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# the Montrose Mirror

## COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW STAFF, CONSIDERS CAMPING ORDINANCE, DISCUSSES 'NEED' FOR LARGE DEDICATED CONFERENCE SPACE



The City of Montrose welcomed new City employees at the work session of Monday, Sept. 16, including Montrose Police Officers Scott Walker; Tim Long; Keegan Walchle; Jaroden Siedschlag; and Charlie Hunt; Trash and Recycle Operator Morgan Cross; Public Works Customer Service Representative Breanna Jones; and Network Analyst 1 Taylor Anthony. Work Session screenshot.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council members spent time considering proposed Ordinance 2670 Regarding Unauthorized Camping, Sleeping in Public and Park Hours, and welcomed new employees during the [regular work session of Monday, Sept. 16](#). Council also initiated a discussion of conference space.

### INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

Joining City staff are Montrose Police Officers Scott Walker; Tim Long; Keegan Walchle; Jaroden Siedschlag; and Charlie Hunt. Also joining the city are Trash and Recycle Operator Morgan Cross; Public Works Customer Service Representative Breanna Jones; and Network Analyst 1 Taylor Anthony.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council considered possible amendments to Ordinance 2670 Regarding Unauthorized Camping, Sleeping in Public and Park Hours. The discussion has been ongoing from the previous work session and council meeting. Police Chief

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## BOCC NAMES FRANK RODRIGUEZ NEW COUNTY MANAGER

By Caitlin Switzer  
MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18. BOCC Chair Roger Rash opened the meeting, "Welcome everyone..."  
All commissioners were present. BOCC Vice Chair Keith Caddy led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Karl Leuthauser of Grace Community Church delivered the invocation, first acknowledging the service of outgoing commissioners Caddy and Rash. "...Around 3,000 years ago, a King named Solomon said, 'at the end of the matter is better than the beginning, patience is better than pride...'"  
For Commissioner Sue Hansen, who will remain in office following the November election, Leuthauser attempted to reference the song, [Closing Time](#). "...it's a tough place to be, but it's an important place to be in," he said. "As you get into this new beginning, you're going to know the old



Frank Rodriguez (at right) speaks after being named as the new Montrose County Manager on Sept. 18. Meeting screenshot.

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**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.

**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*

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### Mirror News Brief

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## UNIFYMONTROSE MEETING TONIGHT!

### Special to the Mirror

**MONTROSE**—Please join us tonight to make your opinion count.

We have asked the community what is on their mind and we got lots of topics. We have combined them into ten categories. We will be discussing which of the ten we should be addressing and in what order tonight.

### Issue Ingredients List

So, mark your calendar for Monday, September 23rd, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Community Options (936 N. Park Ave.). This time, it's not just about brainstorming—it's also a potluck!

Bring a dish to share (or something store-bought—no pressure!). Use this [RSVP form](#) to let us know what you're bringing. Not only will you get to propose some tasty goals, but you'll also dive into small group chats to spice things up and then vote on the winning dish! Plus, we'll be serving up hot updates from our Child-care and Main Street Walkability teams



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# BOCC NAMES FRANK RODRIGUEZ NEW COUNTY MANAGER *From pg 1*

beginning that is coming to an end right now..." In his invocation, Leuthauser asked that the BOCC make wise choices. "...I pray that you give them wisdom and grace and that you help them adapt to the new thing...I thank you so much for these amazing servants..."

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

### INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER

Interim County Manager Emily Sanchez had no changes to the meeting agenda.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners voted to approve Consent Agenda items as written.

### MONTROSE COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

Commissioners left regular session to reconvene as the Montrose County Local Liquor Licensing Authority, voting to approve a Special Events Permit for Mind the Gap Mental Health Gap Services at the

Ute Indian Museum, 17253 Chipeta Drive, Montrose, CO 81403 on Sept. 26.

### GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Commissioners voted to approve "the Chair's signature on Modification #3 to Amendment No. 9 to the Montrose Regional Airport and Jacobs Engineering Group Contract for On-Call Architectural and Engineering Services. This Modification is not to exceed \$320,000 bringing the total amount of Amendment No. 9 to \$1,370,678.90."

Resolution Number 50-2024 regarding enforcement actions by the County Attorney was unanimously approved.

Human Resources Director Leslie Quon announced that Frank Rodriguez has been named Montrose County Manager.

"Thanks for stepping up to the plate and being our next County Manager," BOCC Vice Chair Keith Caddy said.

Rodriguez said that he was "very hum-

bled" by the opportunity, and will give everything he has, every day.

"Thank you to all of you, I am super excited and ready to dive in headfirst."

The BOCC issued a proclamation declaring September 2024 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Montrose County, with Jamie Hurst of Tri-County Health Network present to speak about the importance of suicide prevention awareness.

### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - GENERAL BUSINESS

Commissioners voted to approve a waiver of the Montrose County Subdivision Regulations, Section 3.20.B.a: Lots in Minor Subdivisions shall have a minimum road frontage of two hundred (200) feet at Parcel 376719100017, 62790 Lasalle Rd.

The BOCC also voted to dedicate Right of way for Shavano Valley Road at Parcel 376516200025.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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Sr. Project Manager

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## CITY DISCUSSES 'NEED' FOR LARGE DEDICATED CONFERENCE SPACE From pg 1

Blaine Hall was present for the discussion as well. Assistant City Attorney for Public Safety Matthew Magliaro presented two versions of the ordinance, [Version A](#) and [Version B](#). The Ordinance as amended will be presented in mid-October.

### GENERAL COUNCIL/STAFF DISCUSSION

City Manager Bill Bell said that he and Public Information Officer William Woody have put together a new communication plan and will release information on the proposed lodging tax increase ballot question if approved on second reading.

Mayor Pro Tem David Frank said he attended the Colorado Municipal League executive board meeting the previous week.

"It was really a productive meeting and it's really a great organization and I really like the fact that we are considered one of the primary participants and I think that our history with Montrose in leadership in the Colorado Municipal League is a great mark of what Montrose is and does and it was really great to represent the City of Montrose over there."

Frank said, "I also had an opportunity to go to one of the district outreach meetings for District Three. It is really pretty impressive to me the number of municipalities across the State of Colorado that recognize Montrose as one of the leaders in a lot of different avenues, and a lot of different venues of how to best do best practices for economic development, streets, law enforcement, and that we are recognized around the state as a leader, and that really makes me very proud."

"I'm really very happy to see that respect and admiration for the City of Montrose and the staff that we have and the job that you do is recognized not only by us, and

not only by our citizens, as it should be, it's also recognized across the state.

"So thank you all, our staff, for the great job you do."

"Thank you," Mayor J. David Reed said, "Other Council discussion items?"

Councilor Judy Ann Files said that she attended a Colorado Flights Alliance meeting. Topics of the meeting included the cost of the new parking lots at Montrose Regional Airport. "Those parking lots are horribly expensive," Files said. "I had no idea..."

Parking does pay its own way, she said. "Our numbers are huge."

Files said that the possibility of encouraging group visitation to Montrose was also discussed. "...Montrose is entirely different from Telluride" she said, "...At this point we don't have the conference room space for someone to come in with a big conference group here...the Pavilion's fantastic, however the Pavilion's a little far from hotels."

Mayor Pro Tem David Frank asked whether discussions about building a little bigger conference space had progressed.

Mayor Reed said, "We need to define what a conference is in terms of size...we could do smaller conference groups...there are meaningful smaller conferences that the city could host..."

"We hosted a Colorado Opioid Abatement Council here in Montrose." Frank said, noting that the city provided shuttle service to hotels. "It was deemed a rousing success, everybody thought it was a fantastic event...the Attorney General of Colorado said we set the bar remarkably high..." Frank said. Still, the city does not have one large, dedicated, cohesive hotel conference space with restaurants and

parking, he said.

City Manager Bill Bell discussed the shwag given to smaller groups. Shuttles are important, Bell said. "...That's why we need more hotel rooms...people are dying to come over to the Western Slope and get out of the city..."

The City of Montrose is presently focusing on Montrose and community events, Bell said.

Mayor Reed said that the City would like to encourage conferences within Montrose's means to accommodate, and that there is no reason Montrose cannot equal Durango when it comes to hosting conferences.

Mayor Pro Tem David Frank said that on a recent visit to Glenwood Springs, every restaurant Downtown there was standing room only.

Police Chief Blaine Hall said that the Stars and Stripes BBQ Fest with Tracy Byrd was very successful. Also, 11 students have graduated from the Western Slope Law Enforcement Academy.

Mayor Reed asked Chief Hall to thank Sgt. Courtney Jones, who runs the academy.

### SPECIAL MEETING

Council adjourned the work session for a break prior to re-convening for a special meeting/executive session at Noon, "to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a); for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f), and the following additional details are provided for identification purposes: contract for the sale of Historic City Hall; City Manager and City Attorney mid-cycle informal reviews."



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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## CITY-PLACED CEMENT DAM ON ARROYO BACKING WATER UP ONTO NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES

*Editor:*

I have a wonderful distinction of having the city property as my neighbor on two sides of me. In the spring of 2022 it seems the city decided to replaced the sprinkler system from North First Street to North Seventh Street including Buckley Park and Lions Park. The replacement, which was badly needed is quite the engineering marvel and at a staggering price tag of \$759,969.71. That's right \$759,969.71. This figure supplied by the City.

Our problem with this project is you would think the City would come and talk to Terry, myself and our neighbor Janine about the impact this project could have on our properties. They didn't and they still haven't come to talk about the project and it's negative impacts to our properties. The impacts are caused because the city put a cement dam on the arroyo backing water up on our properties and having the water at or above our bank stabilizations to protect the banks from being washed away.

The water at this level is eating the bank away below Janine's home, between this year and last year about 4 to 6 feet. It will eventually eat enough bank where the large tree at top will come down to the arroyo changing the channel and if enough bank is taken causing problems with her home foundation. This has also eaten about two feet of my bank.

I sent emails to Mr. Bell and others in the City Administration and Councilman Don Glaspell. Over two weeks later the only person to have contacted me is Councilman Glaspell. He came to the house and I explained what has happened and showed him the damage. He said he would look into it and get back to me. When he emailed me back he said, "when I spoke with them they told me it was private property and the responsibility of the owner to fix it."

Well that last statement tells you a lot about the City Council, and the Administrations approach to problems with it's citizens. They cause the damage and it's our problem and we need to, at our expense, fix their damage to our property. The arrogance, that they do a \$760,000 project, damage out properties, never talk to us and it's our responsibility to fix their damage.

*Joe Balet, Montrose*



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RIDGWAY-Oct. 5-9am-noon Unc Watershed Cleanup at Ridgway State Park. Join the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership and Colorado Parks & Wildlife at Ridgway State Park for a cleanup around Ridgway Reservoir. Volunteers will meet inside the Dutch Charlie Entrance of the park at the marina boat ramp. All ages are welcome! More details and what to bring will be shared after signup:<https://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/event/2024-unc-watershed-cleanup-at-ridgway-state-park/>

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## BLACK CANYON FCA TO HOST FCA FIELDS OF FAITH EVENT, ON MONDAY, SEPT. 23, 6:30PM AT MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—High School and Middle School students from **Black Canyon FCA** which includes, Montrose High School, Colorado West Christian School, San Juan Christian Home Educators and Centennial Middle School will combine on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, to share their Christian faith with fellow students during the 19th annual national **Fellowship of Christian Athletes’ (FCA, [www.fca.org](http://www.fca.org)) Fields of Faith** event. This rapidly growing, interdenominational outreach event will be held at more than 500 locations throughout the nation.

