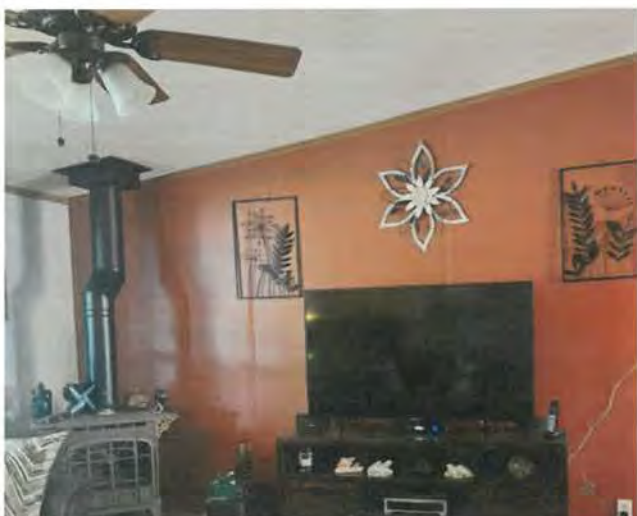
"I'm proud to be a lineman, and I'm proud to work for DMEA," Brandon said. "But this trip gave me a whole different perspective on what that job can mean. You quickly realize that we're not just delivering electricity.

"We're helping people have better, safer, and more connected lives."

901 6530 Rd #1201



Asking Price
\$155,900



PRICE REDUCTION
3-bedroom 2 bath
New Appliances. New Roof
Quartz Counter Tops
Luxury Wood-plank Flooring
2 Covered Decks
Outside Shed with Electricity

Century 21 Elevated Real Estate
Diane Haynes, Broker Associate CRS,GRI,ABR
500 Main Street
Montrose, Co 81401
970-596-3521
dianehaynesrealtor@gmail.com



**JUST REDUCED - \$795,000
+ \$25,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS**

Large 5 bedroom home on Spring Creek Mesa



This wonderful estate has 5 spacious bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. Open living concept on the main floor with 1 bedroom that could also be an office. Upper level has 4 bedrooms and a sitting/family room. Extra large master and bath with 2 walk in closets. Each level of the home has a laundry room and separate/dedicated heat and A/C. 1 irrigated acre, fruit trees, goldfish pond and 3 car garage. MLS# 837555

59400 LUPINE CT, MONTROSE, CO



5 BEDROOMS



3 BATHROOMS



3 CAR GARAGE



970-901-9159



michellekeltz5@gmail.com

CENTURY 21 Elevated Real Estate

CENTURY 21.

Elevated Real Estate

21

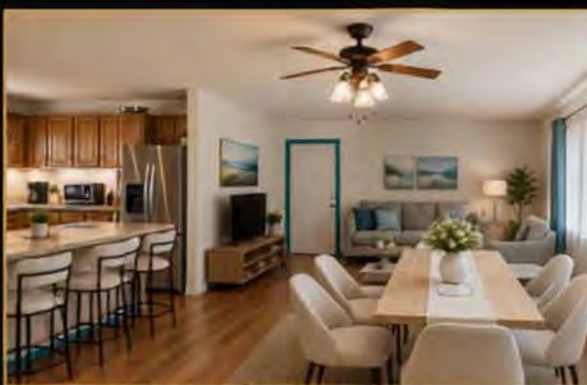
PRICE RECUCED

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A LARGER HOME AND YARD
AND A SMALLER PRICE, LESS THAN \$200.00 PER
SQ FT. !!!



113 VISTA VIEW DR. *Montrose, CO*

MLS #833845



Stop by and tour this home that has so much to offer!



**LARGE
FENCED YARD**



**SPACIOUS
KITCHEN**



**PLENTY OF
LIVING SPACE**

Located near everything Montrose has to offer.

SQUARE FOOTAGE

1,872
SQ FT

THINK OF THE
PRICE PER
SQUARE FOOT!

The value is here!

NEW PRICE ADJUSTMENT!

\$359,900.00

CENTURY 21.

Elevated Real Estate

SMARTER. BOLDER. FASTER.
THAT'S THE C21 DIFFERENCE.

21

OPINION/EDITORIAL:LETTERS

THE FABLE OF THE TOWN CALLED MONTROSE PASS

Editor:As the fable goes, it has been ten years since I rode west into the town of Montrose Pass. As I topped the pass and looked down on the town, I came upon a campsite where two old prospectors were resting on their way back home from Montrose Pass. "What's the latest news of goings-on in town?" I asked as we talked around the campfire. Old John started the conversation. "A lot has changed since you were here last, about ten years ago," he said. "It's like the city is going through a conversion or something. The old establishment, City Council, has been replaced by almost all new people. With that change, citizens and business owners who had previously stayed behind the curtains and in their shops came out, along with others, and demanded through their vote that the elected council members start representing them and take control back from the non-elected city manager. Around 1886, that City Manager had taken the town over and, with a band/family of eighteen supporters, declared that they 'ran' the town of Montrose Pass." John went on. "You ask how that can be? Well, understand that the City Manager is not elected to anything and doesn't represent the people. He/she is only an employee of the city and is not accountable to the citizens of Montrose Pass regarding any issue. . Only the elected members of council are accountable to the people." "How did it happen?" I asked as I put more wood on the fire. "Ted," the other old prospector said, "the City Council developed a 'family' like atmosphere where controversial topics were never discussed in public, and transparency into the workings of the city was almost never practiced. In effect, a new power structure was formed, and many citizens were afraid to come forward and speak up for numerous reasons, especially those who required city services of one sort or another. Friends were treated very kindly, and those in opposition, let's say, had to have very strong personalities. Then vote day came, and change happened. New thoughts occurred, the curtains were pulled back, the 'family' was dissolved, and the much-awaited change arrived. The town is now looking for a new, unelected, employee, City Manager, bringing with it a change in the operating structure and an understanding that the 'people always have the final say. "What happened to the 'family' of eighteen?" I asked. "Well," said John, "the 'family' of eighteen did not like it. Their time had come and gone. It is hard, partner, but the city of Montrose Pass will survive. "Signs" of change are everywhere, and of course the eighteen can be counted on for a 'NO' vote on all issues that return the city back to the people through their only representatives, the five elected council members. Well partner, we better mosey on for now. As the two old prospectors left my sight and all alone in my thoughts, I was left wondering what the town of Montrose Pass would be like 140 years in the future, say, around the year 2026 ?

Jim Anderson, Montrose

Join us a for special 'Haunting of the Downtown' Ghost tour October 23rd & 24th at 6:00 pm

The Montrose County Historical Museum takes a walk on the Spooky Side with tales of spooks, ghouls, and ghost stories. The museum's ghost authority mingles history and legends on a walk of down Montrose's shadowy Main Street and dark alleyways. The ghouls will be present as they follow patrons enjoying the mysterious tales of the town's eerie history of paranormal activity and perhaps have their own experiences to share afterward.

There are limited spaces for this family-friendly tour, to reserve a space call 970-249-2085 or email info@montrosehistory.org
Tickets are \$10.00/person



DON CORAM, FORMER STATE SENATOR, SAYS NO!

Don Coram, Former State Senator, in a recent interview, said the process involved in forming the city charter amendments was lacking in general public input and review. All four amendments should be rejected at this time, Coram said.

