MAYOR PRO TEM J. DAVID REED RECUSES FROM FOUR OF NINE COUNCIL DECISIONS

By Caitlin Switzer
MONTROSE-Councilor Doug Frank was absent, as Montrose Mayor Barbara Bynum opened the regular city council meeting of Tuesday, July 18. All other councilors were present.
Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed had no changes to the meeting agenda.
Joining Council for a proclamation in support of Park & Recreation Month was Jeremy Master of the Montrose Recreation District. Mayor Bynum read the proclamation into the record. Master invited the community to a block party at Colorado Outdoors later in the week.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
John W. Nelson spoke to Council. As President of All Points Transit, Nelson thanked the City and Council members for their continuous support of the non-profit transit agency, and thanked City Engineer Scott Murphy as well. “He

BOCC APPROVES BID, AWARDS DESIGN BUILD CONTRACT FOR HISTORIC COURTHOUSE RENOVATION TO STRYKER & CO

By Caitlin Switzer
MONTROSE-All commissioners were present as Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Chair Sue Hansen called the regular meeting to order on Wednesday, July 19.
Commissioner Keith Caddy led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance; Pastor Curt Mudgett of Cedar Creek Church delivered the invocation.
“Father thank you for a beautiful day...we especially want to pray for Roger this morning and his family...we pray for the county commissioners and all the staff...they do a great job...we pray for wisdom for them today...may they not become weary in welldoing, but continue and persevere...”

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

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

Montrose County Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a bid award and design-build contract to Stryker and Company, Inc. for the Montrose County Historic Design-Build Project for the courthouse, above. The proposed contract amount is $396,718 for Phase I design, and a not-to-exceed amount of $11,000,000 for Phase II final design and construction. Stryker and Company, Inc. was the only responsive, responsible bid.
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ZILLA MAY BROWN TO PRESENT INFORMATION ON USING HERITAGE QUEST

Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE—On July 24, Monday 1 p.m. --Local historian and genealogist Zilla May Brown will present information on using "Heritage Quest", an on-line genealogy resource, at the Warrior Resource Center, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way.
All are welcome to this program sponsored by the Montrose Genealogy Center.
By Gail Marvel

REGIONAL—During the June 27 regular meeting of the Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors, Board President Kyle Martinez was reelected unanimously by board members to serve another term as president. Less than two weeks later, Martinez resigned from the DMEA Board.

When contacted by email Martinez said, “I resigned from the board last week. I have had some changes in my professional life that warranted me to spend more time in our businesses.

I am proud of what we have accomplished over the years and the timing was right for me to make a change. I am confident in DMEA and the Board and the great work they will continue to do.”

Martinez’s term has not expired; however, had he submitted his resignation a few weeks earlier, (prior to the June annual meeting and board election), DMEA co-op membership would have had the opportunity to select his replacement. Instead, Martinez’ replacement will now be appointed by the remaining eight-member DMEA Board of Directors.
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MURA ENTERS EXEC SESSION FOR ‘PROJECT LOLLIPOP’ NEGOTIATIONS
No time to get MURA revenue data prepared ahead of meeting, Manager says

The Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) Board met on July 19, 2023 in the Buckhorn Conference Room, located in the newly remodeled City Hall. Prior to the start of the meeting MURA Board Chair/Mayor Barbara Bynum (standing left) spoke to one of Project Lollipop’s principals, Peter S. It has been made public that Project Lollipop is a high-end medical office planned for Colorado Outdoors, which is slated to break ground Fall/Winter 2023. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—The July 19 Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) board meeting was held at 2 p.m. in the Buckhorn Conference Room in the new City Hall. Chair Barbara Bynum opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. All board members were present.

Call for Public Comment

Instructions for Public Comment include, “Please be aware that neither the MURA Board nor staff are expected to respond or engage in discussion or debate.”

Citizen Jim Anderson requested clarification on $100,000-plus that went to wastewater treatment for improvements determined to be needed in connection with the Shelter Distilling project being built in Colorado Outdoors. He said, “Is that considered horizontal improvements? Is it to be paid back to the city? What city fund did the money come from?”

Bynum said, “This was not part of the URA. This is the city. Let me point you to [video recorded] city council meetings.” Following the meeting, City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo gave Anderson the specific council session date in which action was taken to transfer funds to wastewater treatment.

Consideration of Minutes — City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo.

The MURA board took a site tour of Colorado Outdoors, but there has not been a business board meeting since March. Minutes from the March 22, 2023 board meeting were approved as corrected.

TIF Expenditure Update - City Engineer Scott Murphy

Murphy gave an update on the three outstanding reimbursement projects:

- Fairfield Hotel Horizontal Site Improvements – Total Anticipated Out of Pocket Expense - $600,000. Expenses to Date - $499,075.74. Balance remaining - $100,924.26.
- Basecamp Apartment Horizontal Site Improvements – Total Anticipated Out of Pocket Expense - $1,367,000.00. Expenses to Date - $1,113,099.93. Balance remaining - $253,900.07.
- Shelter Distilling Horizontal Site Improvements – Total Anticipated Out of Pocket Expense - $375,836.18. Expenses to Date - $287,968.47. Balance remaining - $287,968.47.

Referring to the Promissory Note funding, Murphy said, “There is still money available.”