**FCA’s Fields of Faith** is a student-to-student ministry, which means that the students themselves invite their own classmates and teammates to meet together to hear fellow students share their testimonies, challenge them to read the Bible, and to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

**Fields of Faith** began with an idea from Jeff Martin, **FCA’s** Executive Director of Campus Sport Ministry, who longed to help today’s generation of students face spiritual battles and temptations. He felt that God was telling him that the answer lay in the students themselves—that they had the power of the Spirit to point the way to Christ for their peers as well as their communities.

*“What started out as a thought and a prayer has turned into a huge national event, all through the power of Christ. It’s amazing that Fields of Faith has grown to welcome nearly a quarter of a million people to athletic fields where they can pray and worship together,”* Martin said. *“We are so thankful for the students who feel passionate about sharing their faith with their fellow students so they, too, can see how Christ can impact their lives. There’s no doubt that God is working through these young people and will continue to do so for years to come.”*

In 2004, Martin’s vision became reality when 6,000 students gathered on school athletic fields throughout three states for the first **Fields of Faith** event. That was the beginning of what has become one of the most significant faith-related gathering of students in a single day.

While **Fields of Faith** has its roots with **FCA** leadership, the event is designed to include multiple national Christian organizations, local churches and ministries. A local leadership team will determine the program of each **Fields of Faith** event.

More information about the 2024 **Fields of Faith** event is available at [FieldsofFaith.com](http://FieldsofFaith.com). To learn more about the event in **Montrose**, contact **Geoff Ila** at **970-209-5133** or email [gila@fca.org](mailto:gila@fca.org).

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

*To whom it may concern,*

My very trusted friend said this to me today; People don't understand the severity of things but if they are warned, then it's their responsibility. If we don't warn them, then it's OUR responsibility.

Abraham Lincoln (a Republican ) said ; "Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters." (Wikipedia)

This country was built by honest compassionate people. Our money still claims "in God we trust".

This nation was NOT built on confusion, or evil, or immorality, or hatred, or irresponsibility, or proxy wars, or vote manipulation, or corruption, or deep state, or weaponized bureaucracy, or crafted lies, or betrayal or political persecution.

Yet, look where we are today, all of these apply to today's politics. With Biden and Harris we got the blisters that Abraham Lincoln referred to. We have been burned. The most corrupt and inept administration in American history. Fact. In fact all politicians, and Kamala Harris, have known for 3 years that Biden was cognitively demolished, yet the Democrats let him mishandle the most powerful country in the world. I wonder out loud who has really been running our country, (an un-oathed ghost President?). That would be treason. Every elected lawmaker has been impotent. Every appointed bureaucrat has been weaponized.

Then it got worse. They let Joe and Kamala declare for a second term knowing that in a second term they would finish the job and destroy America.

Then it got even worse. Democrats were finally forced to admit to their lies and cover up about Biden and got him discharged out of the race for a second term, creating an angry, vindictive lame duck president. Then they inappropriately usurped and appointed a successor candidate for president who is unqualified and without wisdom and honor. I was aghast that citizen Democrats allowed the elite Democrats to do that. Biden must have said to Harris ...Et tu brute ? (If you don't know what that means look it up at Wikipedia.)

Now it gets even worse. They are letting an obviously defunct and angry president who has the nuclear code, and power of executive order, finish 6 months unsupervised in the most dangerous job in human history.

The current vile depraved corrupt lawmakers in Washington are leading us into a death trap and at this point there may be no turning back, we are probably beyond the point of no return.

When I say Washington I refer to Democrats, Republicans, and Independents alike. There is only fake resistance to the candidacy of Harris.

These unprincipled reprobates are going to take away our resolve and probably our guns and render us defenseless against the evil in the world.

All common sense and true justice has already been incinerated in Washington.

Watch the full spectrum of national news and you can't help but see how far off the tracks we are.

Listen to both sides and discern the lies from the truth.

Discernment is a gift, but only if you use it.

If the following premonitions are correct there is only one thing that can save America, that would be God, but in 1962 the supreme court ruled that prayer in schools was unconstitutional, effectively removing God from schools.

A country that mocks God will not be given his protection.

Joe Biden mocks God and defies his own Catholic incontrovertibly true principles, mainly the sanctity of life.

A classic case of cutting off your nose to spite your face. A destroyed society is easily dominated.

Stand for something or fall for anything, when good people do nothing, bad people do everything.

Have you ever wondered what happened to the great Roman empire or the great Greek empire as their nations and magnificent monuments lay in ruin?

I'll tell you. Corrupt, immoral, unstable politics. Look it up.

When the Communist Chinese or the Communist Russians or the Islamic extremists take control of our country mired in immorality and ignorant politics there will be such a holocaust as America has never seen. The communist Chinese will not respect any race except their own, they will destroy all diversity in America.

The Taliban and Isis will not respect football heroes or basketball heroes or Hollywood celebrities or famous singers.

They will be quick to purge our precious homeland of all of the above and not be

gentle doing it.

There will be no gay pride. In fact the Ayatollah has already decreed the beheading of gays.

The cartels will ignore humanity and laws and use our beloved country and its rich fields to poison the world and destroy youth. Freedom of the press or freedom of speech under communist and Islamic rule has never existed.

If you think the conquerors will give a damn about the environment, think again. They currently live in the most polluted countries in the world.

If you think that they will allow recreational drugs to be consumed like candy you are wrong, or, maybe they will, just to get rid of Americans.

The clock is ticking. I wonder if we are already in the midst of the great tribulation. Most Christians believe we are in the final days of humanity and the chaos when America falls will be the trigger. True Christians are praying for God to intercede and save America.

But I'm talking about the clock to return America to common sense.

I remind you that this is an election year.

Maybe the last election year.

I am not going to tell you how to vote ....that would be un-American. So I will, for the last time, ask you to think and discern and hear the truth.

Theodore Roosevelt said ;

"A vote is like a rifle: its usefulness depends upon the character of the user."

When I enter the booth to vote, to save the most precious country in human history, the future of my own precious freedom will be in my heart and the following things are going to be on my mind and in this order ; Afghanistan and 13 sacrificed abandoned soldiers and their families.

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# RED HAWKS CRUSH WARRIORS 50-14



*Junior Elijah Womack scores the first of his four touchdowns in the 50-14 victory over the Central Warriors. Photo by Cliff Dodge.*

*By Cliff Dodge*

MONTROSE-The Montrose Red Hawks celebrated Homecoming with a thrashing of the Grand Junction Central Warriors at the Montrose football stadium on a breezy Friday evening. The victory improved the Red Hawks season record to four wins and no losses and third place in the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) 4A ranking.

The Warriors won the coin toss and elected to receive and go on offense. The Red Hawks defense shut the Warriors down, forcing a three and out and a punt. The Red Hawks ran two plays on offense, gained about 30 yards to the Warrior 5-yard line but fumbled, turning the football over to the Warriors. Again, stout defense and another punt.

The Red Hawks offense then took over and a seven-play drive saw junior fullback Elijah Womack score the first of his four touchdowns, this one on a 5-yard touchdown run and 2-point conversion gave the Red Hawks an 8-0 lead. Senior Zach Motley then executed an on-side kick which was recovered by the Red Hawks, who then drove 49 yards for another Womack touchdown, increasing the lead to 15-0.

The Warriors ran the kick-off out to the 46-yard-line, but the offense was unable

to move the football and punted once again. The Red Hawks ran three plays but a Chris Mock pass was intercepted by the Warriors as the first quarter ended with the Red Hawks leading 15-0.

The Warriors put together their first substantial drive to the Red Hawks 35-yard line but fumbled. Red Hawks Senior Jack Pankey pounced on the loose ball and turned it back over to the Red Hawks offense. Six plays later Senior Quarterback Chris Mock scored a touchdown on a four-yard scamper to increase the Red Hawks lead to 22-0. The Warriors then drove from their 20-yard line into Red Hawks territory. The 10-play drive stalled at the 39-yard line where the home team took over on downs. The Red Hawks running game was effective the entire game and a six-play drive saw Elijah Womack score his third touchdown from four yards out, making the score 29-0 in favor of the Red Hawks as the first half ended.

The Red Hawks received the second half kick-off and drove the football 63 yards in ten plays with Womack scoring his fourth touchdown from 10 yards out increasing the lead to 36-0.

The Central Warriors finally got their offense into gear and drove 80 yards in six plays to finally get on the scoreboard with



*The Homecoming Banner the Red Hawks football team runs through to celebrate the event. Photo by Cliff Dodge.*

a 15-yard touchdown pass to make the score 36-7.

Despite Coach Mertens substituting liberally, the Red Hawks were not done scoring. The Red Hawks on their next possession drove 52 yards and Senior Abbott Dietrich ran five yards for yet another Red Hawks touchdown, increasing the score to 43-7.

With time running out in the third quarter the Warriors opened their passing game with disastrous results. Junior Chase Mehan stepped in front of a Warrior receiver and intercepted a pass at the Red Hawks 45-yard line and took it the distance for a "pick six" scoring the final points for the Red Hawks to increase the score to 50-7.

The fourth quarter saw each team handle and mis-handle the football. Sophomore Eli Stephens intercepted a Warrior pass and the Red Hawks gave up the football on downs. The Warrior scored a touchdown within the last minute of play to make the score 50-14. The offense clicked for the entire game and the defense was stout against both the run and the pass. The Red Hawks substituted liberally giving many underclassmen the opportunity to experience playing time at the varsity level. Next up for the Red Hawks will be a road trip to Fruita-Monument on Thursday evening, Sept. 26 for a date with the Wildcats.

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# RED HAWKS SPORTS ROUNDUP



Sophomore Isabelle Mott warms up before taking the mound. Photo by Cliff Dodge.

By Cliff Dodge

## **Varsity Soccer:**

### **MONTROSE RED HAWKS 5, GRAND JUNCTION CENTRAL 0**

The Montrose Red Hawks soccer team continued their winning ways last Tuesday as they rolled over the Warriors of Grand Junction Central High School by the score of 5-0. The victory improved the Red Hawks overall record to 5 wins and 1 loss. The Red Hawks are undefeated in league play, posting a record of 3-0.

The Red Hawks offense got into high gear as they scored 3 goals in the first half and a pair of goals in the second half. The Red Hawks defense stood tall as they limited the Warriors to only two shots on goal and kept them off the scoreboard for the full 80 minutes of play. Senior Tommy Montoya-Ornelas led all Red Hawk scorers with 2 goals. Other Red Hawks scorers included junior Noel Mirelas-Rodales, senior Christopher Gonzales Muniz and sophomore Eli Rodriguez. Junior goal tender Jude Carlton stopped the only two shots that made their way through the Red Hawks defense to preserve the shut out.

Next up for the Red Hawks will be road trip to Palisade on Tuesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **Varsity Volleyball:**

### **MONTROSE RED HAWKS 3, GUNNISON COWBOYS 0**

The Montrose Red Hawks volleyball team travelled to Gunnison last week and defeated the Cowboys by the score of 3-0. The Red Hawks established the tone of the contest as they won the first match 25-17. The Red Hawks continued their



Junior setter Lilly Nelson plays the ball. Photo by Cliff Dodge.

offensive on-slit winning the second match 25-20 and the third match by the same 25-20 score.

### **MONTROSE RED HAWKS 3, GR. JCT. CENTRAL WARRIORS 1**

The Montrose Red Hawks continued their winning ways as they welcomed the Warriors of Grand Junction Central to the field house and defeated the Warriors by the score of 3-1. The victory moved the Red Hawks overall record to 7 wins against 3 losses, and a league mark of 2 wins and 1 loss.

The Red Hawks put the pedal to the metal and won the first match 25-17. The second match saw the Red Hawks win by 15 points, 25-13. The Warriors found their offense in the third match and took the Red Hawks into overtime as they defeated the Red Hawks 27-25. The Red Hawks regained their momentum with a crushing 25-14 pasting in the final game of the match. The Red Hawks hit the road for their next four games. The next match will be at Fruita-Monument for a match with the Wildcats.