VOTE NO

ON ALL 4 CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

TRUST – HONESTY – ACCOUNTABILITY

BRAND NEW CLAYTON HOME

\$135,000

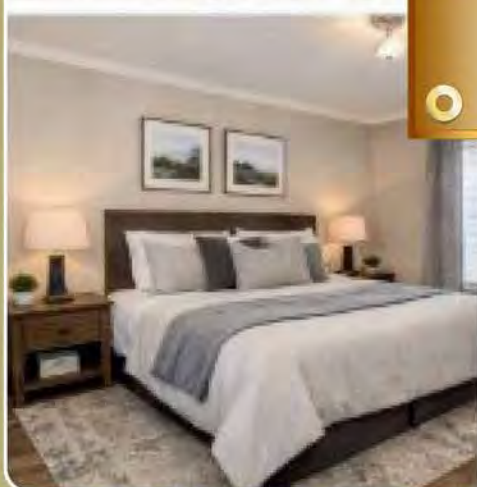
5% Down/25 Year Term



STAGED



**62880 LASALLE ROAD
LOT #196
MONTROSE, CO**



PROPERTY FEATURES



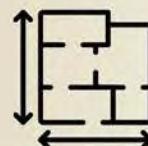
3 Bedroom



2 Bathroom



Energy Efficient



1050 SF



Spacious,
Modern Comfort

***ONLY \$1,577.00
per month
(\$853.00 mortgage plus
\$724.00 lot rent)**

CONTACT DETAILS

📞 970-249-8266

✉️ manager@montroserivermeadows.com

🌐 www.therivermeadows.com

WAC. Estimated payment, rates and terms may vary based on credit history. Not all applicants will qualify. Subject to lender terms & conditions. Actual term, rate, APR, and loan amount may vary.



OPINION/EDITORIAL:LETTERS

GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE:

THE POSITIVE SIDE OF MONTROSE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J

By Jason Conant | October 18, 2026

This past week, I decided to attend another school board meeting. The meeting went smoothly, with the board members working their way through the agenda items. One of the first parts of the meeting included a Student, Staff, and Community Recognition portion. It's always great to hear some positive and encouraging words. This time, it was about student improvements at Black Canyon High School and an in-classroom air quality study conducted by a group of students. Very interesting and uplifting, for sure.

The board then moved on to other items on the agenda, and eventually, we came to the "Community Input" portion of the meeting.

We had one individual who expressed interest in the open board seat in District B, which was recently vacated due to a resignation.

We also had another individual who stood up to express their concerns and dissatisfaction with the new board, implying that they hadn't done anything worthwhile. Although this person did wish them success, they felt the board was not being transparent and were unhappy with what had been going on in the district and on the board. They implied that the board was not living up to expectations and was not looking out for the best interests of our students.

Okay, so I have to put on the brakes here.

I thought to myself, why don't we take a closer look at this? I had originally planned to write a more detailed article about the school board meeting itself, but this person's concerns got me thinking. Perhaps instead of focusing on the meeting, we should take a different direction and look at what is actually happening within our school district. Are there positive things being accomplished that we might be overlooking? Are we giving credit where credit is due, or are we so focused on the negative that we fail to recognize the good?

We are coming up on the one-year anniversary of when the new members of the school board were voted into office. So, before we start making accusations that nothing worthwhile has been accomplished, shouldn't we take a look at some of what actually has been done?

We often hear about the problems facing our public schools. Whether it's declining test scores, budget concerns, school board disagreements, or questions about leadership, there never seems to be a shortage of criticism. And while I believe accountability and transparency are extremely important, I also believe we need to recognize the good things happening in our schools.

Academic Achievements Worth Celebrating

Let's start with our students.

In September, Montrose High School senior Wyatt Gleason was named a 2027 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. Fellow student Maya Yacovetta was recognized as a 2027 National Merit Scholarship Commended Student.

These are significant academic honors, and both students deserve recognition for their hard work and dedication.

There has also been some improvement in the district's overall academic performance. According to the district's preliminary 2026 performance framework, its score increased from 51.2 points to 53.3 points, an improvement of 2.1 points. Now do we still have room for improvement, absolutely.

Investing in Our Youngest Students

One of the more significant developments this year was the school board's acceptance of a \$6,192,542.48 Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant in June.

This funding is intended to support the construction of a new early childhood education facility.

Early childhood education is an important part of building a strong educational foundation. Investing in facilities that serve our youngest students can provide benefits for years to come.

During the meeting they had a presentation on the progress of this facility that is being built into the field house building. Financial oversight and transparency look to be on task. Receiving a grant is an accomplishment, and ensuring that those funds are spent responsibly is just as important and as stated it looks like they are headed in the right direction.

Preparing Students for Life After High School

According to district information, RE-1J currently offers 16+ career pathways covering areas such as agriculture, engineering, health sciences, public safety, education, and outdoor industries.

Continued next pg

GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE From previous pg

The district also reports offering more than 130 Advanced Placement and concurrent enrollment courses, along with opportunities for 24 industry certifications.

These are existing educational opportunities, not necessarily programs that were all introduced this year. Nevertheless, they are important resources for our students.

Not every student is going to attend a four-year university, nor should they be expected to. We need skilled tradespeople, mechanics, electricians, healthcare workers, agricultural professionals, and individuals prepared to enter the workforce. This is a work in progress and I sure wish we had something like when I was in school. Good job by everyone that is involved with this.

Recognizing Our Teachers

We sometimes forget that behind successful students are dedicated teachers who spend countless hours preparing lessons, helping struggling students, and encouraging young people to reach their potential.

In April, the Montrose Education Foundation recognized three outstanding educators as its 2026 Teachers of the Year: Valerie Hansen — Johnson Elementary School, Leslie Maddox — Columbine Middle School, Joy Robinson — Olathe Middle and High School. The foundation also awarded a \$10,000 Impact Award to Chris Thompson and Meghan Waschbusch at Centennial Middle School for their VEX Robotics Program. The project is designed to expand after-school robotics opportunities for middle school students while introducing elementary students to engineering and robotics. Programs like this encourage creativity, problem-solving, and practical skills that students can use throughout their lives.

Congratulations to these educators and everyone involved.

Music, Innovation, and Hands-On Learning -Academics are important, but education involves more than reading, writing, and mathematics. In January, the Montrose High School Advanced Jazz Ensemble was selected to perform at the 2026 Colorado Music Educators Association State Conference.

That is an outstanding achievement for the students and educators involved in the music program.

Community Partnerships Make a Difference -Another positive aspect of our local schools is the involvement of community organizations. The Montrose Education Foundation continues to recognize outstanding educators and support classroom innovation.

Accountability and Recognition Can Go Hand in Hand

Writing about the positive things happening within RE-1J does not mean I am ignoring the problems. There might be legitimate concerns about academic performance, attendance, financial decisions, and the overall direction of public education. Those concerns should be discussed openly, respectfully, and with accurate information.

But I don't believe that holding our schools accountable requires us to constantly focus on the negative. We can question decisions made by the school board while still recognizing the accomplishments of our students, teachers, staff and school board members.

We can also give credit where credit is due, regardless of whether or not we agree with who was elected to serve on the school board. Our schools should not be about political sides, personal disagreements, or who supported which candidate. They should be about what's best for our students and our community.

We can demand accountability, ask tough questions, and expect better results without overlooking the progress that has already been made.

Accountability and recognition are not opposites. In fact, I believe we need both if we truly want our schools and our students to succeed.

Thank you to the Montrose RE-1J faculty, staff, administration, and school board members for your continued hard work, dedication, and commitment to our students and community throughout the 2026–2027 school year. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and they are greatly appreciated!



**Journalism of a
different stripe.**

montrosemirror.com

Montrose Regional Crime Stop pers



**See Something? Say
Something!**

Report Anonymously at:

(970) 249-8500

P3 mobile app

p3tips .com

**If your tip results in an arrest...
You could receive a cash reward!**





KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Holiday Soiree & Fundraiser

An Evening of Giving Back

★ FREE COMMUNITY EVENT ★

SATURDAY · NOVEMBER 7, 2026

5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Hosted at *Camelot Gardens & Gifts*
16612 S. Townsend Ave

- MUSIC
- APPETIZERS
- COCKTAILS
- SILENT AUCTION
- GIVEAWAYS

Give back this holiday season. Join us for food, drinks, music and a charity auction featuring unique items and experiences — with all proceeds going to Rotary Club of Montrose programs.