Brad Hughes asked for clarification on funding and revenue. He said, “What was paid for with Promissory Notes and what [with city] funds? Do we have any [figures] on the revenue side?”

Murphy suggested adding another column to the spreadsheet to have more of a breakdown on the financials.

Referring to revenue data, City Manager Bill Bell said, “We didn’t have time to get it prepared. Project Lollipop is not asking for anything. We’ll have it [the report] for the next meeting.”

Project Lollipop Introduction - Project Lollipop Representatives.

Note: Project Lollipop is the code name for the Medical Office Building that is to be built north of Montrose in Colorado Outdoors. The Medical Office Building should not be confused with Montrose Regional Health Ambulatory Care Center, which is being built south of Montrose near Hobby Lobby. The MRH Ambulatory Care Center is expected to open February 2024.

A flyer with the description Project Lollipop was given to board members:

- Size/Location: MURA Phase I, Lot 11 (TBD Mayfly Drive) with a lot size of 1.575 acres. The indoor/outdoor space includes 7,500 square feet of building with 17 exam rooms, an imaging room, a large employee break room, and spacious parking.
- Project Type: Medical Office Building (MOB) capable of serving several hundred patients per day for well care visits, sick visits, and specialized urgent care services.
- Owner: Project Lollipop principals
- Financing: Privately funded.
- Current Land Status: Closed in April 2023
- Estimated cost of construction/valuation: $5.5 Million, not including land.
- Implementation Timeline: Construction to start Fall/Winter 2023; Opening in 2024.
- Job Creation: Company owners, and support staff with approximately 19 full-time jobs at the opening. The average annual wage is approximately $75,760, not including benefits.

Bynum stated the agenda item was for Continued next pg
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was for Introductions, a sort of Meet & Greet with Lollipop representatives. Project Lollipop Principals introduced themselves using their first names; Peter, Morgan, and Charlie (Rose). Others associated with the project who signed the attendance log were Jordan Caylor and Michael Hagan.

Board members were asked to introduce themselves and who they represented on the MURA board, i.e., city, county, special district.

The meeting lasted 20 minutes. Bynum asked for a motion to go into Executive Session, at which time the meeting was closed to the public. When asked if any decisions would be made once the board came out of Executive Session Bynum said, “No.” Project Lollipop/Medical Office Building is privately funded; however, the MURA Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of Project Lollipop negotiations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
An executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) and the following additional details are provided for identification purposes: Project Lollipop negotiations

Action: Consider making a motion to enter into an executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) and the following additional details are provided for identification purposes: Project Lollipop negotiations

Future meetings:
Aug. 30, 2023, 2p.m. Location to be determined.

Background: The Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) was formed in late 2016 by a resolution of the Montrose City Council. Generally speaking, the MURA Board oversees the Colorado Outdoors Urban Renewal Area and administers the Tax Increment Financing (TIF), the funding mechanism to finance public infrastructure in the MURA. The property, which covers 158 acres along the river corridor between the Justice Center on the north and West Main on the South, is being developed by the Dragoo’s Mayfly Outdoors. The Dragoo Developers are son David Dragoo and father Doug Dragoo.

The 10-member MURA board is made up of Montrose City Council (five members), City Manager Bill Bell (Executive Director), Brad Hughes (Montrose County), Tad Rowan (Montrose Fire Protection District), Steve Bush (Montrose School District) and Allison Howe (Special Districts Representative). The six-member city constituency hold the controlling interest and actions of the MURA Board.
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3. Application form;
4. Background Investigation Authorization form; and
5. An envelope to return the application.

All information included in your completed application will be used in our evaluation of your qualifications for your nomination to the Board. All information and any documentation provided will be handled as confidential and will only be made available to the Board of Directors and the Hospital's Nominating Committee.

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2. All items on the application should be filled in completely. If you need more room, feel free to add additional pages.
3. If you include a resume, items indicated by an asterisk(*) on the Application may be omitted, and you may refer to your resume.

4. Complete the Background Investigation Authorization form as completely as you can, and sign as indicated. This form will not be processed until after you have been nominated to be a Director and before you are considered for election.

Results are considered confidential; however, the Nominating Committee must have access to them.

5. When you have finished, place items 2, 3, and 4, in the enclosed return envelope and bring it to the Hospital Administration Office or mail to Montrose Regional Health, Attention: Administration, Board Support, 800 South 3rd Street, Montrose CO 81401.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Heather Roberts, Board Support, at 970-252-2679, or email to BODapplications@montrosehospital.com.

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration of a Directorship in MMHI.

Sincerely,

Michael Brezinsky, M.D. Chairperson, Nominating Committee
CONSENT AGENDA
Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items, with Resolution No. 30-2023 assigned to Consent Agenda Item 8.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS
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Following a brief presentation by Project Manager Emily Sanchez, Commissioner Caddy spoke. “Long time coming...this project, it’s been years in the making...now we’re finally going to get it done...I’m so pleased that it’s going to happen...probably won’t have it finished when Roger and I are out of here, but it’s going to get done.”

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash said, “This has been a long time coming, and I want to thank the staff...you guys just knocked it out of the park working on this...we put a lot of pressure on you guys to get it done and you did.”

Rash said his late wife Linda had been hurt in the courthouse. “...This is an honor today, this is really, truly a happy day, it will make Linda smile looking down on us. I am truly grateful for today...we’ll move forward and get it done.”