## **Varsity Softball:**

### **Fruita-Monument 19, Montrose Red Hawks 1**

The Montrose Red Hawks fell to the Wildcats of Fruita-Monument by the score of 19-1 in a three-inning game that was halted by the mercy rule. The Wildcats left no doubt as to the outcome of this contest when they scored 12 runs in the top of the first inning and added another 7 runs before the umpire called a halt to the proceedings. The Red Hawks managed 1 run

on 2 hits, while the Wildcats scored 19 times on 8 hits.

### **CEDAREdge 6, MONTROSE RED HAWKS 4**

The Cedaredge Bruins hosted the Montrose Red Hawks softball team and squeezed out a 6-4 victory.

### **MONTROSE RED HAWKS 15, BASALT LONGHORNS 5**

The battered and bruised Montrose Red Hawks softball team found their momentum and defeated the Basalt Longhorns 15 to 5 at the Montrose diamond last Thursday. The Red Hawks scored 2 runs in the first inning, 3 runs in the third inning and then exploded for 10 runs in the final two frames. Senior Cali Fulks had 3 hits and drove in 3 runs. Junior Abby Siegel also stroked 3 base hits. Sophomore Cheyenne Whitcomb, senior Aubrey Good, and freshman Aubrey Blacker all contributed 2 base hits to the 15-hit attack.

The Victory improved the Red Hawks season record to 3 wins and 10 losses, while their league mark improved to 1 win and 5 losses. Next up for the Red Hawks will be a home affair as they host the Palisade Bulldogs.

## **Jayvee Football:**

### **Grand Junction Tigers 24, Montrose Red Hawks 22**

The Grand Junction Tigers pulled out a close victory over the Montrose Red Hawks by the score of 24-22. The Red Hawks season mark falls to 3-1 with the loss. Their league mark now stands at 0 wins and 1 loss. Next up for the JV team will be a trip to Grand Junction to take on the Central High School Warriors.

# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## COLE BUERGER ANNOUNCES MORE ENDORSEMENTS FROM LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS (INCLUDING HIS PARTNER) FOR STATE SENATE CAMPAIGN

***Fifth Generation Western Coloradan and Small Business Owner Building Broad Local Coalition in Lead Up to November Election***

*Special to the Mirror*

GLENWOOD SPRINGS-- Cole Buerger, a fifth-generation Coloradan, small business owner, community leader, and the Democratic nominee for the Western Slope's Fifth State Senate District is proud to announce he has been endorsed by a group of local elected officials from throughout Senate District 5, including his partner of 16 years, Glenwood Springs City Coun-

cilmember Mitchell Weimer (we'll admit it --Mitchell is biased).

Also endorsing Cole Buerger for State Senate are: Kelly McNicholas Kury, Pitkin County Commissioner  
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"I know Cole will be a strong, energetic voice for our rural communities, putting our interests before special interests and partisan politics in Denver," said former Montrose Mayor Barbara Bynum.  
"It's an honor to be endorsed by such trusted, respected leaders," said Cole Buerger. "And that of course includes my wonderful partner of 16 years, Glenwood Springs City Councilmember Mitchell Weimer. Our campaign has such strong local support from city councilmembers, mayors, and county commissioners throughout the district because I will be the state senator who will put the interests of our local communities ahead of Denver special interests."

This new group of elected officials endorsing Buerger joins a broad and growing coalition of organizations, elected and community leaders who are backing his campaign, including Planned Parenthood Votes Colorado, AFSCME Council 18, Colorado Education Association, US Senator Michael Bennet, US Senator John Hick-enlooper, Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser, Colorado State Treasurer Dave Young, former Colorado Lieutenant Governor Mike Callihan, former State Representative Roger Wilson, Gunnison County Commissioner Liz Smith, Pitkin County Commissioner Francie Jacober, Basalt Mayor Dave Knight, Crested Butte Mayor Ian Billick, Glenwood Springs Mayor Ingrid Wussow, Glenwood City Mayor Pro Tem Marco Dehm, Gunnison Mayor Diego Plata, Rifle Mayor Sean Strode, former Aspen Mayor Rachael Richards, former Basalt Mayor Bill Kane, former Paonia Mayor Mary Bachran, and many others.

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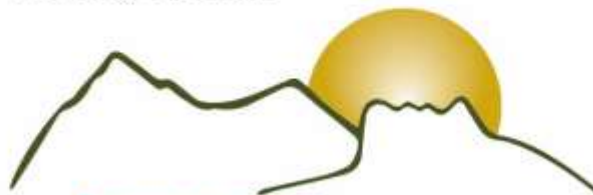
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*By Dr. Carrie Stephenson, Superintendent (Comments from my personal perspective as a former Montrose High School graduate)*

MONTROSE—In 1940, the people of Montrose faced a world filled with uncertainty. They were coming out of the Great Depression, and the Second World War was on the horizon. Despite the challenges, they built the original Montrose High School—a symbol of hope and belief in the future. Those who made that investment were part of the Greatest Generation, a generation that understood that even in tough times, investing in public schools was essential for the future of their community.

Today, as we ask the citizens of Montrose to invest once again in our children, our schools, and our community's future, we find ourselves in a different kind of challenging time. Yet the lesson remains the same: education is the foundation of a thriving community and economy. We are at a crossroads where we must decide if we are willing to make the same kind of bold investment in the future as those who came before us.

We are asking for a \$198 million bond to build a new high school, which will cost the average homeowner about \$9 per month per \$100,000 of home value (less for our senior citizens and disabled veterans who qualify for the Senior/Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption). Yes, it's a significant ask, but the cost of doing nothing is even greater. Each year we delay, the cost to build increases by 12-14%, and the opportunity to provide our students with the

education they deserve slips further away.

Our current Montrose High School, built in 1940, has served this community well for decades, but it can no longer support the needs of modern education. Our Career and Technical Education and Career Pathways programs—like our automotive, agriculture, and health sciences pathways—are critical to preparing our students for local jobs that will keep them in Montrose County, contributing to our economy. However, Montrose High School has reached the end of its lifespan with a building that is crumbling and systems that are routinely failing.

I've been thinking a lot about the generation that built Montrose High School. Imagine the courage it took to move forward with such a project in the midst of the Great Depression.

They could have argued that times were too hard, that money was too tight, and that they couldn't afford it. But they didn't. They recognized that education wasn't a cost, but an investment—a downpayment on the future of Montrose.

Fast forward to today, and we hear similar concerns. Yes, we're facing economic challenges, but this community has always risen to the occasion. If the Greatest Generation could build a high school during those hard times, why can't we do it now? Why can't we invest in a facility that will not only protect and serve our children but also attract new businesses and families to Montrose, strengthen our local economy, and give us all something to be proud of?

There are understandable concerns about

the cost, and I don't want to dismiss those lightly. But I urge you to consider the bigger picture. We currently have one of the lowest school district mill levies in the region—even lower than our neighboring Delta County. If we don't take action now, the cost of the project will only increase, and the strain on our schools will grow.

This bond measure is about more than just education. It's about our collective responsibility to ensure that Montrose County remains a place where families thrive, where businesses want to locate, and where students have every opportunity to succeed. This is not just the responsibility of parents or educators—it's the responsibility of all of us, just as it was for the generation that came before us.

We owe it to our children and grandchildren to provide them with the best possible start in life.

We owe it to ourselves to invest in a school system that we can be proud of. And we owe it to our community to create a public education system that is a beacon of economic growth, local pride, and civic responsibility. It's now our turn to rise to the occasion. Let's make the bold decision that the Greatest Generation made. Let's invest in Montrose County, in our children, and in our future.

Together, we can ensure that Montrose High School continues to be a place where students can prepare for bright futures, where our community can gather with pride, and where we can all feel the impact of a strong public school system.

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## TRUMP IN HIS FIRST TERM FOSTERED ECONOMIC GROWTH AND STABILITY THROUGH SENSIBLE POLICIES

*Editor:*

Democrats are now overtly dependent on lies. They know that none of what they intend for this country is remotely acceptable to its citizens, so they have to do everything possible to hide those intentions. They have to lie about full-term abortions and no medical treatment for babies born alive after botched abortions. (No Democrat politician will discuss at what point in a nine-month pregnancy they would support a ban.) They have to lie about their goal of a one-party state by creating an invasion of millions of unvetted illegals and giving them voting rights. (Kamala is now suddenly saying she is going to get tough on border security?) They have to lie about their Marxist economic policies. (Que MALA plans on the single largest tax increase in history by letting the Trump tax cuts expire, plus increasing individual and corporate tax rates, increasing capital gains taxes, implementing new taxes on unrealized capital gains, etc.) They give speeches about “Family farms ought to be able to stay in the family” knowing full well their massive tax increases will make all that impossible. Komrade Kamala has announced plans for massive new spending on entitlements (in addition to lavishing welfare dollars on people who crossed our borders illegally, and “forgiving” loans for one favored group) but avoids talking about the fact all those dollars have to come from somewhere – and that somewhere is every other taxpayer. That is more of the same reckless spending that led to the soaring inflation and increased cost of living that is destroying American families. Meanwhile Kamala posts a few sentences about issues on her campaign website that are laughably vague: make things better for middle class Americans, help small businesses, defend our country, etc. --- all of which are completely incompatible with her actual plans.

All the lies are possible because the Democrat fraud machine includes most of the media (and many actors and entertainers whose opinions are important only to themselves.) In the ABC debate, the two moderators decided in advance they were going to tilt the scales against Trump. In the weeks leading up to the debate, those

involved at ABC played out various scenarios to ensure that they were able to “fact check” Trump in real time. An ABC moderator straight up admitted the fix was in before the debate began. They “fact checked” Trump at every turn, while leaving Harris to spread completely debunked falsehoods without the slightest challenge. Not only did they create a scenario where Trump effectively debated three people at once, but their supposed disputes about Trump’s statements had no basis in fact.

Trump supporters obviously see the unfairness of ABC ambushing Trump. Democrats will convince themselves otherwise, or simply won’t care. The problem for the left, as they are discovering, is how everyone else clearly saw the obvious unfairness on display. Independent voters looked forward to an informative debate, but instead were treated to a farce where the moderators attacked Trump. Those independents logically concluded ABC conspired with the DNC to cheat in that debate, and most Americans hate a cheat.

The rigged affair allowed Kamala to continue dodging those issues important to Americans, and also allowed her to avoid, to the degree possible, showing her ignorance and ineptitude. That was not true when she did a softball interview a few days later with an ABC affiliate in Philadelphia. Harris attempted to answer just five questions in the 11-minute interview, and her first solo interview was hard to watch. She was asked about inflation, the economy, and a few other things and she was so ignorant of the entire matter Republicans declared it an ad for their side. She was asked what specific plans she has to bring down prices, and she dodged the question and rambled on about growing up in a middle class neighborhood with lots of people who cared about their lawns. Instead of explaining her plan to make America affordable again, she claimed she was the unity candidate. She has no idea what inflation is, she has no idea how to solve it, and, worst of all, she does not intend to solve it. She created the inflation through outrageous government spending, and now all she is doing is proposing more government spending. When asked how her policies would differ from Biden’s, she gave a word salad that made

no sense whatsoever. Same thing when asked how she would appeal to Trump supporters. She did sound lucid when asked about gun control, saying she does believe the U.S. needs an assault weapons ban, despite saying in the debate that Trump was lying when he said she wanted to ban guns.