- SHOES FOR KIDS**
- STUDENT RESOURCES**
- FISHING DERBY**

2026 FUNDRAISING GOAL

\$13,000

Building on last year's \$11,167 raised

★ **SILENT AUCTION — SEEKING DONATIONS** ★

- Vacation Getaways
- Fly-Fishing Trips
- Ski Packages
- Local Artisan Goods
- Restaurant Certificates
- Spa Packages
- Holiday Baskets
- Golf Foursomes
- Professional Photography
- Wine & Spirits
- Outdoor Gear
- & More!

PRESENTED BY



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH IS OFFERING FLU VACCINES AT NO COST, WITH OR WITHOUT INSURANCE. NO APPOINTMENT IS NEEDED!

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County Public Health will host a walk-in flu vaccine clinic on Thursday, October 22, and [Friday, October 23, 2026](#).

Vaccines are available at no cost to ALL RESIDENTS OF DELTA COUNTY with or without insurance. No appointment is needed.

Clinic Details

Hours: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. each day, with a closure from noon–1 p.m.

Location: Delta County Public Health, 255 W. 6th Street, Delta

Ages: Flu vaccines are available for everyone ages 6 months and older

High-dose vaccines: Available for adults ages 65 and older

Cost: No cost, with or without insurance

For more information, call 970-874-2165.

HONORING THOSE WHO INSPIRE GENERATIONS

Special to the Mirror

Educators and Teachers Memorial Highway Dedication Ceremony

Delta County School District 50J warmly invites the community to a special dedication ceremony celebrating the designation of a portion of Colorado State Highway 92 as the Educators and Teachers Memorial Highway.

We are honored to welcome distinguished guests:

-Colorado Governor Jared Polis

-Julie McCluskie, Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives

-Matt Soper, State Representative, House District 54
Established through Colorado House Joint Resolution 26-1024, this designation recognizes the lasting contributions of teachers, educators, and education support professionals who have shaped generations of students.

The designated four-mile stretch of Highway 92 passes through historic Read, Colorado, home to one of the area's earliest schools and the former headquarters of Delta County School District.

Please join us as we celebrate our educational heritage and honor those whose dedication continues to inspire future generations.



Visit us at the MRH Digestive Health Center today.

Caring for you like family, from screening to treatment

At Montrose Regional Health's Digestive Health Center, your digestive wellness is our priority. We combine compassionate care with advanced diagnostics and treatment options, all close to home. Whether you're managing chronic conditions, seeking preventive screenings, or facing complex procedures, we're here to help you feel your best.



Dr. Michael Paolucci,
MD



Dr. Chris Harmon,
MD, PHD



Dr. Augustine Lee,
MD, FACS, FASCRS



Dr. Vanessa Lee,
MD, MS



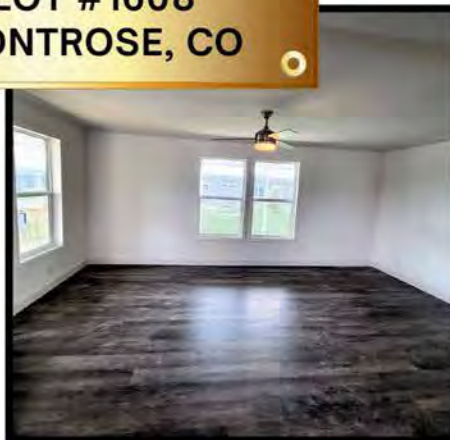
Victoria Oliva,
DNP, APRN, FNP-C

PRICE DROP

BRAND NEW SKYLINE HOME Now \$168,000



901 6530 ROAD
LOT #1608
MONTROSE, CO



PROPERTY FEATURES



3 Bedroom



2 Bathroom



Lovely Open
Concept Home



1344 SF



8x8 Matching Shed

***ONLY \$1,778.00
PER MONTH***

(\$1,062.00 mortgage plus
\$716.00 lot rent)

CONTACT DETAILS



970-249-0493



manager@cimarroncreekcommunity.com



www.cimarroncreekcommunity.com

WAC. Estimated payment, rates and terms may vary based on credit history. Not all applicants will qualify. Subject to lender terms & conditions. Actual term, rate, APR, and loan amount may vary.



CIMARRON CREEK
Welcome Home

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

MICHAEL HUNTER

February 9, 1955-October 5, 2026



"Some of it's magic, some of it's tragic, but I had a good life all the way."

- Jimmy Buffett, He Went to Paris

MICHAEL HUNTER, 71, set sail at sunset on Monday, October 5th surrounded by family following a lengthy illness.

Mike was born February 9, 1955, in Cedar City, Utah. He loved southern Utah and has extensive family roots in the area. Cedar City was his home and where he lived until moving with his wife Meredine to Colorado as they started their foray into the movie theater business.

They moved to Montrose in 1985 when they purchased the iconic downtown Fox Theatre which he operated until his passing. Any theater goer in the valley will remember Mike as he sold you popcorn or shared his wisdom as he tore your ticket.

With a joke always at the ready, Mike will be remembered for his oversized sense of humor and dedication to his family. His sincere compassion for people and generosity to those in need will never be forgotten.

Mike enjoyed hunting, fishing, skiing, scuba diving and an evening on the beach. His greatest gift was drawing people in and he made friends wherever he went. A stranger

was a concept unbeknownst to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents June R. and Virginia Hunter and his brother Keven.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years Meredine and daughter Misty both of Montrose; and his sisters Linda Reber and Sharon Batt and their extended families.

The family will host an Honoring Celebration at a later date.

Mike loved animals especially dogs from his childhood companion Mack who even went cruising with him as a teenager to Tuffy and Rex.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks honorary donations be made to Second Chance Humane Society, 177 County Road 10, Ridgway, Colorado 81432.

Growing up in Utah, Meredine always wanted to marry a Cedar Boy.

As you sail the Earth one last time Mike, your Delta, Utah Bunny shares with You, your fight song :

A Cedar Boy is hard to beat, he's just the perfect boy from head to feet.

He's got a style, a smile, a winning way.

No matter where you go you'll recognize him and you'll say, "Now there's a boy I'd like to know, he's got that good old Cedar pep and go".

And just to be with him is quite a treat, it's hard to beat a Cedar boy.

With Love, Meredine.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

KAREN SOUTH ARNOLD, PHD

Born Logan, Utah June 21, 1942-Died Montrose, CO October 11, 2026

Karen died at 9:30 pm on Sunday, October 11, 2026 after a long illness. Hope West made her final weeks bearable for her. Karen was a very busy person, worked hard at education, acquiring two Bachelor degrees, two Masters and a PhD. Karen paid for her schooling mostly by working summers at the foot of the Grand Teton mountains where she was a wrangler, a waitress, bartender and cabin maid. She was a CPA, a speech pathologist, had a private pilot's license and wrote an award-winning non-fiction book, *Playing Grandma's Games*. Not one to give up on older technology, she used a twenty-two-year-old computer to build the book's incredible graphics. Her skill at photography is still well noted in several states and her artwork is beautiful. Throughout her life Karen supported many charities, both financially and physically. She



was a prolific fundraiser for them. Karen's love and care of animals inspired much of her life. She raised horses, took-in shelter dogs and cats, and even had a Siamese who loved to fly with her. In Montrose, Colorado where Karen settled in 1995, her work earned her an award from Magic Circle Players. She was an inspiring member on the board of Montrose Animal Protection Agency for 15 years. Never one to stand still, she worked as an auto tech inspector at Halleck raceway in Oklahoma. Her final career was as the manager of the Policy and Procedures department at Thiokol Corporation in Utah. Wherever she was, whatever she was involved in, Karen was effective, respected and loved. She is missed.

Now more than ever...

Thank you for reading

THE MONTROSE MIRROR

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

DARIUS WILLIAM "BILL" DEVRIES 1940-2026

DARIUS WILLIAM "BILL" DEVRIES passed away peacefully early Sunday morning, October 4, 2026, at his home. He was 86 years old.