The Courthouse was originally dedicated to the fallen soldiers of WWI, Caddy said. “We’re going to make sure it’s dedicated to all the soldiers from Montrose and all the people that have passed in the service of this country.”

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
Planner Tallmadge Richmond presented one item, the Gard Minor Waiver Request [WV23-001] proposal for a Waiver of the Montrose County Subdivision Regulations, Section 3.30(C): Access easements shall have a maximum length of six hundred and sixty (660) feet in a Minor Subdivision, at Parcel 399325206001, 67844 Trout Rd. Caddy said that he visited the site and believes ingress and egress lanes to be sufficiently wide. Commissioners voted to approve.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.
REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

IMOGENE PASS PARTIAL CLOSURE ALERT

Special to the Mirror
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY --- The U.S. Forest Service has informed San Miguel County Road & Bridge that the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests’ Road Crew will be upgrading and stabilizing Imogene Pass (NFSR 869) bridge No. 3, from Monday, July 24 through Saturday, July 29. This work is deemed necessary for the safe passage of public and administrative traffic over Marshall Creek and completes a critical rehabilitation started three years ago. The scope of work will be as follows: the bridge and abutments will be removed, new abutments will be installed, and the bridge will be reset upon the new abutments.

The work will occur on the Norwood Ranger District, in San Miguel County. The closure will affect traffic in both San Miguel County and Ouray County. The details regarding the bridge work and road closure are:

- NFSR 869 will be closed from the Ouray side at the Tomboy Townsite area (MP 8), from Monday, July 24 through Saturday, July 29, with the hope of having the road reopening on Sunday, July 30.
- There is a possibility that the work may take up to two weeks, through August 4, with the road reopening Saturday August 5 (we will strive to avoid this scenario).
- Imogene Pass will remain open for vehicle traffic from the Ouray side, but drivers from the Ouray side will need to turn around at the Tomboy Townsite area and return the way they came. Vehicles from Telluride will be able to access NFSR 869 to the Smuggler Mine parking area, but will not be able to continue pass that point due to limited locations to turn around.
- The closure will occur 8 miles from the junction of NFSR 853.1B Yankee Boy Basin / NFSR 869 Imogene Pass, and 3.3 miles from Telluride.
- Closure barricades from the Ouray side will be placed in the Tomboy Townsite area.
- Closure barricades from the Telluride side will be placed near Smuggler Mine parking area.
- Signs will be placed at: NFSR 869 MP 0.00 at the junction of NFSR 853.1B Yankee Boy Basin / NFSR 869 Imogene Pass; NFSR 869 MP 1.25 at the junction of NFSR 853.2A Camp Bird Mine Cutoff / NFSR 869 Imogene Pass; NFSR 869 MP 12.12 near the junction of NFSR 869 Imogene Pass / North Oak Street in the Town of Telluride.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

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Editor:
The House held a hearing on Censorship. The Democrats tried to censure Robert F. Kennedy Jr AT THE CENSORSHIP HEARING as he gave testimony on how HE was censored. He is the Democratic candidate running against Biden! How ridiculous and desperate they’ve become.
These people have lost touch with reality; they are unable to accept FACTS & TRUTH. They have become the party of lawlessness and haters of Free Speech. They are not the party FOR AMERICA and THE PEOPLE. This is not the party I voted for in the past. This is another reason I will NEVER vote for a Democrat again.
Carol McBride, Montrose

UNITED STATES NEWS BRIEFS

DOJ, FTC, FCC ANNOUNCE OPERATION STOP SCAM CALLS

Special to the Mirror
WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) are cracking down on telemarketing operations responsible for billions of illegal calls to U.S. consumers. The initiative is called “Operation Stop Scam Calls.”

Enforcement actions target individuals and entities who deceptively collect consumers’ telephone numbers and then provide those telephone numbers to robocallers and others (falsely representing that these consumers have consented to receive these calls), as well as Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service providers who facilitate tens of billions of illegal robocalls every year. Significant actions have already been taken against individuals and entities who unjustly profited by facilitating the movement of money from scam call victims to fraudsters.

Illegal telephone calls interrupt cherished time with family and friends and, when they are used to commit fraud, can be financially and emotionally devastating. The DOJ is taking action against those who trick people into phony consent to receive these calls and those who make it easy and cheap to place these calls.

Cases brought by the DOJ range from actions targeting fraudsters who directly contacted victims, to actions targeting those who provided scam call operators with the means to perpetrate their schemes. So far, the DOJ’s actions have contributed to over 180 actions taken by the federal and state partners participating in Operation Stop Scam Calls.

The DOJ and its partners urge consumers to be on the lookout for illegal calls, to take steps to minimize the number of illegal calls received, and to report any scam calls to law enforcement.

Callers may pressure you to send money by trying to scare you. They may pretend to be someone you know who is in trouble, a government agency, or a major company. These are fraudsters. Hang up. Don’t trust your caller ID. It can be faked. If you answer the telephone and hear a recorded message instead of a live person, it’s potentially a robocall trying to sell you something. It is probably illegal and likely a scam.

Only call a telephone number you know is real.

Make sure your number is on the Do Not Call Registry, www.donotcall.gov, and consider using your telephone’s call blocking options or getting a call blocking app or service.