Because Democrats have no workable policies, they would like to make this election all about personality, likeability, or anything other than issues (“vibes?”). I could make a case for Trump vs. Harris on that basis, if that were important. In 2016 Democrats ran the most unlikeable candidate for president possible in Hillary. They then ran a senile old man in 2020, and are now running the cackling daughter of a Marxist academic who is even more unlikeable than Hillary. I could counter claims Trump is a liar by pointing out that Trump is Abe Lincoln compared to Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. I could challenge accusations about Trump’s marital infidelity by showing that Trump is a holy man compared to the Democrats’ heroes J. F. Kennedy, Edward Kennedy, and Bill Clinton. I could also talk about Kamala’s sexual involvement with a married man twice her age in California political kingmaker Willie Brown.

However, only the ignorant determine their vote by personality or likeability. We have a choice that is not so much about a person as it is between more or less government. Harris will increase control by government by an order of magnitude, and continue the reckless spending and regulatory overreach that will further cripple the economy, produce a severe recession, and further destroy Americans’ finances.

In stark contrast, Trump in his first term fostered economic growth and stability through sensible policies that benefited a broad spectrum of Americans. His agenda promises a return to lower taxes, reduced government spending, and a robust energy sector – all key to driving down inflation and the restoration of economic stability. Equally important are Trump’s successes on the world stage versus Harris / Biden’s abject failures, but that’s another discussion.

*Ed Henrie, Montrose*

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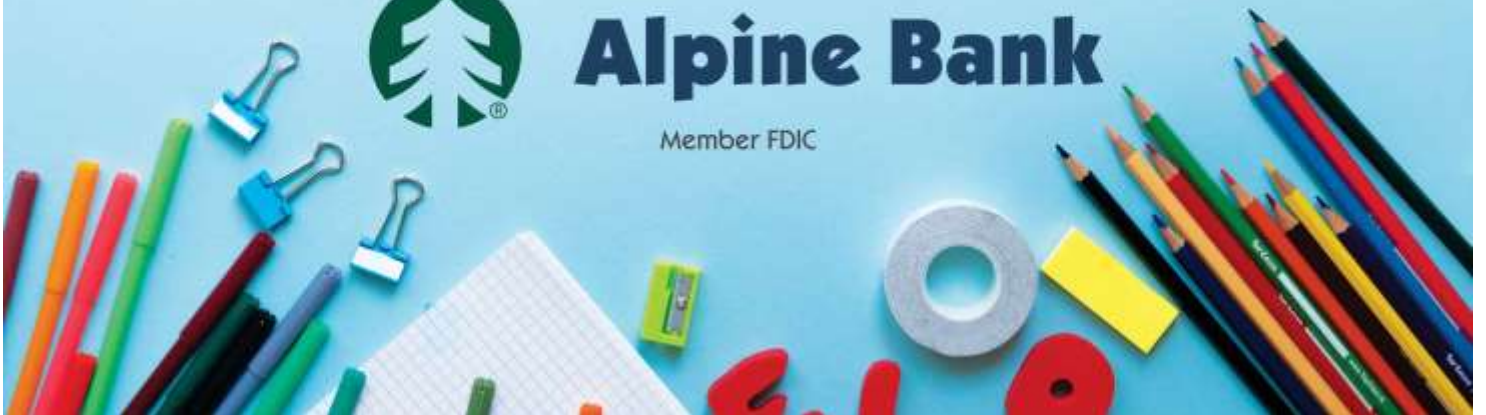
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## BECKER'S HOSPITAL REVIEW NAMES MONTROSE REGIONAL HEALTH AMONG CLEANEST 350 HOSPITALS IN THE UNITED STATES

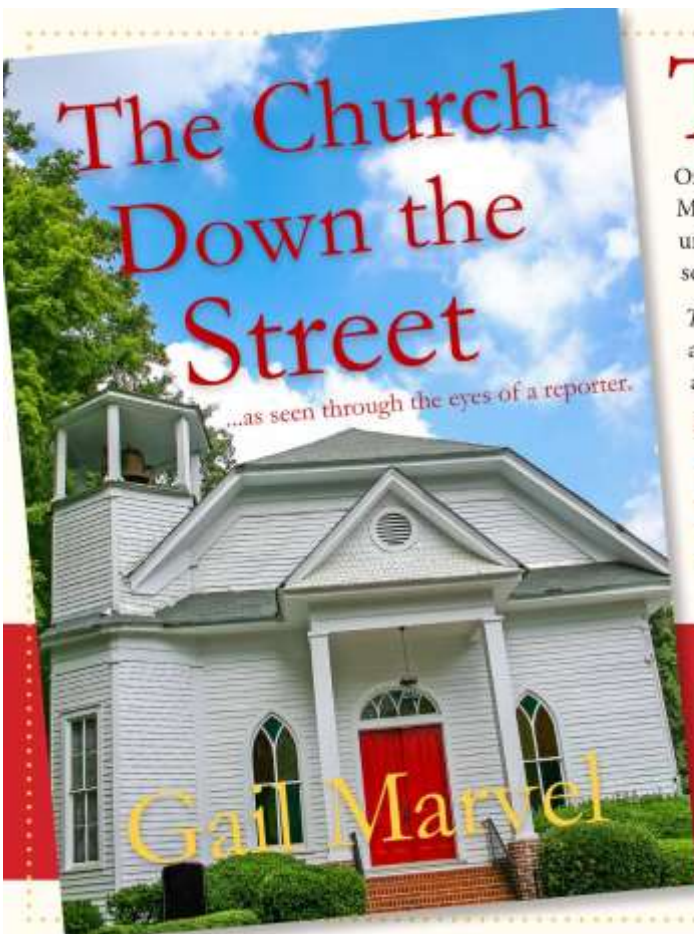
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MONTROSE— Montrose Regional Health is named among the 350 cleanest hospitals in the United States, according to a recent report by Becker’s Hospital Review. Montrose Regional Health is one of only ten hospitals in the state of Colorado to achieve a 5-star cleanliness rating from Becker’s Hospital Review.

“Our Environmental Services team is second to none,” said Leann Tobin, Chief Ancillary Services and Marketing Officer. “They work very hard and know how important their role is in stopping the spread of infection. Each team member takes pride in what they do and truly believe in our vision of Caring for You Like Family. I’m so proud to work by their side and share their high-quality expectations.”

The cleanest hospitals are chosen based on the results of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) patient survey called HCAHPS - a national, standardized survey of hospital patients about their experience during a recent inpatient hospital stay. The 2024 list of cleanest hospitals is based on the feedback from the HCAHPS surveys, which were submitted between October 2022 and September 2023.

Montrose Regional Health has received multiple other accolades this year, including being named among the best hospitals for Heart Attack & Stroke by U.S. News & World Report, and the Black Canyon Surgical Center being recognized among America’s Best Ambulatory Surgery Centers for Ophthalmology. Montrose Regional Health partners with independent providers in the community to excel and provide excellent care, including a partnership with Black Canyon Surgical Center. Other recognition in recent history includes being named among the Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals in 2023 and receiving an A Grade for Social Responsibility from the Lown Institute in 2023.



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

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## LET'S VOTE TO 'UNBURDEN WHAT HAS BEEN'

*Editor:*

In just about 45 days we have the opportunity to “unburden what has been,” to “turn the page,” and CLOSE THE BOOK on what has been the most corrupt and incompetent Administration in the history of this country along with its supporting political party that has proven to be the real threat to democracy. Ballots come out on October 10. Vote early to Make America Great Again!

*Dee Laird, Montrose*

## SUPPORT FUNDING FOR CRITICAL CITY NEEDS, VOTE YES TO LODGING TAX HIKE

*To the residents of the Montrose community,*

We are asking for your support in funding critical community needs by voting YES this November to approve an increase to the local hotel/lodging tax.

Presently, the City of Montrose's lodging tax rate rests at 0.9%, which is the lowest of all surveyed communities across Colorado. This tax is paid by visitors to the Montrose community who stay in local hotels, Airbnbs, or other short-term vacation rentals that collect the city's hotel/lodging tax. We would like to raise this local hotel/lodging tax from 0.9% to 6%, which would put our rate just below the statewide average of around 6.7%.

After COVID-19, many of our western Colorado communities were faced with a rapid influx of both new residents and tourists. This growth has impacted our city's infrastructure with increased wear and tear on our streets, sidewalks, and parking lots. The growth has also impacted our housing, childcare, and public transit systems. We have received comments from many residents asking us to take the lead on solving some of these problems and we have had quite a few questions about how we could have tourists pay their own way.

We want to be as transparent as possible regarding the use of these revenues. Therefore, we have included in the ballot language itself this exact breakdown of how the hotel/lodging tax monies will be used:

33% Access to Quality Affordable Housing

25% Street Maintenance

20% Tourism Management and Community Events Promotion

17% Access to Childcare Services

5% Expansion of Public Transit Options

We want you to know that we have listened to the community's concerns related to tourism and we are proposing this hotel/lodging tax increase to generate additional revenue to address these crucial issues in a way that primarily places the burden on tourists. This proposal is a unique opportunity to raise additional revenues without imposing a financial burden on our local residents. We hope to have your support and great voter turnout at this year's November election.

*Sincerely,*

*J. David Reed, Mayor*

*Dave Frank, Mayor Pro Tem*

*Judy Ann Files, City Councilor*

*Doug Glaspell, City Councilor*

*Ed Ulibarri, City Councilor*



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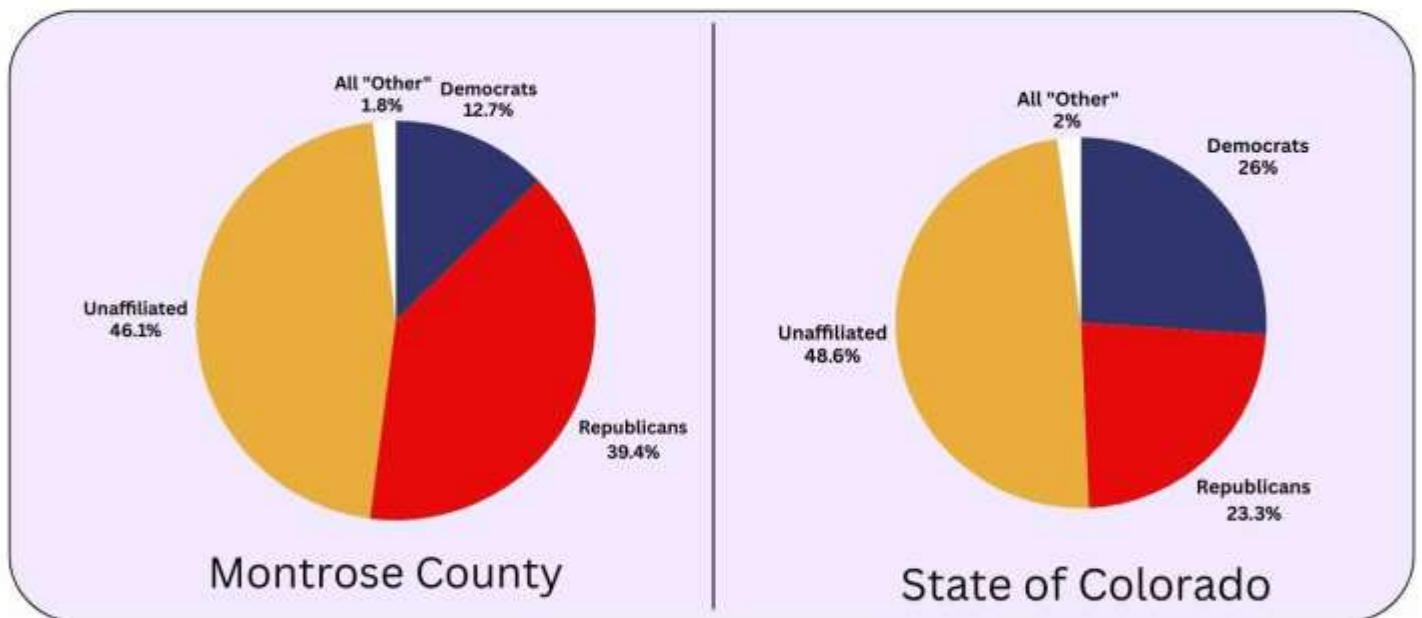
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# UNAFFILIATED VOTERS ARE THE MAJORITY

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### BOSOM BUDDIES 32nd ANNUAL WALK/RUN OCTOBER 12 *It's A Local Tradition To Wear Pink!*



Courtesy photos Bosom Buddies.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-October 12<sup>th</sup> marks the 32nd year your local Bosom Buddies will commemorate October as Breast Cancer Awareness month with its annual Walk/Run fundraiser. The Telluride High School Breast Cancer Awareness Club, once again, has selected Bosom Buddies to receive the funds raised by its members.