Bill was born in 1940 in Montrose, Colorado, to William "Bill" DeVries and Gladys Bannon DeVries. He graduated from high school in Olathe, Colorado. In 1959, he married his wife, LeEyla June Inman, and together they built a life rooted in family, hard work, and devotion.

Bill and LeEyla lived in Montrose, Colorado, before making their home on Orchard Mesa in Grand Junction, Colorado. For 60 years, Bill worked as a produce farmer alongside his wife and family. Through their dedication, they created a lasting legacy on the land and with DeVries Farm Market in the lives of those who knew him.

Bill enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing, and he will be remembered for the life he built with his family and the many years of dedication he gave to farming.

Bill is survived by his wife, LeEyla DeVries; his daughters, Stephanie (Tim) Torkelson and Shauna DeVries; his grandchildren, Rick (Chelsey) Wentworth, Aubry (Garrett) Huck, and Eric Torkelson; and six great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Gladys Devries, and his son, Stacey DeVries.



DONALD "DON" J. KINTZ August 28, 1940- October 12, 2026



After a long battle with Parkinson's disease, Donald "Don" Kintz fell asleep in death on October 12, 2026, at his home in Montrose, Colorado. He was 86 years old.

Don was born in Ault, Colorado, on August 28, 1940, the second child of Jack and Arlene Kintz. His love of books and music led him to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree at Colorado College. After graduating, he joined the United States Marine Corps.

In July 1966, Don met the love of his life, Betty Anne Stuart, on a blind date. Three days later, he proposed. They were married the following February and shared a loving marriage for nearly six decades. During the 1970s, Don and Betsy, along with their three daughters, lived in Evergreen, Colorado; Bridport, Vermont; and Denver, Colorado. Over the years, Don worked as a farmer, home builder, and track coach.

In 1980, Don and Betsy moved the family to a sheep farm in Montrose, Colorado, which they lovingly transformed into Black Canyon Arabians. Don enjoyed life on the ranch and found great satisfaction in creating beautiful homes, including homes for members of his family. From 1990 to 2010, Don developed three subdivisions in Montrose: Wildwood, Otter Pond, and The Brook. Many homes throughout the Montrose area were custom-designed and built by Don. He also generously donated land for an elementary school and a local center of worship, leaving a lasting impact on the community he loved.

In 2008, Don joined his wife as a dedicated member of the Montrose Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and found great joy in sharing his faith and hope for the new world described in the Bible. (Revelation 21:4)

Throughout his life, Don loved to travel with his family - from New Orleans to Lake Powell, from sailing the islands of the Caribbean, to hiking in the Himalayas. Don loved books and music, dogs and cats, running, water skiing, beaches, mountains, and, of course, popsicles. Above all, he was devoted to his family and will long be remembered simply as "Grampy."

Don is survived by his beloved wife, Betty Kintz; daughters, Jennifer Malone, Mary Koehler, and Holly Kintz; grandchildren, Elizabeth Schneider, Michael Koehler, and Taylor Malone; great-grandchildren, Ben and Ava Schneider; and siblings, Ed Kintz, Larry Kintz, Loretta Clay, and Terry Locke. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Arlene Kintz, and younger brother, Vic Kintz. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, located at 16672 Woodgate Road, Montrose, Colorado.



OSPREY RESCUE IN HOTCHKISS

By Alida Franco

HOTCHKISS—How many people does it take to rescue a distressed osprey? Apparently, a whole lot as various members of the Delta County community and beyond participated in the rescue of a juvenile osprey atop a light pole at the Delta County Fairgrounds in Hotchkiss, Colorado in August. A watchful citizen noticed that a juvenile osprey was dangling about 50 feet in the air upside down after becoming tangled in bailing twine that the parent osprey had woven into its nest and reported the incident to the local authorities. Its rescue was managed by a combination of local emergency and public works responders—including the Hotchkiss Police Department and the town's public works—coordinated with Brenda Miller from Roubideau Rim Wildlife Rescue, Xylem Tree Experts and Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

The operation began when the town of Hotchkiss was notified of the entangled osprey. Administrative Assistant Jeffrey Rodarte of Hotchkiss Police Department drove down to the fairgrounds to get an eye on the situation and began making phone calls. Brenda Miller of the Roubideau Rim Wildlife Rescue provided valuable information on the severity of the bird's situation and proper handling techniques. Meanwhile, the Public Works Director had come across a Xylem Tree Experts truck with a crew who volunteered to assist in the bird's rescue. They quickly arrived, assessed the situation, and began the rescue with the qualified employees geared up. As they were ascending for the rescue, Anthony Martinez with Colorado Parks and Wildlife arrived to safely retrieve the bird into his care and then meet with a veterinarian arranged by Brenda Miller.

Xylem Tree Experts removed the bailing twine from the nest to prevent this from hopefully happening again.

The bird was eventually sent to Pauline S. Schneegas Wildlife Foundation in Silt, Colorado as it required medical care. This nest had been taken down from the light pole in 2025 in the hope that the osprey would nest elsewhere. However, in 2026 the osprey returned and rebuilt the nest. According to Adam Petry of Western Biology, an avian ecologist and environmental consultant based in Hotchkiss, "While it is relatively common for ospreys to weave synthetic materials such as bailing twine into their nests, it is relatively uncommon for them to become entangled in that material. Still, wildlife agencies urge agricultural workers and local residents to secure or properly discard loose twine and rope to prevent wildlife entanglement."

As a result of the incident, Black Canyon Audubon Society contacted DMEA dispatch as to how to direct callers if a future incident occurs. If you witness a raptor or other bird in distress, please call Brenda Miller at the Roubideau Rim Wildlife Rescue in Olathe at 970-209-5946. If you note a safety issue regarding a light pole, contact DMEA Dispatch Operations at 970-240-6897.

Thanks to community, collaboration and caring, this story had a happy ending.

Alida Franco is a board member of the Black Canyon Audubon Society.



A young Osprey was rescued after being tangled in bailing twine. Courtesy photo.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

SAN JUAN WEAVERS GUILD SHOW & SALE

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL—The San Juan Weavers Guild welcomes the public to its 48th annual Show & Sale Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Ute Museum, 17253 Chipeta Rd., Montrose, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A vast selection of handwoven, handspun, felted, and other fiber-related items will be offered for sale just in time for holiday shopping. There is no admission charge. Museum facilities are wheelchair-accessible, with on-site parking.

The one-day guild sale takes place during a celebration of Native American Heritage Month. Starting November 20, the museum sells Navajo rugs in conjunction with the Adopt a Native Elder program, to benefit traditional Navajo weavers. Additional hand-crafted items are offered in the gift shop and by Native American vendors.

Guild members work all year to prepare inventory for their sale, which typically includes kitchen items, rugs, clothing and accessories, ornaments, baskets, felted hangings, jewelry, and much more, all displayed by category. A single checkout station makes shopping convenient by card, cash, or check. Experienced customers are often lined up when the doors open for the best selection, yet later shoppers will continue to find a wide assortment of temptations for themselves and others. All inventory is displayed from the start. The guild sets high standards for quality production. Except for a commission to cover guild expenses, sales benefit participating guild members.

Education is an important goal of the guild. Fiber artisans are on hand throughout the day to demonstrate their skills, answer questions and share their enthusiasm for weaving, spinning, felting, basketry, and related fiber arts. This year's sale will feature a display of items inspired by textile traditions throughout the world, the result of an annual guild challenge to encourage creativity.

Each winter, experienced guild members offer two-day classes in weaving for beginners and others who want a refresher course. All equipment and yarn are provided for a modest fee, and class size is limited. One session is scheduled in January and repeated in February. Anyone considering taking a class is encouraged to sign up at the

November guild sale without needing to commit immediately, although deposits will help ensure a spot in the classes that usually fill quickly.