For more information about the Consumer Protection Branch and its enforcement efforts, visit its website at www.justice.gov/civil/consumer-protection-branch.

. To review a list of common transnational elder fraud scams, many facilitated by telephone calls, visit www.justice.gov/civil/consumer-protection-branch/
Montrose County Historical Society is proud to display the iconic "Stockman’s Cafe and Bar" sign in the Depot Museum. The sign is on long term loan display from a private collection. The Stockman’s Cafe and Bar was one of the noted Main Street businesses from the mid 1950’s until the late 1990’s. The Stockman’s history includes hosting film crews and stars from the several movies made in the area, the original True Grit and How the West was Won among them. The sign will be alight for a few hours on special occasions, some holidays, and during the Montrose County Fair. The Historical Society welcomes all to visit for a viewing and photos.

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING TOPS CSP’S HUMAN FACTOR LIST IN LANE VIOLATION CRASHES

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO – In 2022, Colorado lost 754 lives in traffic crashes, the most roadway deaths the state has seen in 41 years. One of the top causal factors for injury and fatal crashes across the state is lane violations, increasing annually since 2019. Looking back at 2019 there were 450 fatal and injury crashes investigated by troopers while last year (2022) there were 635.

When a driver commits a lane violation that leads to a crash, investigators also attempt to determine what human factor contributed to the violation, when possible. Looking at 2022 lane violation injury and fatal crashes, Colorado State Patrol crash investigators determined the top five human factors to be:

- Aggressive Driving/including excessive speed – 157
- Driver Inexperience – 135
- Daydreaming – 104
- Distracted Driving – 101
- Driver asleep or fatigued – 98

“Frustration, impatience, anger…these emotions can result in some ugly and high-risk behaviors when behind the wheel,” stated Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. “Do you speed, tailgate, weave between lanes or pass without a turn signal? If so, stop. These behaviors are increasing, and it’s up to all of us to keep our cool and steer clear of aggressive drivers.”

If you encounter an aggressive driver that is putting other motorists at risk, the aggressive driver should be avoided by getting out of the way, not making eye contact, or giving any indication of disapproval of their driving behavior. Contact the CSP as soon as is safely possible by calling *CSP (*277) and be prepared to provide the following information: vehicle description, license plate number, location and direction of travel, driver description, and the aggressive driving behavior being demonstrated.

Troopers continue to take a low-tolerance approach to the top fatal crash factors, including lane violations while launching a yearlong campaign called “Drive Safe.” This campaign reminds people to control their lane position based on their current driving environment.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COUNTY MOVES FORWARD WITH LOCAL CONTRACTOR FOR HISTORIC COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE—The Montrose Board of County Commissioners signed a contract with Montrose-based Stryker and Company, Inc., for the design-build of the Montrose County Historic Courthouse renovation project.

The proposed contract amount is $396,718 for phase one design, and a not-to-exceed amount of $11,000,000 for phase two final design and construction. Following phase one, a guaranteed maximum price will be presented to the county for review by December 20, 2023. Montrose County has $14.7 million budgeted in 2023 for this project and is able to complete this renovation without incurring debt. At this time, the county is still discussing a congressionally directed spending award with the United States Department of Agriculture.

“This has been a long time coming and we are finally getting it done. It’s been years in the making, and we put it off because of the pandemic, so I am pleased to see this project moving forward,” said Commissioner Keith Caddy. “The historic courthouse was dedicated to local servicemen from World War I, and we will make sure to continue this tradition by dedicating this renovation to all military members who have proudly served our nation.” The Montrose County Historic Courthouse (320 South 1st Street) is on the National Register of Historic Places. It was constructed in 1922 and dedicated to the community on December 7, 1923.

“Stryker and Company is privileged to have been awarded the historic county courthouse renovation project contract,” began Jimmy Merritt, General Manager for Stryker and Company, Inc. “We know the importance and significance of this building to the community and are excited to work with the county staff to develop the programming for a new, efficient office space while preserving the historical look and feel of what was built 100 years ago. This truly is a community project, with original framing timbers being logged off of the Uncompahgre Plateau and stone quarried just west of Montrose. We are honored to be a part of such a significant project. Being a local contractor and having worked on many historical renovations we feel confident that we have the experience to complete this project on time and within the county’s proposed budget.”

“This December, the courthouse celebrates 100 years and I’m excited that we are able to move forward with a renovation that will update and restore the courthouse to its former glory,” said Commissioner Sue Hansen. “I’m equally excited that a local contractor was awarded the bid. Keeping a construction contract this size with a local contractor positively impacts our economy.”

“This has been a long time coming and I want to thank the staff—you guys knocked it out of the park—scrambling in the eleventh hour to get it done,” said Commissioner Roger Rash. “This project has been overdue for decades and I’m glad we were able to make it a priority. I am hopeful that this renovation will bring another 100 years of this iconic building.” Moving forward, the courthouse is expected to be completed in September of 2025. The assessor, treasurer, and geographic information system department will be moving temporarily during the construction. Once the project is completed, the historic courthouse will be home to the board of county commissioners, assessor, treasurer, administration staff, geographic information system department, and the veteran service officer.

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DENVER - The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will continue a public comment hearing to examine and consider revisions to towing carrier rules based on the 2022 Colorado Assembly passage of House Bill 22-1314 (HB 22-1314). The law went into effect Aug. 10, 2022, and is designed to protect consumers of nonconsensual tows, or when companies tow vehicles without the owner’s consent.