"We are so grateful to these young people for everything they do to help us," said Bosom Buddies President Phyllis Wiesner. "They truly understand how a breast cancer diagnosis affects the entire family."

Walk Chairperson Denise Distel emphasized the annual Walk/Run has become a favorite local tradition. "For 32 years, residents of Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel Counties have come to show support to those with a current diagnosis, to salute survivors, and to remember those who were lost to breast cancer," she said. "Our event is a positive, uplifting way of helping with a life-changing diagnosis. And there is no such thing as wearing too much pink!"

According to Wiesner, one out of every eight women is diagnosed with breast cancer sometime in their lifetime. Although rare, 1% of breast cancer diagnosed each year is found in men.

"In today's economy, many people are



Members of the Telluride High Breast Cancer Awareness Club hosted a table at this year's Balloon Festival to benefit the Bosom Buddies Support Group. Pictured are (left to right) Bree Gowdy, Marilyn Jones, Elodie Prohaska, and Cheska Hrupcin. The club gave a \$2,500 donation to help those diagnosed with breast cancer and their families. Courtesy photo.

postponing seeing a doctor to check out potential symptoms of breast cancer," said Wiesner. "Bosom Buddies helps by providing financial assistance to those who qualify for diagnostic procedures because early detection is key in beating this disease."

Distel emphasized, "It is important for everyone to know that all funds raised by Bosom Buddies are spent locally to help locals affected by breast cancer – that's your family, friends, and neighbors. In addition to medical financial assistance, we offer emotional assistance in weekly support group meetings on Wednesdays at noon along with free wigs, scarves, hats, and prosthetics. We also award educational scholarships to survivors and to the children of a parent or guardian who has ever been diagnosed with breast cancer."

Distel added, "We are encouraging everyone to pre-register online or download

and mail in a registration form from our website [www.BosomBuddiesSWC.org](http://www.BosomBuddiesSWC.org). The donation to participate is \$35 for those who pre-register and \$40 [on Walk day.](#)"

"To receive the official 2024 Walk shirt, we are asking everyone to register by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those who register after this date might receive a generic Bosom Buddies design," said Distel.

"Our participants have told us how much they like the quality of our Walk shirts but it's difficult to order enough for those who register late or on Walk Day itself."

"We are so thankful to have had 32 years of support from our local communities," said Wiesner. "Bosom Buddies is a survivor just like many of our members."

Wiesner is herself a 30-year survivor. To register for the 32nd Annual Walk/Run on October 12<sup>th</sup> and for more information on the services offered by Bosom Buddies, visit their website at [www.BosomBuddiesSWC.org](http://www.BosomBuddiesSWC.org).



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## CITY APPROVES YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICANTS, LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ENDLESS PASTABILITIES

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All councilors were present as Mayor J. David Reed welcomed everyone to the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, Sept. 17 and led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem David Frank had no changes to the meeting agenda.

Reed announced that prior to the meeting five new police officers were sworn into the Montrose Police Department. "We're very fortunate, and we're doing very well in hiring our new officers and training them..."

More officers will be sworn in in 30 days, Reed said.

### CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Reed read the rules for public comment.

First to speak was John Brown, "There are many shades of gray, as all is not black and white...perception is reality...the Council has stated that Montrose is a non-sanctuary city, but how are we perceived by others...merely stating to the media that a law defines Montrose as non-sanctuary without evidence is not any kind of declaration...nothing has ever been posted to show what law this is, and when it was invoked into law. We don't even know the contents of the law, except that the council has stated it is a law. If we wish to make everyone aware that Montrose is a non-sanctuary city, than it needs to be publicly voted on by the City Council, with stipulations. This needs to be done before Montrose becomes another Aurora, Colorado.

"It is happening in our home state," Brown said, "What does it take to get real movement? Do we need to wait until our city gets overrun with people that have outgrown Denver, or visited by gangs from third world countries making our community unsafe?"

"...The Federal Government, the Governor's Office of Colorado, and all those NGO's who are providing for the financial Needs of these illegals, or as they have been referred to as newcomers, see Montrose as a destination. If making a statement will not have any effect, than what harm would it be to publicly declare Montrose non-sanctuary? Montrose would become known not as others would perceive us, but as we would want the world to know who we are and what

our priorities are in protecting our citizens and our safe environment. Please, don't let what has happened in Aurora, Colorado and Springfield, Ohio happen in Montrose, Colorado..."

Next to speak was Tom Mathis, who described his attempt to build a home in Montrose and Ouray Counties, but in both instances the foundation was not installed properly.

"...Ultimately we have been left homeless, after two attempts to realize our dream on the Western Slope," Mathis said, "I'm a retired union carpenter with 48 years' experience in the industry, had never experienced this before until we moved here in 2019...the local building officials have minimized the intent of the IRC they adopted...why aren't the building officials fulfilling their duties to safeguard the public..."

"The biggest investment most of us make is a house," Mathis said, "Don't we all deserve code compliant homes? Licensing contractors, along with restoring the intent of the IRC, would safeguard the public...home buyers need to be aware on the Western Slope..." Noting the presence of the City Youth Council, Mathis said, "It's nice to see all these young faces attending a council meeting. It took me a lot more years before I had the guts to come up here. Thank you for the opportunity."

Next to speak was Colorado HD 58 Candidate Kathleen Curry, who introduced herself, "I'm just here to listen tonight...I want to make sure I'm familiar with what's going on."

Nicole Johnston spoke. "I'm here again to request that you either put it to a vote or declare Montrose a non-sanctuary city. I urge you to be open and transparent with the monies that are being spent and what is going on in this community..."

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the [Sept. 3, 2024, special City Council meeting](#) and the [Sept. 3, 2024, regular City Council meeting](#) as presented.

### YOUTH CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

After introducing applicants for the Youth City Council and speaking briefly with them, Council approved the appointments of Peter Phillips, Sydney Bell, Graysen Vidmar, Robin Kittell, Darinka Skybova, Kathryn Jakino, and Lauren Clark to positions on the 2024-2025 Montrose Youth

City Council.

### NEW HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Council voted to approve [an application for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License](#) for Fitz Union LLC, doing business as Endless Pastabilities at 1544 Oxbow Drive, Suite 198, for consumption on the licensed premises. Applicants Richard and April Fitzgerald were present to answer questions and discuss the application.

### ORDINANCE 2671 - SECOND READING

Council voted to adopt [Ordinance 2671 on second reading](#), amending Title 5 Chapter 2 Sections 1 and 5 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose, Colorado, increasing the hotel room tax from .9% to 6% and limiting the use of the funds generated to assist in addressing the impact of tourism on the City of Montrose.

### ORDINANCE 2672 - SECOND READING

Council voted to adopt [Ordinance 2672 on Second reading](#), amending Title 11 Chapter 7 Section 8, regarding the requirements of planned developments.

### ORDINANCE 2673 - SECOND READING

Council voted to adopt [Ordinance 2673 on second reading](#), repealing Title 6 Chapter 2 Section 3 (6-2-3) only, regarding the limit on dogs and cats.

### RESOLUTION 2024-15

Council voted to approve [Resolution 2024-15](#), setting November 5, 2024, as the hearing date for the Leonard Farm Addition Annexation.

### OGDEN ROAD LOUTSENHIZER CANAL CULVERT REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Council voted to authorize \$988,964.84 in expenditures for construction of the [Ogden Road Loutsenhizer Canal Culvert Replacement Project](#). This includes the award of a construction contract to K&D Construction in the amount of \$944,464.84 and a survey and engineering support contract to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of \$44,500.

### STAFF REPORTS

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the [Sales, Use & Excise Tax Report](#) for July, 2024.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Doug Glaspell said that police recruitment and graduation rates are doing well.

With no further business, Mayor Reed adjourned the meeting.

# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## CELEBRATE WORLDWIDE DAY OF PLAY AT MONTROSE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—Montrose Children’s Museum announces their participation in Our World: Worldwide Day of Play on Sept. 28, 2024. As a day dedicated to experiencing joyful learning through play, this event is focused on getting kids and their families up, out, and playing around.

The event will be hosted at Montrose Children’s Museum on Sept. 28 from 10 am - 4 pm. More details can be found online at [www.montrosechildrensmuseum.org/events](http://www.montrosechildrensmuseum.org/events).

Our World: Worldwide Day of Play is part of Nickelodeon’s Our World global initiative to inspire kids and provide them with tools to activate their individual and collective agency. As part of a network of than 300 ACM member children’s museums who reach millions of families in North America, and the more than 1,000 museums participating in Museums for All, a national access initiative that ACM manages, Montrose Children’s Museum is a vital collaborator in the Our World: Worldwide Day of Play.

For a list of all participating Our World: Worldwide Day of Play events and more information about the initiative, please visit [www.childrensmuseums.org/dayofplay](http://www.childrensmuseums.org/dayofplay).

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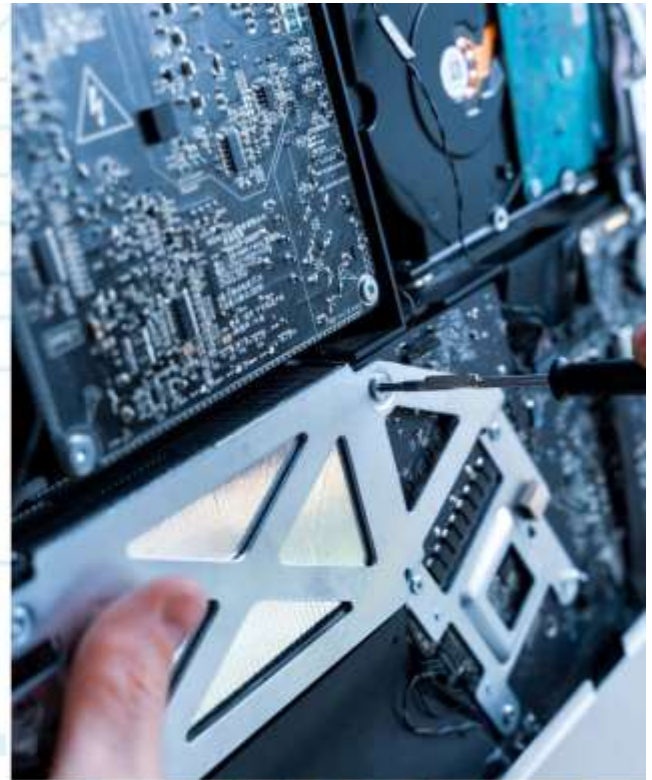
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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## FRANK RODRIGUEZ SELECTED AS MONTROSE COUNTY MANAGER

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—The Montrose Board of County Commissioners selected Frank Rodriguez as the incoming County Manager. His start date is Oct. 7, allowing time for a transition.

A formal contract will be considered at an upcoming board meeting, aligning with the previously approved county manager search process.

“It was a really tough process and tough choice for this board,” said Commissioner Roger Rash. “We included the community, elected officials, commissioner candidates, department heads, and the public in this process. We had fantastic candidates and I’m looking forward to Frank starting at the county.”