The San Juan Weavers Guild meets monthly in Olathe during the school year and into June, and spinners meet year-round in Delta. Both interest groups sponsor periodic workshops and give demonstrations at area museums, libraries, and other community events. Members come from across the Western Slope and beyond. Regular meetings are free, and visitors and new members are always welcome. See the guild website for more information: www.sanjuanweavers.org



Country Living

THREE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

240 De Maria Ct.

MLS # 837152 | \$535,000



- 1,500 sq ft home
- 1700 sq ft large shop
- 1+ irrigated acre
- New roof
- New laminate flooring
- New appliances
- Cozy cul de sac
- Just minutes from Main St.
- No covenants



SCAN TO VIEW
THE VIDEO TOUR

511 Chipeta Dr.

MLS # 836463 | \$649,900



- 4.8 acres with irrigation
- 3 beds, 1 bath in main house (built in 1904, 1072 sq ft)
- Hot water baseboard heat
- 2 bedrooms, 1 bath in guest house
- 2,400 sq ft shop
- Mature yard with trees and raised garden/flower beds
- No covenants
- Close to Main St. and Townsend Ave.
- Let your ideas become reality



SCAN TO VIEW
THE VIDEO TOUR

2133 - 6450 Rd.

MLS # 835133 | \$559,900



- 2+ irrigated acres
- Nicely maintained home with many custom details
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths
- Large main suite with 5 piece bath & jetted tub, exceptional closet
- Spacious laundry/mudroom
- Covered patio and mature landscaping
- 1500 sq ft barn/workshop with additional garage
- 3 stall loafing shed and chicken house
- Just minutes from Main Street
- No covenants



SCAN TO VIEW
THE VIDEO TOUR

Live the Lifestyle You Love



Peg Evanoika
Broker Associate

SRES | CRS | MRP | SSF

970-209-3934 | Realtor@PegEvanoika.com
THE-RES.COM

CENTURY 21
Elevated Real Estate

500 E. Main St., Montrose, CO
970-249-5673



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

ROB SCHULTHEIS & ELLE METRICK STAR AT STORIES & POEMS TUESDAY OCT. 20

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE-Famed writer and nascent poet Rob Schultheis of Lawson Hill will join poet performer and writer Elle Metrick of Wrights Mesa for the October 20th session of Stories & Poems at the Wilkinson Public Library at 5:15 pm. MDT

"I have been a fan of Rob's work since I moved to Telluride in the early '80s," said Art Goodtimes, Talking Gourds director. "Elle has been a poet performer colleague and Norwood area friend for over 20 years. It should be a delightful evening."

Schultheis is an [author](#) and [journalist](#) who lives in Lawson Hill. He has written books about the wars in [Afghanistan](#) (both with the [Soviet Union](#) and the U.S.) and the 2003 Iraq War, as well as books about Colorado, the Western United States, and extreme sports such as mountain climbing. His pieces have appeared in magazines such as [Time](#), and newspapers such as [The New York Times](#) and [The Washington Post](#). Lately he's been sharing his poetry.



Poet Rob Schultheis. Courtesy photo.

In addition to being a published poet and veteran performer, appearing in Grand Junction last month for the inaugural Book Cliffs Poetry Festival, Metrick is a jane-of-many-trades. She's taught school, run rivers for a living, made and shoveled snow, lived in my truck and a tipi, built a straw bale home with my (late) husband and raised a lovely, thoughtful and creative human being.

She's published books of poetry: *Poetisattva* (Water Woman Productions, 2000) and *Teasing out the Divine* (Mercury Heartlink, 2012). She dabbles in creative nonfiction and is deep into an Icelandic fiction project. She also writes for local newspapers and magazines and am a creative and line editor who partners clients on their passion projects.

Co-sponsored by the Wilkinson Public Library and the Telluride Institute, this literary event is free and open to the public of all ages. Attendees are encouraged to bring a story or poem of their own, or of someone they like, to read aloud.

For those that like prompts, this month's will be "Rain" although stories or poems on any subject are welcome.

In November Stories & Poems Telluride's live poetry reading happens on Tuesday the 17th at 5:15 pm in the Wilkinson Public Library magazine room with Wrights Mesa poet Daiva Česonis.

The West End Stories & Poems series continues at the Naturita Community Library on the second Thursday of each month at 6 pm. Writers and reciters are also invited to share stories and poems of their own -- or of their favorite poets/authors -- with facilitators Leslie Ament and Goodtimes. The October 8th session focused on Cliff Allred discussing paranormal experiences.

The Bardic Trails virtual zoom series continues on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm MST with town support from the Telluride Institute, the Wilkinson Public Library and the Commission for Community Assistance, Arts & Special Events. On Nov. 3rd poet, professor and past Chamberlain Prize winner Kate Kingston of Trinidad will be our featured guest.

To get on our zoom link, participants who are not on our Bardic Trails mailing list, need to visit <https://www.tellurideinstitute.org/western-slope-calendar>. To get on the list just email and ask art@tellurideinstitute.org

The international Fischer and Colorado state Cantor poetry prize contests ended Aug. 31. Judges are deciding on this year's winners of over \$4000 in prize money. Participants are a primary means of support for all the projects of the Talking Gourds poetry program. The winners were announced Sept. 26th at the Book Cliffs Poetry Festival at Grand Junction's Art Center of Western Colorado and will appear on the Talking Gourds website soon.

Thanks also to the Cantor Family, the Guttman Family Foundation, CCAASE, several local and regional donors and our Fischer and Cantor contest participants for financially supporting Talking Gourds programs and projects.

Offered for Sale.. *passive solar ENVELOPE* home
on 39 acres at \$1,265,000



MLS # 824397-- 830 Tiyoweh Trail



- **3 bedrooms/ 3 baths**
- 3454 SqFt remodeled 2020-2025**
- Passive solar design**
- Fully finished lower level**
- Covered and lighted 9' x 16' deck**
- Glass enclosed**
- south facing sunroom**
- Sweeping,**
- unobstructed views**



Peg Evansika

BROKER ASSOCIATE SRES, CRS, MRP

Cell-970-209-3934

Realtor@PegEvansika.com

Hike, ride.. enjoy the outside



Century 21 Elevated Real Estate
500 E. Main St. Montrose, CO 970-249-5673

www.The-RES.com



CIMARRON CREEK: COLORADO LIVING AT IT'S BEST



CIMARRON CREEK



**901 6530 Road
Montrose, Colorado**



**Where comfort, community and
Montrose, Colorado beauty come together**

- ✨ Brand new, beautiful, modern,
move-in-ready manufactured homes
- 🌳 Tree-lined streets, walking paths,
large open green spaces
- 🏡 Pride of ownership
- 🚗 Prime Montrose location
- 🐾 Pet-friendly
- ☀️ Colorado lifestyle



WHY RESIDENTS LOVE CIMARRON CREEK

- Large Common Areas
- Scenic Walking Trails
- Peaceful Atmosphere
- Community Center
- Lending Library
- Fenced Playground
- Dog Parks
- Community Garden
- Pet & Family Friendly
- Mature Landscaping

📞 **970-249-0493** ✉️ **manager@cimarroncreekcommunity.com**

Open: Monday-Saturday, 8AM-5PM

MONTROSE LODGE #63

SCHOLARSHIP

PANCAKE

FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY 10/24/2026

8 – 10 A.M.

APPLEBEE'S

1501 OXBOW DR. MONTROSE CO

COST

\$10 – ADULT

\$5 – KIDS UNDER SIX

PRESENTED BY



FALL AT THE GARDENS

HARVEST ILLUMINATED

MONSTER MASH!

food network COMPETITORS

SEE FOOD NETWORK COMPETITORS
CREATE STUNNING,
ILLUMINATED SCULPTURES
MADE SOLELY OUT OF
PUMPKINS!