Meeting Details
- Proceeding No 23R-0085TO, Amendments to Towing Rules to Implement HB 22-1314.
- Tuesday, July 25, 2023.
- Virtual meeting, via Zoom
- Requests for language accommodations should be made at least one week prior to the event by completing the Language Access Form. Requests can also be made directly by contacting Holly Bise at 303.894.2024 or holly.bise@state.co.us.

What You Need to Know
The PUC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) to consider amendments to certain Commission Rules Regulating Towing Carriers, 4 Code of Colorado Regulations (CCR) 723-6. The amendments reflect the Commission’s intent to update its towing rules to align with the recent statutory changes and expand upon certain operational standards. The new towing legislation is largely focused on nonconsensual tows from residential private property.

Additional information on this proceeding can be found by visiting Proceeding No: 23R-0085TO. Prior public comment hearings were held on April 20, and May 30. The public comment hearing has been continued to Tuesday, July 25, at 11:30 a.m.

In addition, a stakeholder workshop was held on December 19, 2022, during which members of the towing industry sought further discussion on specific items including:
- Temporary towing permits.
- Clarity on safety/overhead lighting for tow trucks.
- Additional standards for the new statutory provision for releasing a towed motor vehicle without full payment, and;
- Clarity on Commission authority over towing carriers when towing for insurance and/or auction purposes.
MONTROSE COUNTY ANNOUNCES PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR DRAFT COMMUNITY WILDFIRE AND WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Montrose County is announcing a public review period for the draft Montrose County Critical Community Wildfire and Watershed Protection Plan (CWP²). The review period will be open from July 24 to Aug. 4, 2023. The CWP² is a comprehensive plan that identifies and prioritizes wildfire and watershed risk in Montrose County. The plan also includes recommendations for reducing wildfire risk and improving watershed health.

“The CWP² is an important tool for identifying areas that need wildfire mitigation and provides recommendations to help reduce that risk and improve watershed health in Montrose County,” said Emergency Management Director Scott Hawkins. “We encourage the public to review the draft plan and provide feedback so that we can make the plan as effective as possible.”

The public is invited to review the draft CWP² and provide feedback. The plan and a public survey are available online. The CWP² is a critical component of Montrose County’s efforts to reduce wildfire risk in our community. The plan will help the county secure future grant dollars and identify opportunities for wildfire mitigation and watershed improvement.

The public review period for the CWP² will end on August 4, 2023. All feedback will be considered as the plan is finalized. To learn more, please visit the plan website.
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MONTROSE POLICE PROMOTE TWO OFFICERS TO RANK OF SERGEANT

Sergeant Nicholas Gehm (left) and Sergeant Cameron Pensyl (right) were sworn in by Police Chief Blaine Hall on Tuesday, July 18. Credit: City of Montrose.

Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE — Montrose Police Department Chief Blaine Hall announced the promotion of two officers with an “unwavering dedication to keeping our community safe,” from among its patrol ranks to fill sergeant positions. Officers Nicholas Gehm and Cameron Pensyl were officially promoted to the rank of sergeant by Hall and deputy police chiefs Tim Cox and Matt Smith during a ceremony held before the City Council regular meeting Tuesday evening.

Hall said Gehm and Pensyl are “two exceptional individuals” and that it was with great pride that the department has the opportunity to recognize their “outstanding service to the Montrose community.”

“In the realm of law enforcement, the role of sergeant is crucial,” Hall said, addressing the new sergeants. “Sergeants are the leaders who make split-second decisions, ones that nobody else can make in the heat of the moment. It is during those critical times when the safety of our officers and our community rests in your hands.”

Sergeant Gehm was hired by the Montrose Police Department in 2017. Gehm is a member of the department’s Special Weapons and Tactics, SWAT, team and a certified police training officer. Sergeant Pensyl was hired by the department in 2019. In addition to serving as a police instructor, Pensyl is also a member of the department’s SWAT team and serves as a certified police training officer.

“Let us congratulate and honor Nick Gehm and Cameron Pensyl for their promotion to the rank of sergeant and their service to our community,” Hall said. “This is a good time for all of us to reaffirm our commitment to the safety of our city and recognize the tireless efforts of all of our dedicated city employees and City Council for working to make Montrose a better place to live, work, and prosper.”

The promotions come amidst an intensive hiring campaign by the department. Thus far in 2023, the department has hired three new patrol officers, a second victim’s advocate, a new emergency manager, a fourth school resource officer, and two new K-9s to serve on the department’s patrol and drug task force. The department is also sponsoring a pair of cadets in the 2023 Western Colorado Law Enforcement Academy currently in session this summer.
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IEC HEARING BEGINS ON THE MATTER OF DAVE BOWMAN VS. DIVOT’S RESTAURANT

“That’s the way it’s been done for decades in Montrose,” City Manager Bill Bell

By Caitlin Switzer

COLORADO-Three years after the original complaint was filed, the Colorado Independent Ethics Commission (CIEC) held a public hearing on Tuesday, July 18 on the merits of a complaint about former Montrose Mayor Dave Bowman. The complaint specifically addresses Bowman’s actions involving the non-profit Montrose Summer Music Series that he created and continues to operate, and the former Divot’s Restaurant leased and operated by Janece Culver at the City-owned Black Canyon Golf Course (BCGC).