“We are excited to welcome Frank to the Montrose County team,” said Commissioner Keith Caddy. “I want to recognize and thank Interim County Manager Emily Sanchez. I’m proud of everything you have accomplished as interim and the county is grateful for your hard work. Your efforts will make this a smooth transition.”

“I am confident we have the right person in place for the county at this time,” said Commissioner Sue Hansen. “His leadership and experience will undoubtedly benefit our team and community. I look forward to working with him to address the challenges and opportunities ahead.”

“I am humbled by this opportunity and I

can’t underscore it enough,” said Frank Rodriguez in Monday’s board meeting. “I would like to thank the board and incoming commissioners . . . I promise to give you everything I have. I commend the staff and am excited of our partnership and working for each them. Also, I am thrilled and ready to dive in head first. We are all going to do great things together.”

Frank Rodriguez is an accomplished leader with a demonstrated track record of managing complex operations and fostering strong community relations. He is currently the Chief of Police for the Town of Olathe, Colorado, where he leads a department of sworn officers and administrative staff. Since 2022, Frank has implemented several key initiatives, including reducing drug trafficking, improving community engagement through programs like “Coffee with a COP,” and launching a new field training officer program.

Previously, Frank served as Deputy Commissioner for the North Carolina Department of Insurance Criminal Investigations Division and as Chief Deputy for the Moore County Sheriff’s Office, managing state-wide fraud investigations and coordinating efforts with various law enforcement agencies.

He has experience in managing teams, overseeing budgets, and leading strategic initiatives.

Frank holds a Master of Arts in Interna-



Montrose County Manager Frank Rodriguez .  
Courtesy photo

tional Relations from the University of Oklahoma and a Bachelor of Science in Pre-Med/Biology from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. He has been recognized for his exemplary service with multiple awards, including five Bronze Star Medals, two with valor.

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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## HEALTHY LIVING THERAPY TO PRESENT A FREE EDUCATIONAL EVENT ON TYPE 2 DIABETES

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Healthy Living Therapy is a new occupational therapy service in Montrose, CO that is providing services for people who are at risk or who have currently been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, and/or Obesity. Healthy Living Therapy helps people identify unhealthy habits that are contributing to their bodies being constantly sick. These unhealthy habits are usually in the areas of poor nutrition, the lack of exercise/activity, losing sleep, and increased stress in their daily lives. Healthy Living Therapy seeks to empower people with chronic diseases to transform habits, lose weight, lower A1C and blood pressure, and reduce medication use, so they can embrace a vibrant and healthy life as they age. One way we want to empower people is to provide free educational events to increase their knowledge of their disease specific condition. That way they can have productive conversations with their providers and take a proactive approach to their health.

Our next Free Educational Event will be Monday, September 23, 2024 at the Montrose Regional Library Community Room. The topic being presented is on Type 2 Diabetes. We will discuss what is going on in the body to lead to a diagnosis, the complications associated with the disease, current medications being prescribed, and how YOU can help manage your blood sugar through healthy lifestyle changes. This event starts at 5pm and will last an hour. Admission is Free!

This event is for you:

If you are at risk for or have been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes and you are wanting to learn more about this disease.

If you are trying to help a loved one or friend during their journey with Type 2 Diabetes.

If you are wanting to learn about lifestyle changes that can help manage blood sugar and decrease medication use.

If you are wanting to learn about other resources to help with the understanding and management of Type 2 Diabetes.

“I want to educate people about their condition so they can have productive

conversations with their providers and be an active participant in the planning process. This will help people be proactive with their health.” – Jullian Cadwallader, OTR/L, Owner of Healthy Living Therapy Make sure to mark this event in your cal-

endar and be looking for more Free Educational Events in the Montrose, CO area. More information on the services provided by Healthy Living Therapy can be found at [www.healthylivingtherapy.life](http://www.healthylivingtherapy.life) or follow us on Facebook.

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# COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

## MARC CATLIN CONTINUES TRADITION OF PRESENTING CONSTITUTIONS TO STUDENTS

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER— It has become a tradition for State Representative Marc Catlin to hand out pocket Constitutions to students on Constitution Day. This year is no different. The tradition started in the fall of 2017, making this the seventh year providing the booklets. Representative Marc Catlin, in concert with the Montrose Republican Women, delivers more than 400 pocket-sized Constitutions to the Montrose County School District each year, in total nearly 3,000 booklets.

The tradition has created an opportunity for students to learn about the history of our founding documents and the formation of our country’s governmental structure while interacting with their state representative. September 17<sup>th</sup> commemorates the signing of our United States Constitution in 1787. It is not only fun but also impactful to see these students interact and become aware of why we remember this day each year.

Representative Catlin says, “Every year, it is an honor to present these Constitutions to students in our district. This tradition is a reminder of the service our hometown communities put forth to educate our children. Thank you to all teachers and administration for inspiring our young people to better understand our government.”

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



*Kerri and Marc Catlin hand out pocket Constitutions to students on Constitution Day. Courtesy photo.*



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE POLICE DEPARTMENT ADDS FIVE NEW OFFICERS



*Officers Charles Hunt, Tim Long, Thomas Morgan, Jaroden Siedschlag, and Keegan Walchle were officially sworn in during a ceremony held prior to the City Council's regular meeting on Tuesday, September 17. Courtesy photo William Woody.*

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE— The Montrose Police Department welcomed five new officers to its ranks Monday evening, filling a number of vacant positions within the agency. Officers Charles Hunt, Tim Long, Thomas Morgan, Jaroden Siedschlag, and Keegan Walchle were officially sworn in during a ceremony held prior to the City Council's regular meeting on Tuesday, September 17.

Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall along, with Commander Chris Velasquez, welcomed the officers before an

audience of friends, family, City Councilors, city staff, and fellow Police Department officers in the City Council Chambers located at 107 South Cascade Avenue.

Hall said the swearing-in process for new police officers is one of his favorite responsibilities as chief of police. The new officers are a mixture of recent graduates of the Western Colorado Law Enforcement Academy and lateral hires to the department, which means they were already certified law enforcement officers serving in other agencies before they were hired by the Montrose Police Department.

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Before officially swearing each officer in, Hall pointed out that they begin their tenures with the department with a high level of support from city administrators, staff, City Councilors, and the residents of the City of Montrose.

To maintain that support, Hall said, requires local police officers to hold themselves to the highest personal standards, both on and off duty.

"We are so excited to be hiring new police officers, and so many," Hall said. "This group is filled with both new officer cadets and experienced police officers. They are a great addition to our team and will add to our goals towards increasing public safety in our community."

Hall also thanked the community for their support of the Police Department and its officers.

"We are one of the most fortunate police departments in the nation with the amount of community support we receive. We are always striving to live up to the community's expectations, and these new officers will help us keep our community safe."

During Monday's City Council work session, Hall reported that recent officer recruitment efforts have been paying off with the department adding many new officers to its ranks in 2024.

More information about future Montrose Police Department hiring will be released once it becomes available.

For more information about the Montrose Police Department [click here](#).



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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

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MONTROSE-Balance Integrated Health, led by Dr. Melinda Marzolf, announces its opening on Sept. 9, 2024. Balance Integrated Health is redefining primary care in Montrose with a direct primary care (DPC) model that emphasizes personalized, patient-centered healthcare. Dr. Marzolf, a board-certified physician with over a decade of experience, was recently voted Best Physician in the Montrose Daily Press Best of the Valley 2023 awards.

At Balance Integrated Health, Dr. Marzolf combines her extensive background in traditional medicine with specialized training in Lifestyle and Functional Medicine. This unique approach allows her to focus on prevention and holistic care, addressing the root causes of chronic conditions through non-invasive, evidence-based methods such as diet, exercise, and stress management.

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**Dr. Melinda Marzolf.** Courtesy photo.

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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## FIRE MITIGATION EFFORTS TO RESUME ON CEDAR HILL PROPERTY



*"The goal is to improve overall fire safety and reduce the fuel load on Cedar Hill, making the area more resilient in the face of potential wildfires." Courtesy photo.*

### *Special to the Mirror*

DELTA— Fire mitigation efforts will resume on the Cedar Hill property, owned by the Town of Paonia, starting October 28, 2024, and are expected to continue through Thanksgiving. This critical project, led by the Western Colorado Conservation Corps, is funded by the [Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program \(COSWAP\)](#) through the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The project aims to reduce fire risk to both the town and essential infrastructure, such as the cellular communication tower located at the summit of Cedar Hill. The 25.91-acre property overlooking Paonia is a key piece of the community's landscape. The fire mitigation work will focus on thinning piñon and

juniper trees, removing dead or dying trees, and clearing along the access road to the cell tower. This effort is crucial to ensuring easy access to the tower and reducing the risk of fire spreading to the town or the communication infrastructure, which is vital for local residents. Work will include:

- Removal of dead or dying trees across the property
- Thinning trees along the access road to the cell tower
- Chipping trees and spreading chips no more than 4 inches deep across the project area
- Piling larger trees and limbs for removal and pile burning off-site

The goal is to improve overall fire safety

and reduce the fuel load on Cedar Hill, making the area more resilient in the face of potential wildfires. Residents may notice increased activity in the area during the mitigation efforts and are encouraged to remain clear of work zones for their safety. This project continues the fire mitigation work that began in 2023 and is part of a larger effort to safeguard the community and its critical infrastructure. The COSWAP funding has been instrumental in moving this project forward, ensuring that resources are available to protect Paonia from wildfire risks. For more information, please visit the [Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program \(COSWAP\)](#), [Western Colorado Conservation Corps](#), and the [Colorado Department of Natural Resources](#).



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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## MONTROSE DEMOCRATS CELEBRATE 2024 GALA: 'ENOUGH IS ENOUGH'



*Special to the Mirror*  
**MONTROSE**—It was a great Montrose Democrat Gala last Night. The theme was 'Enough is Enough.' Two hundred and fifty of our neighbors agreed; It's time to bring back hope, joy. Civility, laughter, respect, empathy, compassion to every neighborhood In America. It doesn't matter that we don't always agree, disagree with kindness. Courtesy photo.

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## DOES A BUILDING MAKE YOU SMARTER?

*Editor:*

The quality of an education comes from teachers and curriculum not brick and mortar. As the weeks go by you will be hearing more about why we need to build this new \$200 Million dollar high school. The PR push has begun and the promoters at the Montrose School District will relentlessly try to convince you that we must build this for the benefit of our young adults. What they aren't telling you is that the students at Montrose High School need better teachers and an improved curriculum much more than a new auditorium and cafeteria. This comes from higher pay and benefits for the teachers in the classroom and a focus on achievement not diversity. What we really need to know is how our students are doing academically.

Here's some stats from Public School Review.

### Montrose High School (Ranked Top 50% for 2024-25) - Montrose, CO



#### **Montrose High School (Ranked Top 50% for 2024-25) - Montrose, CO**

Montrose High School is ranked within the top 50% of all public schools in Colorado. Serving 1,391 students in g...

Montrose High students' proficiency rating in Math is 33%. This means that only 33% of students scored at or above proficient levels in Math as designated by Colorado on it's state tests. Only 22% of students scored at or above the proficiency level designated by the state in Science. When it comes to Reading and Language Arts 56% of Montrose High students were at or above proficient levels set by State wide testing. Despite these proficiency scores Montrose High School has a graduation rate of 82%. Are we turning out students that can compete with other young adults for high paying jobs or are we more focused on a building with a view, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The US currently ranks 13th in the world in education when compared to other developed nations. Colorado ranks 10th in America in education. Montrose High School ranks 136/522 within the State of Colorado. Our College Readiness Score is 19.4/100 based on student performance on state required tests and international exams on college level coursework.