OCTOBER 22, 23, 24, 2026

THURSDAY 5-8PM • FRIDAY 5-9PM • SATURDAY 5-9PM



WESTERN COLORADO BOTANICAL GARDENS

655 STRUTHERS AVE • GRAND JUNCTION



TICKETS & INFO AT [STRIVECOLORADO.ORG](https://strivecolorado.org)

G X J

VISIT GRAND JUNCTION

LUXURY HOME IN BROWN RANCH



Offered at \$739,900

3625 Mocha Ct. MLS # 836972

This spacious home has open, split floor plan, natural light and relaxing tones of soft grey, neutral & charcoal. Primary suite features a refreshing “rain shower” and soaker tub. Large east facing covered patio is perfect for relaxing... morning coffee, anyone?



Peg Evanoika 970-209-3934

Realtor@PegEvanoika.com



**CENTURY 21 ELEVATE
500 E MAIN
970-249-5673 THE-RES.COM**

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Address: 2057 S. Townsend, Montrose, CO 81401.

Office Hours: By appointment.

Contact Information: (970) 249-2451 <https://www.allsaintsmontrose.org/> Rector: The Rev Preston Gordon, pgordon@allsaintsmontrose.org

Worship Service Times: Sundays 9AM, Sunday Worship. Wednesdays 11AM, Midweek prayer and communion, Wednesday, Noon, Multi-denominational Community Prayer Hour.

All Saints Anglican Church is an Evangelical Anglican Church committed to the ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Spirit. Our music is a combination of traditional hymns, contemporary, and modern songs. We invite kids preschool and up to join our kids worship time during the 9am Sunday service. We would love to welcome you here. Following the service, join us for snacks and conversation. On the third Sunday of the month we celebrate a potluck meal together. Vision: We see Jesus Christ restoring hope: in us and in our world.

Bible Baptist Church

Independent Baptist
112Main St.

P.O. Box 262

Olathe, Co 81425

Tuesday-Friday Phone: 970-808-1021

www.biblebaptistchurcholathe.com

Pastor Gabe Skillo

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Sunday 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer 7 p.m.

Cedar Creek Church

affiliation: Evangelical Free

Address: 222 South Townsend Montrose, CO 81401

Office Hours: 10am-2pm Tuesday- Friday

Contact: 970-252-1163 ccc@cccmontrose.org

Pastor: Curt Mudgett

Sunday worship:

worship Service: September-May at 10:15am

Discipleship Hour at 9am

Worship Service: June-August at 9:30am

Nursery available for 0-4 during worship service

Wednesday Prayer: 5:30-6:15pm

Cedar Creek Church is a welcoming and friendly group of people that takes God seriously, but not ourselves.

We enjoy gathering for encouragement, meals, prayer and having fun!

Our mission is to exalt Jesus Christ by being a Word-centered community of believers who are equipped for a life of worship, prayer and service, and to reach our neighbors for Christ. Please make plans to come check us out soon!

CELEBRATION CHURCH

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

Address: 2900 Sunnyside Road, Montrose, CO 81401

Office Hours: By appointment

Phone: (970) 497-4925

Email: celebrationmontrose@gmail.com

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

Worship Service Times: 9am and 10:45am

Senior Pastor:

Pastor Brandon Mathis

Church Description/Mission: Celebration

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

Demographics: Multi-generational

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

Student (middle & high school) at 9am.

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

CHRIST'S CHURCH OF THE VALLEY

Name of Church: Christ's Church of the Valley

Denomination Affiliation: Non-denominational Christian Church/Church of Christ

Address: 10 Hillcrest Plaza Way. Montrose, 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 Lawrence

Worship service times: 10:30 a.m.

Mission: Christ's Church of the Valley is a loving and welcoming church whose purpose is to help people to know and grow in our Lord Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

Description: CCV is a multi-generational church family. While we are currently predominately seniors, we are becoming more multi-generational.

Sunday School & Childcare: CCV has adult Sunday School at 9 a.m. and Youth Church during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Denomination: Christ Lutheran Montrose

Affiliation: Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

Contact: 970-633-0226

Website: www.montroselutheran.org

Email: montroselutheran@gmail.com

Pastor: Tim Onnen

Worship: Sundays at 9 AM

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

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

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

COMMUNITY SPIRIT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (UCC)

Address: 504 N. 1st Street (HAP Building)

Office hours: Call or text for appointment

Phone: 970-765-7070

Email:

spirit@communityspiritucc.org

Website: communityspiritucc.org

Current Pastor: Rev. Wendy Kidd

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY Continued from previous pg

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Denomination: Christ Lutheran Montrose
 Affiliation: Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
 Address: 1980 N. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401
 Contact: 970-633-0226
 Website: www.montroselutheran.org
 Email: montroselutheran@gmail.com
 Pastor: Tim Onnen
 Worship: Sundays at 9 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:15 AM; Women's Bible Study Fridays at 9 AM. At Christ Lutheran Montrose you will find friendly people gathered in a welcoming environment being comforted and encouraged by the forgiveness and love of Jesus, and sharing that with one another. We are a small congregation of seniors and middle-aged, sprinkled with young children and teenagers.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (UCC)

Address: 504 N. 1st Street (HAP Building)
 Office hours: Call or text for appointment
 Phone: 970-765-7070
 Email: spirit@communityspiritucc.org
 Website: communityspiritucc.org
 Current Pastor: Rev. Wendy Kidd
 Worship service: Sundays at 11:30 am
 Mission: Our commitment to a more inclusive and accepting world is steadfast, and we will continue to work towards a future where everyone can live freely and authentically.
 Demographics: We are a small congregation of mostly adults and seniors, however, we are always ready to welcome families and children.

COVENANT HEBRAIC FELLOWSHIP

Denomination affiliation. No affiliation
 Address Office hours N/A
 Contact: 720-951-9941,
office@ccfmontrose.net,
www.ccfmontrose.net
 Name of current Senior Pastor. Led by elders

Worship service times. Noon on Saturdays. Children's Church will be offered as needed. Covenant is a Hebraic roots community that studies the Torah as well as the rest of Scripture. We learn about the Hebrew roots of the language and believe that the Lord's feasts are for today. We are predominantly made up of older folks, but have some young blood, too. Sunday School and childcare: None

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Denomination: Church of the Nazarene
 Address: 705 South 12th Street
 Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9 am - Noon and by Appointment
 Contact Information: Office Phone 970 249 -9213, mncfirst@gmail.com,
www.montrosenazarenechurch.org
 Pastor: Pastor Ian Hyde
 Services Sunday: Worship 10:30 AM, Discipleship Hour: 9:30 AM. Discipleship Hour has classes across all age groups. Nursery for children UNDER 3 is available during Worship and Discipleship Hour. Youth Night (6-12th grade): Tuesdays, 6:30 PM. Weeknight Bible Study: Wednesdays, 6:30 PM. Mission Statement: Montrose First Church of the Nazarene exists to make Christlike disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world. Demographics: Our church consists of older and younger people. We have younger families with children and young teens and older adults as well. We also support the work of Calvary Ranch Colorado and its addiction recovery ministry.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

Affiliation: Presbyterian
 Address: 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO. 81401 Office Hours: M-Thu 9AM - 12PM
 Contact: 970-249-4732,
inform@fpcmontrose.com,
www.fpcmontrose.com
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo
 Worship Service times: 9:30AM,
 We strive to encourage, challenge and 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.

HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Denomination affiliation: United Church of Christ
 Address: 611 South Hillcrest Drive, Montrose, CO 81401
 Office hours: By appointment
 Contact information:
 Phone number: (970) 249-9047
 Email address: office@montroseucc.org
 Website: montroseucc.org
 Current Pastor: Rev. Wendy Kidd
 Worship service times: Sunday, 10 a.m.
 Hillcrest Congregational UCC is a welcoming, open and affirming church, open to all no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey.
 Church demographics: HCUCC welcomes all ages to worship with us. (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles)
 We offer inter-generational worship with a children's "prayer-ground" and activity packets. A cry room is also available.