Background-On July 6, 2020, Montrose restauranteur Janece Culver and the Western Slope Advocate (Scott Damman) filed a complaint with the Colorado Independent Ethics Commission concerning actions taken by Bowman, who was then Mayor of Montrose. The complaint alleged that on July 5, Aug. 2, and Sept. 6 of 2019, “Then Montrose Mayor and current City Councilor Dave Bowman dictated a fee to be paid by Janece Culver’s business, Divot’s restaurant, during the City of Montrose sponsored Montrose Summer Music Series (MSMS). Bowman used his position and power of office for monetary gain. In addition, as Mayor, Bowman dictated payment terms in a fashion that was considered intimidating by Culver…”

According to the website, the Colorado Independent Ethics Commission -- created by voter initiative in November 2006-- hears ethics complaints and is authorized to impose penalties. IEC jurisdiction includes state senators and representatives, local government officials, government employees, and elected office holders. The IEC includes Chair Cole Wist; Vice Chair Sarah Mercer; Commissioner Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa; Commissioner Lora Thomas; and Commissioner Daniel Wolf.

7-18-23 Hearing--Appearances by the parties were required, and witnesses were present for the hearing, which was held virtually via WebEx. Members of the public and interested media were also in attendance. Members of the Independent Ethics Commission asked questions as needed.

Respondent Bowman appeared with his attorney Brian Kidnay. Complainants Janece Culver and Scott Damman (Western Slope Advocate) presented their case first. Damman questioned witnesses and presented exhibits until the hearing, which began at 9:30am, was continued at 2pm. Respondents will present their case when the hearing is reconvened; Kidnay said during the proceedings that he planned to seek dismissal of the complaint.

Kidnay’s opening remarks praised Bowman for his longevity, his work in education, for founding the Montrose Summer Music Series, and for promoting concerts in Montrose after the closure of his retail music store. Kidnay asserted that Bowman had nothing to do with granting Culver the original liquor license for Divot’s and nothing to do with the fact that the City of Montrose did not renew her lease at Divot’s the following year.

“Nothing happened, everybody concluded there was no abuse of power.” Still, over the course of the next four and half hours, complainants were able to establish through evidence and testimony that in fact Bowman had personally voted to approve the original liquor license for Divot’s at a televised city council meeting. Damman’s opening remarks said that evidence would show that a local politician used his influence in an unethical manner, stripping a small business owner of profits and violating Colorado liquor law. Damman called a number of witnesses, including former Mayor Bowman. When asked about funds paid to him by the Montrose Summer Music Series, Bowman testified. “I raise 90 percent of the money...I book all the bands.” Bowman said that he handles stage and sound needs, arranges rooms for the bands, and does publicity.

“I pretty much do all the work for the board...I need some compensation.”
IEC HEARING BEGINS ON THE MATTER OF DAVE BOWMAN
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Bowman said that he is the only paid employee of the Montrose Summer Music Series.
When asked by IEC Vice Chair Sarah Mercer if Divot’s liquor license had been approved by the City’s Liquor Board (Montrose City Council) and whether Bowman was present at the time, the Respondent answered yes to both questions. “You did vote on that?” Mercer said.
“Yes,” Bowman said.
When Mercer asked if he had disclosed his role on the Montrose Summer Music Series Board during the liquor license hearing, Bowman said, “It’s common knowledge...no, I didn’t, no reason to.”
Also called as a witness, Culver said that it was only after the liquor license had been approved that Bowman came to Divot’s and told her that she would need to donate money to the Montrose Summer Music Series for each cup sold and for the beer in the cups. “He came in and explained that this is how it has always been...there was never anything in writing, it was all just verbal, ‘this is how it’s going to be.’”
Culver said the situation made her uncomfortable, as she had not agreed to the cup and beer fees. Bowman’s demeanor to her and to her staff was rude, she said.
Culver said that while she had a contract with the City requiring her to provide service for all city events, she had no written contract with Bowman, and brought those specific concerns to Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler after Bowman began demanding that a portion of beer sales be donated to the Montrose Summer Music Series. Also, while Culver expected remuneration from concert food vendors as the BCGC liquor license license holder, she was told those funds would instead go to Bowman.
Morgenthaler testified under oath that Culver’s concerns instead arose because she felt she was being treated differently than the previous concessionaire (Horsefly Brewing Company). Morgenthaler said that was not the case, and that both vendors were expected to contribute to Bowman and the Montrose Summer Music Series.
Culver said that the only response to her concerns by city staff in the end was to be told she could voluntarily surrender her liquor license during the Montrose Summer Music Series events, allowing the city to obtain a festival license during those events instead.
“I remember looking at ways to have you not be the licensee during the Montrose Summer Music Series,” Morgenthaler finally said under questioning. City Manager Bill Bell insisted that the situation was a case of Bowman and Culver being “unable to get along.”
Bell testified that the agreement to support the Montrose Summer Music Series was a part of Culver’s contract with the city just as it had been with the previous concessionaire. “There was a relationship between the Horsefly Brewing Company and the Montrose Summer Music Series,” Bell said. “For every beer they sold...to subsidize the bands coming in...that carried over into the contract we had with Ms. Culver...but there became a disagreement over the dollar per beer.”
“We always considered it an issue between this contractor and the board of the Summer Music Series,” Bell said. “My advice to Ann was, we want to stay out of it...I know she agreed to it when she entered into the contract. That’s the way it’s been done for decades in Montrose and all the towns around...I tried to stay out of it as much as possible.”
Bell also stated that the Montrose Summer Music Series was allowed to host events at the golf course free of charge, that the city brought in portapots for the events, and had public works staff assist with setup and tear down.
Damman called a number of other witnesses, including city staff as well as renowned local musician and vocalist Donny Morales, who served on the board of the MSMS at the time of the alleged violations. Morales said he has known both Bowman and Culver for decades and has never earned any remuneration from his service on behalf of the Montrose Summer Music Series. “My role on the board was mostly symbolic,” Morales said. “I kind of hung my banner on it so to speak.”
When asked if he was ever paid, Morales said, “Never.”
Complainants asked the IEC for restitution of the monies paid to the Respondent on behalf of the Montrose Summer Music Series.
The date and time of the continued IEC hearing has not yet been announced.
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communicates extremely well; he’s very helpful,” Nelson said. 
Mayor Bynum said, “We certainly are lucky here at the city to have great staff, 
and it is always great to hear the public 
talk about their interactions and the posi-
tive ways that our staff is able to help our 
community.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Council voted unanimously to approve 
minutes of the June 20, 2023 regular city 
council meeting as presented.