I am not trying to offend any of our students or teachers, but doesn't it seem a bit more logical to focus on our teachers and the curriculum? After all, if we do not prepare our young adults with the education they need to get a great high paying job they won't be able to afford the taxes needed to pay for this very expensive building. In my opinion, it is wrong and unfair to burden our citizens (especially our young adults) with the tax increases needed to build this architectural nightmare before we address the quality of education our high schoolers need to compete in a competitive world.

*Scott Mijares*

*County Commissioner Elect District 1*





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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### ALFRED "AL" RICHARD KELLER *December 24, 1941-September 16, 2024*



ALFRED RICHARD KELLER, fondly known as Al, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 16th, at the age of 82 with his children by his side. Born on December 24, 1941, in Cedaredge, Colorado, Al was raised in Olathe, where he developed a love for farming, ranching, hunting, and a rodeo lifestyle.

As a standout athlete, Al graduated from Olathe High School in 1959. During his high school years, he excelled in football, basketball, baseball, and especially track as a state medalist. He pursued his passion for athletics at Colorado University

on a track scholarship while he also played football. Al later transferred to Western State College in Gunnison, where he became an integral part of a nationally ranked wrestling team, competing in the 167 lb. category. His 1963 and 1964 wrestling teams were later inducted into the Mountaineer Sports Hall of Fame in 1998 and 2002, respectively.

In 1965, Al graduated from Western State College with a degree in physical education and recreation. He then went to work on Blue Mesa, Morrow Point, Crystal, and Ridgway dams high scaling for the reclamation projects near Gunnison.

Al earned his master's degree in 1968 and for the next 30 years, he dedicated his life to education, teaching industrial arts, physical education, and work study at Delta High and Middle School. He also made significant contributions as a coach for football, track, and predominantly wrestling. Even after retirement, Al continued to support students, working as security staff for Montrose High School and supervising the Olathe Middle School afterschool program for 10 years.

Al was a man of many talents and passions. He was an accomplished landscape and wildlife photographer, a skilled wood-working and leather craftsman, an avid rockhound, and adoring flower gardener. His art was proudly displayed at various

rock shows, mountain shops, and art festivals.

In 1995, Al expressed his zest for life by saying, "Life is a contact sport, and it is nice to still be in the lineup." He lived by this philosophy, seizing every opportunity to learn, take risks, and embark on adventures. Whether it was athletics, fishing, hunting, diving, high scaling, woodwork-ing, leather craft, rock work or photography, Al embraced life fully and continued to create art for as long as he was able.

Alfred is survived by his five children: Kari (and spouse Greg Solseth), Kim, Kathy (and spouse Steve Gaber), Kris (and spouse Jill Keller), Brian, and stepdaughter Jalene Salazar. He also leaves behind ten beloved grandchildren: Bryce, Brooke, Brenna, Jacob, Jordan, Tevin, Tristi, Kaitlyn, Allie, and Logan.

A memorial service will be held at Crippin Funeral Home, located at 802 E Main St, Montrose, CO 81401. Viewing will begin at 9 am, with the memorial service following at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Al will be laid to rest at Olathe Memorial Cemetery after the service, with a reception immediately following at the OMHS cafeteria.

Al's legacy of love, hard work, and creativity will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be dearly missed.

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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### **CHARLES TERRANCE KUEBRICH** ***August 24, 1936 — September 11, 2024***

CHARLES TERRANCE "TERRY" KUEBRICH passed away on September 11, 2024 in Olathe, Colorado. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Peter's Church in Cosgrove, Iowa and his burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Terry was born in Iowa City, Iowa on August 24, 1936 to Leonard and Alice (Meade) Kuebrich. He grew up in the Cosgrove, Iowa area and graduated from Cosgrove high school in 1954. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1958. He married Shirley Boylan in Des Moines, Iowa on September 6, 1958. They had three children, Brian, Lori and Kelli. They later divorced. He married Marjorie Schreiber in Des Moines on January 10, 1981.

After several years of not doing well in Agricultural Sales he started as a computer programmer for American Republic Insurance Company. After 34 years he retired as a Vice President of I.T. Operations.

On his first trip to Colorado in 1953, he fell in love with the mountains. Starting in the early 1960's he vacationed in Colorado every year. When he retired in 1997 it didn't take long for a move to Colorado.

Terry is survived by his wife, Marjorie of 43 years, two daughter's Lori (Tony) Petosa and their children Alex, Andrew and Kate; and Kelli Stoaks and their children Madison and Max. Also, two stepsons Kevin (Lisa) Kumsher and their children Jackie and Mike and great-grandchild Oliver, and Jeff Kumsher and his daughter Misti and great-grandchildren Addison and Harper.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Brian Kuebrich, his brother Larry Kuebrich and his son-in-law Brian Stoaks. Arrangements are in the care of Crippin Funeral Home, Montrose, Colorado and Lensing Funeral Home, Iowa City, Iowa.



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# ART & SOL

## YOUR BRAIN ON NATURE – HEAT AND CLIMATE CHANGE



*By Lauren Hall Ruddell, Ph.D.*

MONTROSE-Two weeks ago, I submitted to the desire, the compulsion even, to get out into the backcountry with my goats. I planned a two-day trip close by, mainly to test some new equipment and to decompress from the exuberant Labor Day revelries that had taken place in my neighborhood. The temperature in Ridgway was forecast to be a pleasant 80 F. The actual



*A hazy view of the Uncompahgre Valley and the West Elks in the background. Photo by Lauren Hall Ruddell.*

temperature on the mesa I had selected to occupy turned out to be at least 7 degrees higher than that. I arrived at the site around noon and had the camp set up by 3 PM. Setting up two tents, a camp kitchen, and getting goats oriented to their surroundings just takes time. It turned out that my work area was in full sun, so even though the goats could lounge in the shade of very large junipers, I had to slave away under Old Sol. I was careful to take breaks, but by 3 PM, I felt bad. Not dehydrated or overly sweaty, just bad, all over. I threw myself down inside my airy ‘office’ tent, which I use for remote work in a bug-free environment, and took a brief, uncomfortable nap. By 4, I was much recovered and by 5 I was actually able to enjoy the sight of mountain bluebirds chasing each other around over the sage and cactus infused veldt to the east of my site.

I was in nature, yes, and happy to be so, but for a while, I was really, really uncomfortable and even a bit angry. This experience of nature, just for a while, was not terribly good for my brain. As I eventually enjoyed my first sunset in years (I’m more of a sunrise person), I pondered what had just happened.

The temperatures that day were hotter than predicted, and even though that’s often true where I live at 5,400 feet in Olathe, I had expected the temperature at 7,500 feet to be at least 10 degrees cooler. It was not. This will become increasingly true as climate

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# YOUR BRAIN ON NATURE – HEAT AND CLIMATE CHANGE From previous pg

change worsens. A high-pressure system had camped over our region that day and altered the montane temperature regime. My anger was at the situation, and I felt I was being deprived of nature in an area I had come to enjoy in a certain way 20 years ago. But that was then and now, well I probably won't visit that site again unless highs are no more than 65 F. Age and gender make this alteration of my recreation behavior even more important. As global climate change causes extreme heat waves to become more common around the world, recent studies have shown that heat kills more women than men. A new study by [researchers at Penn State](#) has found that older women are physiologically more vulnerable to high heat and humidity than older men, and that women between the ages of 40 and 64 are as vulnerable as men 65 years of age or older.

Well great, just great. Climate change related heat events, age, and gender are all affecting my right to nature.

Not just me, neither.

One meta-analysis of studies on rising ambient temperatures and mental health found agreement on the significant effects of rising, variable, and extremely high temperatures on mental health outcomes. When the weather is optimal for humans, individual and community mental health

measures indicate increased wellness. When it comes to temperature, an upside-down, U-shaped relationship appears to exist between heat and general mental health if poor mental health is indicated as being the bottom of the graph. That is, when it's awfully cold, mental health as measured by suicide rates and hospitalizations for mental disorders are higher than when temperatures are optimal bottom of graph on the temperature left for coldness), and a peak to better wellness, then when things get too hot, mental health indices start going right back down, on the chart and in real life. Sure, other factors such as humidity, precipitation, and sunshine could also impact psychological state and its association with temperature. But overall, temperatures are the biggy, with serious impacts on humans.

*We project that unmitigated climate change...could result in a combined 9–40 thousand additional suicides (95% confidence interval) across the United States and Mexico by 2050...states a research team writing for [Nature Climate Change in 2018](#). That is a pretty serious societal impact, and indicates that the right to nature for mental health purposes may be seriously curtailed in the future.*

Yes, it's true that I have been complicit in my own way to the reduction of my own mental wellness through my own im-

pactful practices such as hauling goats and gear with a gasoline truck, or purchasing equipment from far away manufacturers who probably didn't use environmentally sound methods of production. I own it, but I am also making small changes and steady progress. Maybe I'm a hypocrite, but maybe when the time comes that I can't function well in a wilderness setting as a solo camper, I will join some American equivalent of the 'Swiss Grannies'. This group of senior gals sued the Swiss government for failure to protect their right to a safe environment. Thousands of elderly Swiss women joined forces in a groundbreaking case heard at the European Court of Human Rights, arguing that their government's "woefully inadequate" efforts to fight global warming violate their human rights. And in April of this year, they won. They seem like awesome gals, and probably great fun around the fondue pot. I will continue to improve, to adapt, and adjust, both in my behavior and my expectations. And I will say, that the mountain bluebirds of happiness have stayed with me in my memories and make me smile even though this summer and fall may be the hottest on record. I use them like brain candy to remind myself that natural joy and harmony still do exist, if you bother to get out and look for it, hot or not.



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# CHERI ISGREEN: BELIEVING IMPOSSIBLE THINGS



**Current exhibit: "Believing Impossible Things." Image, K.R. Burke**



**Cheri Isgreen painting at Space to Create, Ridgway. Image, K.R. Burke**

By Kathryn R. Burke

MONTROSE-Cheri Isgreen is the most creative person I know. When it comes to visual arts, she does it all—sculpture, painting, weaving, ceramics, and mixed media—using components and combinations in ways you've never imagined. That's the key to her work: Imagination, believing the impossible. Which is the magic behind her September exhibition at Space to Create in Ridgway. "Believing Impossible Things" runs through September 27th.

Next month, she will hang a new show, "Mixing it Up" with new artwork. It opens Oct. 4 and runs until Oct. 20. The focus will be on mixed media with works ranging from fiber art, ceramics, and painting. Cards and scarves featuring her artwork will also be available.

During both months, Cheri is also a Working Artist at Space to Create. Friday-Sunday, she sets up a portable studio, makes art, gives demos, and answers questions. "People can come see my art, but they can also watch me making it," she explains. "Visitors enjoy seeing the process behind the artwork."

The day we visited, she was working on a Flamenco dancer—swirls of color and motion—a dance that tells a story. (In the background, shaded but still discernable, the guitarists that accompany the dance.) "I am a narrative artist," she says. "I like to tell stories. I paint people and horses, telling their story—like the Flamenco dancer I am working on here. But landscapes tell a story too...especially when they are about my travels." Her imaginative landscapes reveal sensations of time and place, personal experiences to share with the viewer.

What it all boils down to is creative energy, endless imagination. Cheri's September show was inspired by a quote from Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* where the Queen says: Why I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

Well, so does Cheri: "I wake up in the morning and just imagine impossible things. Then, when I see the limitations, I strategize how to transcend them. I know

the art rules, and I am constantly pushing the boundaries. As I make art, I strive to be Alice in *Through the Looking Glass*, where everything is 'as different as possible.'"

Take Cheri's dream horse sculptures. Whimsical, magical, fantasy creations. Mounted on a wooden base with tree limbs for legs, DreamHorses are a fusion of fire and earth with sculpted ceramic or bronze forms. "I see my horses as a process of metamorphosis, with each fanciful horse arising from a tree."