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Denomination Affiliation: United Methodist
 Address: 19 S. Park Avenue Montrose CO. 81401
 Office Hours: M-Thu, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Contact Information: 970-249-3716,
office@montroseumc.org, montroseumc.org
 Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Kevin Young
 Worship service times:
 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM: Children's, Youth, and Adult Sunday School; Christian Education & Fellowship.
 10:30 AM: Sanctuary & Virtual Worship

MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY Continued from previous pg

Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully inclusive, loving, and just servants of Christ. Our church family welcomes people from various cultural and faith backgrounds: single, married, remarried, with or without children, from diapers to dentures. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come discover hope, joy, peace, purpose.

ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

Affiliation: Southern Baptist
Address: 1598 E. Niagara Road, Montrose, CO 81401
Office Hours: Tues-Thurs, 9am-4pm
Contact information:
Phone: 970.249.4887
website: www.RosemontBaptist.org
youtube.com/@rosemontbaptistchurch
facebook.com/RosemontBaptist
email: office@rosemontbaptist.org
Senior Pastor: Rolland Kenneson
Worship Service Time: Our engaging and relevant Sunday Worship Service is at 10:45 AM.
We also have small groups we call L.I.F.E. Groups for all ages on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM.
We strive to have each of our small groups live L.I.F.E. together.
Rosemont Baptist's desire is to passionately bring people face-to-face with the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.
We are a multigenerational church from different walks of life who love Jesus, love each other, and love our community.
Everyone comes dressed in whatever is comfortable.
We love meeting new people no matter where they are at in life .

ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Denomination: Anglican-Reformed Episcopal Church (REC)
Address: 2405 Sunnyside Road, Montrose 970-249-4868
Contact: ststephensmontrose@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.

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

For Inclusion in the Directory please provide:

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 Satisfied Self

THE PEANUT THEORY

By Gia Pirelli

Years ago, when I was training for Ironman, I invested in an expensive professional bike fit. Among the many things they measured was efficiency of my pedal stroke. Ideally, you want a smooth, consistent application of power throughout the revolution.



Mine looked like a peanut.

Not a circle. Not even a respectable oval. A peanut.

No matter how hard I worked, there were portions of that revolution where I generated power efficiency, and others where I didn't. And because each revolution was connected to the next, those inefficiencies repeated themselves thousands of times.

Recently, it occurred to me that our lives operate in much the same way.

We tend to think of work and home as separate parts of our lives. We leave one and enter the other, change environments, and assume we've somehow left the demands of the previous eight hours behind.

But have we?

When you spend your workday, frustrated, overwhelmed, physically uncomfortable, or emotionally exhausted, what happens when you get home?

Do you walk through the door feeling patient, present, and genuinely delighted to see everyone?

Or do you pour a drink, collapse on the couch, snap at your spouse, and wonder why the dog is suddenly avoiding you?

Perhaps that's an exaggeration. Perhaps

it isn't.

In reality, we don't leave our nervous systems at work when we clock out for the day. We carry the accumulated experiences of our day home with us. The tension in our shoulders. The conversations were still replaying. The deadlines we're worrying about.

A difficult day at work becomes a difficult evening at home. A restless night becomes an exhausted morning. And the exhaustion follows us back to work, where our patience, concentration, and energy may already be compromised.

And round and round we go.

Another revolution of the peanut.

Where does wellness actually begin? We often talk about work-life balance, as though we're trying to divide our time equally between two competing responsibilities. But I don't think balance is necessarily about time.

I think it's about how we feel, how we function, and whether the different parts of our lives support or undermine one another. And that relationship works in both directions.

Someone who spent the night caring for an aging parent, worrying about finances, or navigating a difficult relationship doesn't magically become a different person when they arrive at work. They bring those experiences with them.

Wellness begins with us, through the choices we make, the awareness we develop, and the ways we care for ourselves. But it cannot exist exclusively in the hours we're not working.

What if it could be supported and maintained at work? What sort of difference might that make?

Through my years, teaching fitness, yoga, and wellness practices, I've noticed that many people don't realize how much tension

they're carrying until they're given an opportunity to release it.

We have become so accustomed to tight shoulders, shallow breathing, clenched jaws, and minds that never shut off. As a society, we have become accustomed to the opposite of wellness. We tend to build our lives around unwellness.

But what if a few small changes could shift that pattern?

Think about the last irritating email you received. Did your shoulders tighten? Did your breathing change? Were you mentally composing a response before you'd even finished reading?

Now imagine recognizing those changes as they're happening. In real time. You pause. You breathe. You give yourself a moment before responding.

The circumstances haven't changed. But your ability to navigate them has. And that's a skill that extends far beyond a yoga mat.

We live in a culture that celebrates productivity and constant activity. But there's tremendous value in learning to be still.

In my sound meditation sessions, participants are invited to step away from the demands of doing. There's nothing to accomplish. Nothing to solve. Nowhere to be.

For some people, that's surprisingly difficult. But these moments of intentional rest give us an opportunity to recognize and release accumulated tension, quiet the mental chatter, and reconnect with our deeper selves.

The takeaway isn't simply relaxation. It's developing awareness and practical tools that help improve focus, responsiveness, and the ability to manage mental and emotional load without constant urgency or panic.

Continued next pg

THE PEANUT THEORY From previous pg

A few intentional breaths before a difficult conversation. A brief movement break after sitting for a prolonged period. A moment of stillness between responsibilities, just to regain focus. Practicing presence and awareness rather than mentally drifting into the future or dwelling in the past.

Small adjustments can create big changes in how we experience every aspect of our lives.

Personal wellness practices are valuable, but they cannot compensate for an environment that continually undermines our well-being.

Imagine if half of our waking day were

spent in a workplace that supported our physical and emotional well-being.

One that strategically invested in opportunities for greater resilience, clearer communication, and more sustainable performance?

What might that do to our peanut?

Because behind every job title, every responsibility, every measure of productivity is a human being. And the quality of that person's life matters.

Perhaps the goal isn't to create a perfect circle.

Life will always have it's uneven moments. Some days we'll have more energy, patience, and capacity than others. But when we begin

paying attention to how different parts of our lives influence one another, we can make small adjustments that create a smoother, more sustainable rhythm.

And maybe, with a little awareness and practice, we can smooth that peanut into at least an approximate oval.

Gia Pirelli is a writer, yoga teacher and sound healing practitioner, specializing in applied mind-body practices for self-leadership in modern life.

Through her weekly column, she explores personal growth, reinvention, and the occasional uncomfortable truth about being human.

<https://www.giapirelli.com>

The Mirror:

*For coverage that never leaves
our readers out in cold ...*



www.montrosemirror.com

CENTURY 21®

BUYER-FOCUSED REPRESENTATION WITH INTEGRITY AND EXPERTISE



LESLIE GORE, CRS

Associate Broker

C: 970-275-3195

O: 970-249-7653

LeslieGoreRealtor@gmail.com



DIANE HAYNES, CRS

Associate Broker

C: 970-596-3521

O: 970-249-7653

DianeHaynes@outlook.com

DianeHaynesRealtor@gmail.com



Choosing a real estate agent with the Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR) designation offers several advantages:

Specialized Training: ABR agents have received advanced training focused on representing buyers, giving them a deep understanding of the buying process and strategies to advocate for your best interests.

Expert Negotiation Skills: They are equipped with the skills to negotiate better terms, prices, and contingencies, helping you secure a more favorable deal.

Market Knowledge: ABR agents are well-versed in local market conditions, giving you insights into pricing trends, property values, and neighborhood information.

Exclusive Buyer Focus: Their primary focus is on buyer representation, ensuring you get unbiased advice and guidance tailored specifically to your needs.

Legal and Ethical Standards: ABR agents adhere to a strict code of ethics, ensuring that you receive professional and trustworthy service throughout the buying process.

In short, working with an ABR-certified agent provides specialized expertise, better representation, and a smoother home-buying experience.

Call for an appointment today!

NOVEMBER 3, 2026 · CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Vote **YES** on both!