ORDINANCE 2630-FIRST READING
Council voted to adopt Ordinance 2630 on 
first reading, updating Title 1 Chapter 2, 
General Provisions and Title 1 Chapter 14, 
Municipal Court, of the Official Code of the 
City of Montrose, Colorado: repealing 
and replacing Title 1 Chapter 2 Section 3 
(1-2-3) regarding general penalty; repealing 
and replacing Title 1 Chapter 14 Section 4 
(1-14-4), regarding sentencing; and 
repealing and replacing other code provi-
sions to standardize cross-references in 
the Official Code of the City of Montrose 
regarding sentencing.

WOODGATE/EAST OAK GROVE DEVELOP-
MENT AGREEMENT
Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed recused 
himself from consideration of the Wood-
gate/East Oak Grove Development Agree-
ment. Those who remained considered 
approving the Woodgate/East 
Oak Grove Development Agreement to 
include the purchase of rights of way, 
easements, and a residential structure at a 
cost of $240,500.

Montrose resident Lori Webb asked, 
“When this roundabout goes in and that 
stoplight is there, how many cars--when 
that stoplight is red--back up to that 
roundabout? Because you only have maybe 
a block, a block and a quarter...how is 
the traffic going to flow?”

“That’s the kind of stuff that traffic engi-
neers live for,” Mayor Bynum said. “We 
appreciate your comment.”

Councilor Ulibarri asked, “What would be 
the fix for that?”

City Engineer Scott Murphy spoke about 
stacking distance. “We are working on 
expansion of the East Oak Grove and 
Townsend intersection capacity...that’s in 
the works...working on those alternate 
routes...if it does back up to a round-
about, the roundabout just stops until the 
intersection queue frees up...it’s manage-
able.”

Council voted to approve the Woodgate/ 
East Oak Grove Development Agreement. 
Mayor Pro Tem Reed returned to Council 
chambers.

RESOLUTION 2023-10
Council voted to adopt Resolution 2023-
10, setting Sept. 5, 2023 as the hearing 
date for the Pallante addition annexation.

DRY CEDAR CREEK II ADDITION ANNEXA-
TION
After a brief public hearing with no com-
ment, Council voted to approve annexa-
tion of the Dry Cedar Creek II Addition, 
including Resolution 2023-11: City Council 
consideration of Resolution 2023-11, Find-
ings of Fact for the Dry Cedar Creek II Ad-
dition and Ordinance 2631 on First Read-
ing, for the annexation of the Dry Cedar 
Creek II Addition.

ORDINANCE 2632 - FIRST READING
Council voted to approve Ordinance 2632 
on First Reading, zoning the Dry Cedar 
Creek II Addition as an R-3A Medium High-
Density District.

Prior to consideration of Agenda items 
13, 14 and 15 (below) Mayor Pro Tem J. 
David Reed recused himself and left coun-
cil chambers.

WOODS CROSSING NORTH AMENDED 
PRELIMINARY PLAT
Councillor Ed Ulibarri said he has concerns 
and questioned whether a traffic safety 
study had been done. “There are no side-
walks on that part of Sunnyside or Mi-
ami.”

Ulibarri asked about water and sewer 
infrastructure. The existing system has 
adequate capacity, Murphy said. 
At 12th Street and Hillcrest there are 
schools nearby, Ulibarri said. “I was con-
cerned about the traffic that’s going 
there,” he said. “...When you keep on 
adding these higher densities that weren’t 
approved for those areas, are we creating 
blocks for traffic for the current resi-
dents?”

Murphy discussed traffic flow. “...We 
want to make sure that as growth and 
development is occurring there’s alternate 
routes so they can disburse,” he said. 
Lori Webb asked about an area in the 
project area that has standing water. 
“...That 6720 Road, in that corner, you 
have a 12-foot ditch there...I just want to 
see the infrastructure done first before 
these developers can go in and just do 
it...right now within five blocks you al-
ready have three schools...the retention 
pond that’s out there, it’s nothing but a 
mosquito trap right now. The hole is dug, 
but there’s standing water...who is going 
to maintain that?...turning lanes for the 
school if there’s going to be a school 
built...I don’t want to see the big duplex-
es...also low lighting, as far as in the 
nighttime...”