With a fired ceramic body seamlessly fused to flammable wooden legs, the process seems impossible. How do you do that? Wood burns! "It took us me 10 years to perfect the process," she says, "and it's still evolving." Now she's found a way to cast her horses in bronze, including tree limbs as legs. Where does the wood come from? Pruned trees on her own property. And the wood base? "I repurpose old wood," she says. "No trees are harmed in the creation of my DreamHorses process."

Mixing It Up will open Oct. 4 with a reception from 5- 7:30 PM during Ridgway's First Friday Art Walk. The show will run through Oct. 20. "I will be present Friday - Sunday from 10 am - 4 pm as a working artist, answering questions, and telling stories."

Cheri also accepts commissions and enjoys collaborating with collectors to recreate a memory, enshrine a place, honor a loved one, or immortalize a beloved pet. See her work at Cheri Isgreen Fine Art. <https://www.cheriisgreen.com/>

Life's short; collect originals.

**Kathryn R. Burke is an artist, educator, author, and publisher. Visit her website to see more about Cheri Isgreen and other artists. <https://kathrynrburke.com/writer/art-artists/>**

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

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**Senior Pastor:**

Pastor Brandon Mathis

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

ture, discipleship, community, service,  
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**Demographics:** Multi-generational

**Celebration Kids:** (age birth to 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
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10:45am.

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**Affiliation:** Lutheran Church Missouri Syn-  
od

**Address:** 1980 N. Townsend Ave., Mont-  
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**Contact:** 970-633-0226

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

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

**Pastor:** Tim Onnen

**Worship:** Sundays at 9 AM

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and middle-aged, sprinkled with young  
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## COMMUNITY SPIRIT CHURCH

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

**Office hours:** Call or text for appointment

**Phone:** 970-765-7070

**Email:** [spirit@communityspiritucc.org](mailto:spirit@communityspiritucc.org)

**Website:** [communityspiritucc.org](http://communityspiritucc.org)

**Current Pastor:** Rev. Wendy Kidd

**Worship service:** Sundays at 11am

**Mission:** Our commitment to a more inclu-  
sive and accepting world is steadfast, and  
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**Demographics:** We are a small congrega-  
tion of mostly adults and seniors, however,  
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## COVENANT HEBRAIC FELLOWSHIP

**Denomination affiliation.** No affiliation

**Address Office hours** N/A

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**Name of current Senior Pastor.** Led by  
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**Worship service times.** 10AM on Satur-  
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roots of the language and believe that the  
Lord's feasts are for today. We are pre-  
dominantly made up of older folks, but  
have some young blood, too.

# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY *From previous pg*

## FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

**Denomination:** Church of the Nazarene

**Address:** 705 South 12th Street

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

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

**Pastor:** Buddy Cook

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

Wednesday: Prayer Boot Camp - 7 PM  
Mission Statement: *Montrose First Church of the Nazarene exists to make Christlike*

*disciples in Montrose Colorado and around the world.*

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

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

**Affiliation:** Presbyterian

**Address:** 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO. 81401 **Office Hours:** M-Thu 9AM - 12PM

**Contact:** 970-249-4732, [info@fpcmontrose.com](mailto:info@fpcmontrose.com), [www.fpcmontrose.com](http://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](mailto:office@montroseucc.org)

Website: [montroseucc.org](http://montroseucc.org)

**Current Pastor:** Rev. Wendy Kidd

**Worship service times:** Sunday, 10 a.m.

Hillcrest Congregational UCC is a welcoming, open and affirming church, open to all no matter who you are or where you are

on life's journey.

Church demographics: HCUCC welcomes all ages to worship with us. (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles)

We offer inter-generational worship with a children's "prayer-ground" and activity packets. A cry room is also available.

## MONTROSE MISSION OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

**Affiliation:** Orthodox

**Meets:** 2057 S. Townsend, Montrose, CO

81401 and Cimarron Creek Clubhouse.

**Worship Services:** The Montrose Mission of the Orthodox Church meets every Saturday night at 7 PM at All Saints Anglican

Church for Vespers, and we currently meet only on the third Sunday of each month for Divine Liturgy in Montrose at 9:30 AM at the Cimarron Creek clubhouse.

## MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Denomination Affiliation:** United Methodist

**Address:** 19 S. Park Avenue Montrose CO. 81401

**Office Hours:** M-Thu, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Contact Information:** 970-249-3716, [office@montroseumc.org](mailto:office@montroseumc.org), [mont-](http://montroseumc.org)

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**Current Senior Pastor:** Rev. Kevin Young

**Worship service times:**

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual

9:45 a.m. Christian Education & Fellowship

11 a.m. Sanctuary

*Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully inclusive, loving, and just servants of*

*Christ. Our church family welcomes people from various cultural and faith backgrounds: single, married, remarried, with or without children, from diapers to dentures.*

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come discover hope, joy, peace, purpose.*

## ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

**Affiliation:** Southern Baptist

**Address:** 1598 E. Niagara Road, Montrose, CO 81401

**Office Hours:** Tues-Thurs, 9am-4pm

**Contact information:**

Phone: 970.249.4887

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

email: [office@rosemontbaptist.org](mailto:office@rosemontbaptist.org)

**Senior Pastor:** Rolland Kenneson

**Worship Service Times:** Our engaging and relevant Sunday Worship Service is at

10:45 AM. We also have Bible Study for All Ages Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. We provide a professionally-staffed nursery throughout both.

*Rosemont Baptist's desire is to passionately bring people face-to-face with the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.*

*We are a multigenerational church from different walks of life who love Jesus, love each other, and love our community. Everyone comes dressed in whatever is comfortable. We love meeting new people no*

*matter what stage of life they are in.*

**Children's services:** *We have a fun Sunday School for children from four years old through youth. We provide Children's Church during the Sunday Worship Services where children four years old through 9 years can learn to be worshippers of Jesus.*

*We provide a nursery for children under four years old with paid staff providing excellent care during Sunday Morning Bible Study and Worship Service.*

# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

## SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

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

**Name of current pastor:** Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, Senior minister; Rev. Ruby Salaz, Assistant Minister. Spiritual Counseling available. **Worship service times:** In-person Sunday Unity Service at 11 a.m., (Social Time begins at 10 a.m.); Quiet Meditation at 10:30 a.m. Virtual Afternoon Service on Zoom at 2:00 p.m.; Chai Chats, a Wednesday morning midweek informal gathering at 10:30 a.m. at Pun Hill Himalayan Restaurant, Montrose; Thursday Empowerment Circle at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. Everyone is

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

## ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

[rose@yahoo.com](mailto:rose@yahoo.com)  
[www.ststephensmontrose.com](http://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).

## SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation: Southern Baptist  
 Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403  
 Office hours: Varies  
 Contact information:  
[email:summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com](mailto:summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com)  
 website:  
[www.summitchurchmontrose.org](http://www.summitchurchmontrose.org)  
 Senior Pastor: Interim Pastor

Worship service times: Sunday Worship is at 9 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship and snacks. Beginning Sept. 8 we will have a family Bible study, "Who's in Charge?" following fellowship from 10:45-11:30 a.m. All family members are welcome. During the Sunday sermon we offer teaching for children ages birth to kindergarten, in a kid-friendly room called Base

Camp. We have communion on the first Sunday of each month and meet later in the day for a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by a prayer session at 6:30 p.m. Please visit <https://www.summitchurchmontrose.org/events> for more information. Summit Church welcomes people of all ages!

## VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

**Denomination Affiliation:** Independent Baptist  
**Address:** 2890 N Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401  
**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8am-12pm  
**Contact Information:** Phone (970) 249-

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

*Victory Baptist Church exists to exalt God, edify saints, and evangelize the lost. Demographics: Victory Baptist serves everyone with age-appropriate classes, groups, and activities. Families with children make up the majority of VBC with young adults, singles, middle-aged couples, and seniors comprising the rest.*

<p>Church Directory                  Mirror Editorial Staff                  MONTROSE-As a way of serving the faith community in Montrose, the Montrose Mirror is in the process of establishing a Church Directory. If your congregation or fellowship would like to be included in the directory, please supply the following</p>	<p>information to the Montrose Mirror:                  Name of church                  Denomination affiliation                  Address Office hours                  Contact information (phone number, email address, website)                  Name of current Senior Pastor                  Worship service times</p>	<p>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?</p>
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MONTROSE-Ryan and Sally Fox moved from the Midwest to Montrose in 1974 to start their life together and raise a family. When their children came along, they wanted them to have a faith-based education and enrolled them at Colorado West Christian School, which has been serving the community for more than 40 years. The school currently has an enrollment of about 260 students between their Montrose and Delta campuses. Pleased with the education daughters Jennifer and Stephanie received and firm believers in the value of a Christian education and the commitment of private education, in 2023 the Fox family created a scholarship fund to assist students with financial needs who want to attend CWCS. In addition, the school sets aside ten to 15 percent of all tuition income annually to support its tuition assistance program. CWCS is growing and needs funds for expansion and tuition assistance. If you are interested in supporting this endeavor, for more information about Colorado West Christian School and how you can donate to the Fox Scholarship Fund or to the school directly, go to their website [CWCSknights.com](http://CWCSknights.com) or call Maddelon, Director of Donor Development, at 970-249-1094.



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## SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

### ONGOING-

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

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

[www.valleyfoodpartnership.org](http://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 CENTER FOR ARTS FIRST FRIDAY**-New Art Exhibit opening with featured artists.4:30 - 7 pm First Friday of every month. 11 S Park Ave., Montrose. Free Admission. For more information: 970-787-9428 or [info@mc4arts.com](mailto:info@mc4arts.com)

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

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

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

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

**MONTROSE AREA WOODTURNERS** Montrose Area Woodturners meet second Saturdays 9 am. Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. For location and information contact: Al Head 970-209-0981 or [aheadaviation@outlook.com](mailto:aheadaviation@outlook.com)

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

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

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

### MONTHLY

**Sept. 23**-Unify Montrose to meet from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Community Options (936 N. Park Ave.). This time, it's not just about brainstorming—it's also a potluck! Bring a dish to share (or something store-bought—no pressure!). Use this [RSVP form](#) to let us know what you're bringing.

**Sept. 23**—High School and Middle School students from Black Canyon FCA which includes, Montrose High School, Colorado West Christian School, San Juan Christian Home Educators and Centennial Middle School will combine on Monday, Sept. 23, to share their Christian faith with fellow students during the 19th annual national Fellowship of Christian Athletes' (FCA, [www.fca.org](http://www.fca.org)) Fields of Faith event. More information about the 2024 Fields of Faith event is available at [FieldsofFaith.com](http://FieldsofFaith.com). To learn more about the event in Montrose, contact Geoff Ila at 970-209-5133 or email [gila@fca.org](mailto:gila@fca.org).

**Sept. 26**-CMU Montrose Campus Lecture Series presents *The Horse: A Galloping History of Humanity* with author and historian Timothy C. Winegard, PhD at 6-7:30 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 26, at Cascade Hall, S. 3rd St. & Cascade Ave., CMU Montrose Campus. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Rhonda Claridge at 970.249.7009.

**Sept. 29**-Sunday, Sept 29, 3 p.m. - Fall Concert **Groovin' Around the Globe** : Montrose Community Band Free Concert at the Montrose Pavilion. Pack your bags and join us for an afternoon of music inspired by far way places.

**Oct. 5**-9am-noon Unc Watershed Cleanup at Ridgway State Park. Join the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership and Colorado Parks & Wildlife at Ridgway State Park for a cleanup around Ridgway Reservoir. Volunteers will meet inside the Dutch Charlie Entrance of the park at the marina boat ramp. All ages are welcome! More details and what to bring will be shared after sign-up:<https://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/event/2024-unc-watershed-cleanup-at-ridgway-state-park/>

**Oct. 5-6**-Montrose Scarecrow Festival, Montroses Botanic Gardens.

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