Each question stands alone. Approve the Amendments you want, IT IS YOUR CHOICE!

BETTER TURNOUT, LOWER COSTS · REAL TERM LIMITS · COMMON SENSE**01 · ELECTIONS****Move city elections to November**

APRIL TURNOUT

25–35%

NOVEMBER TURNOUT

60–87%

- *November brings the city ballot to us when the majority of actually vote.*
- *Stand-alone April elections cost about \$30,000.*
- *Coordinated November elections cost \$5,000–\$10,000.*
- Saving YOU, the taxpayer \$20,000 - \$25,000 per election!
- *One-time, seven-month term extension for current Councilors.*
A function of the calendar.

02 · TERM LIMITS**Eight years. Then make room.****8** year
lifetime cap

- *A yes vote establishes an eight-year lifetime cap.*
- 8 yrs was long enough for George Washington, why not for the City Council?
- *Current rule is a pause after two consecutive terms, not a limit.*
- After a four-year break, a person can serve another eight.
- *Eight years is long enough for a city of over 21,000 residents.*
- The new cap lets new people and fresh ideas come from the residents.

Study the **redlines** on the city's elections page before you mark the ballot.*Paid for by private citizens, not affiliated with any party or committee.***VOTE YES** 

TRIVIA NIGHT

Hosted By:



Altrusa is a Social Service Organization that donates funds to local non-profits

Saturday Oct 24th



**PRIZES
SNACKS
& FUN FOR
ALL!**

**Please join us for our 6th Annual
Trivia Night at the
Montrose Elks Lodge!**



Scan to Register

Date: Saturday, October 24th at 6:30pm.
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

MORE INFO

970-275-0751



6th 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, October 24, 2026

TIME: 6:30 - 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 6:30 pm!

No outside Food or Drink will be allowed.

Questions? Please contact Gail at 970-275-0751 or Ginny at 970-901-1745

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

LESLIE GORE WITH CENTURY 21 ELEVATED PROUDLY PRESENTS

VACANT PARCEL FOR SALE

TROUT RD LAND**MONTROSE, CO****MLS # 837927**

Finding 18.7 acres in one piece with irrigation water is becoming increasingly rare in Montrose. Located just a few miles south of downtown, this raw, vacant parcel offers wide-open space and endless possibilities. Create a beautiful equestrian property, establish a small farm, or build the country retreat you've always envisioned.

Please note that there is currently no domestic water tap and no utilities are available at the lot line. Bring your vision and explore the potential of this exceptional acreage in a convenient rural location.

PRICED BELOW RECENT APPRAISAL**\$699,900.00****18.7 acres**

Irrigation water

CONTACT:
 19702753195

 lesliegorealtor@gmail.com

 <https://tinyurl.com/LeslieGoreC21>


October Is Plan-tober for Family Gatherings, Graduations and Weddings



Pahgre's
970-249-6442

Rib City
970-249-7427

Fiesta Guadalajara
Re-Opening 2026
970-249-2460

Alpen Confections
970-648-0609

Stone House
970-240-8899

Jimmer's Steak & BBQ
970-252-1227



Beer Barn II
970-249-5550



CENTURY 21

Elevated

*Home is More
Than a Place...
It's a Lifestyle*

21



2038 Winston Way #B
Montrose, Colorado

\$289,000

MLS #838979

-  1,263 Sq. Ft.
-  2 Bedrooms
-  2 Bathrooms
-  1 Car Garage
-  Built 1991
-  Townhome



This room has been virtually staged.

Low-Maintenance Living in a Prime Location!

Enjoy easy, comfortable living in this well-maintained townhome close to everything Montrose has to offer! Conveniently located near the Pavilion, Senior Center, Botanical Gardens, grocery stores, restaurants, walking and bike trails, parks, and medical services. A great option for full-time living or as an investment property.



This room has been virtually staged.



This room has been virtually staged.



This room has been virtually staged.

Michelle Klippert

Certified Residential Specialist – Senior Specialist
Broker Associate

 970-275-3016

 michelleklippertrealtor@gmail.com

 500 E. Main St., Montrose, CO 81401

*Opening Doors
to Your Next Chapter*

SAVE THE DATE

ONGOING-

Altrusa International of Montrose believes in "Leading to a Better Community" and is always looking for new members. We meet in Montrose on the first three Tuesdays of each month. Our local Altrusa Club has given back over \$1,000,000 in 50 years. Our members unite their varied talents in service to others, achieving as a group what individuals cannot do alone. If you are interested in more information or to come to a meeting, please contact us at 970-765-7666 or Email:

Altrusa.Montrose@gmail.com or <https://www.altrusamontrose.org/>

BLACK CANYON AUDUBON SOCIETY provides a monthly program on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm at Baldrige Hall, Montrose United Methodist Church, 647 South 1st Street. All are welcome and there is no charge. These meetings are also available via Zoom. For information about the speaker and topic presented each month go to the 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.

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.

Bosom Buddies breast cancer support group, Wednesdays noon-12:45, 645 S. 5th Street

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

CRAFTERNOON AT THE LIBRARY-The Crafternoon group meets weekly, on Thursdays from 11 AM-1 PM, to knit or crochet items for charity and this is the 2nd year that they have "yarn stormed" the library. This year, it was done in spirit of the 250/150 celebration. Our lobby, courtyard, and front entrance areas have all been decorated in red, white, and blue.

FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS meets at Montrose County Fairgrounds Friendship Hall, 4th Thursday Jan - Oct, 3rd Thursday Nov - Dec, 9am.

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.

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

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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets 1st Wednesday of the month @ Friendship Hall, 1001 North Second, Montrose, 7 pm (970) 249-2085 www.montrosehistory.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH-3rd Wednesday of every month at 6pm, the Montrose County Neighborhood Watch meets at the Sheriff's Office at 1200 N Grand Ave

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.

MONTHLY

Oct. 24-2:30-5:30pm. Fermentation workshop. Join Valley Food Partnership and master fermenter Nic Easely to preserve summer's harvest and learn about the health benefits of fermentation. This is a hands-on workshop to learn veggie based saltwater brine. Each participant will take home 2 jars of preserved local veggies! Costs, just to cover supplies, is \$25 per person. Register by October 16: <https://valleyfoodpartnership.org/fermentation-workshop>

Oct. 21--This month Chipeta Archaeology Society has invited archaeologist Jon Horn to discuss his extensive work on The Old Spanish Trail. Wednesday Oct. 21 at 7pm, United Methodist Church, 19S Park Avenue Montrose. Free.

Oct. 22-Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado will meet Thursday, Oct. 22, at Friendship Hall, Montrose County Fairgrounds, 1001 N Second Street in Montrose. The meeting starts at 9am with social time, followed by a business meeting, program, and show and share. Come hear how one of our members sent 300 quilts to children in Guatemala and see some exquisite Guatemalan textiles. Questions? [360.448.0153](tel:360.448.0153).

MIRROR IMAGES: AUTUMN LEAVES



At left, Mt. Sneffels viewed through trees, at right, fallen leaves. Photo by B. Switzer.



Alpen Confections
970-648-0609

Crash Burger
970-249-0825

Coffee Trader
970-249-6295
970-787-9021

Tacos & Beer
970-964-4448

Tacos & Beer on Main
970-964-4999

Pahgre's
970-249-6442

Delta: CB's Tavern
970-399-3570

Premier Sponsor:
Montrose Farmers Market
970-249-0705

Horsefly Brewing
970-249-6889

**Jimmer's BBQ,
Burgers & Beer**
970-252-1227

**Fiesta Guadalajara
Re-Opening 2026**
970-249-2460

El Jimador
970-249-8990

Lighthouse Eatery
970-964-7570

Ray's Corner Cafe
970-417-4340

Rib City
970-249-7427

Stone House
970-240-8899

Sidelines Sports Bar
970-765-0129

Delta: Pour Ernie's
970-546-0074