Sunnyside and Miami roadways need to 
be extended, Webb said. 
Mayor Bynum thanked Webb for her 
comments.

Ulibarri asked Murphy about the reten-
tion pond. The pond has no fencing and is 
retaining water, he said. “I do have some 
concerns about that...I would like to have 
some information before I vote yes or no.”

Murphy discussed drainage and the H 
drain, which has forced the landowner to 
use an infiltration design. “…This whole 
area is bisected by the H Drain...there is 
no discharges allowed into the H 
Drain...The water that’s there now is 
groundwater...ultimately for their final 
design they have to accommodate the 
storm water...they eventually are going to 
backfill that...if it doesn’t infiltrate...they 
have to expand or modify their 
pond...that second degree of protection is 
there...usually there is a ditch they can 
discharge into...they can’t get a final plat 
without all of that being worked out.”

Council voted 3-0 to approve the Woods 
Crossing North Amended Preliminary Plat.

WOODS CROSSING FILING NO. 2 FINAL 
PLAT
Council voted 3-0 to approve the Woods 
Crossing Filing No. 2 Final Plat to create 
one lot, one 
stormwater tract, and associated rights of way 
and easements.

BEAR CREEK SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 8 
FINAL PLAT
Council voted 3-0 to approve the Bear Creek Subdivision Filing No. 8 Final Plat to create 37 residential lots, open space tracts, outlots reserved for future development, and associated rights of way and easements.

Mayor Pro Tem J. David Reed returned to Council Chambers.

ORDINANCE 2633 - FIRST READING
Planner II William Reis presented Ordinance 2633 on first reading, designating the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montrose, 19 S Park Ave, Montrose, Colorado, as a City of Montrose Historic Property. Council voted to approve Ordinance 2633 on First Reading.

Background-A memo from Reis to Council notes, “The structure meets the eligibility criteria per Montrose Municipal Code 11-3-3 (B) as follows:

a. The building is over fifty years old.
b. The building is significant for its association with the religious history of Montrose, having been completed in 1920, and retaining its original use.
c. This building was designed by architect Thomas Pellatt Barber, whose work throughout Colorado and California has been nationally recognized as having historical value.
d. This building is significant for its Romanesque Revival style architecture exterior, with a tower and interior in line with the Akron Plan of churches.

The structure has been found to also meet the integrity criteria per Montrose Municipal Code 4-15-3 (C).”

STAFF REPORTS
Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the Sales, Use & Excise Tax Report. Police Chief Blaine Hall said that the Department has two new Deputy Police Chiefs, Matt Smith and Tim Cox. Montrose Police will host National Night Out for the community starting at 5pm on Aug. 1.

With no further business Council voted to adjourn.
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Editor:
David White, former county commissioner, wrote a very informative piece for the Montrose Mirror a couple of weeks ago. I must admire him as he has the talent, patience and fortitude to dig up information for his articles. In this particular article he itemized no less than 8 frivolous wastes of tax money by our spendthrifts on city council and/or our city manager. He listed $6,000,000 in public assistance to private businesses but by my calculations, over the past several years, our ‘fair’ city has blown over $15,000,000 in subsidies. These expenditures are not loans. Montrose will never get a pittance if that in return. They donations are just plain gifts. I would like to know, and I am sure other citizens would too, what Montrose expects in return for these giveaways.

This practice of the government subsidy of one business and not another as fostering unfair competition. It is particularly obnoxious when there is no open competition for the subsidy and no way of the citizenry determining the fairness of the process. This practice in Montrose should end, post haste! But for the interim I suggest we all patronize the un-subsidized businesses. These giveaways bug me every time I drive on one of our potholed so called ‘streets’ and my whole vehicle shudders as it climbs down the side of one and crashes into the ‘cliff’ on the far side.

Does our city own shares in one of our front end alignment shops? Most, if not all, of that six million dollars that have gone to for-profit private businesses should have been spent on more chip sealing of our roadways even though at it’s very best chip-seal is a stop gap measure perhaps a placebo for those who complain.

Onward. Nationally our attention is called to our President’s family ignoring the existence of their seventh grandchild. I mean, even after chastising the whole nation about their obligation to take care of our precious national treasure—our kids. In Montrose just about everything we almost unanimously support has to do with our children so we must recognize their value and our collective responsibility.

Several years ago both the county and the city passed their very own Public Safety Sales Taxes (PSST). (The Montrose Police Station was separately funded). The PSSTs have brought a very large amount of revenue to, supposedly the sheriff and the police chief so that they might address public safety issues. Have those two fantastic public servants and their agencies received that money? Just where has all the money gone?

School safety is certainly a legitimate PSST spending issue. I have addressed that issue several times in the past. I have made serious suggestions as to what should be done several times in the recent past and I have yet to see the kind of security practices implemented that will keep the ‘bad guys out’ and the ‘good kids safe’. I again suggest that closed campuses are in order, high fences should encapsulate the schools and there should be at least two officers on each campus whenever school is in session. One should be a woman since there are places in every school that male officers should never have to enter.

The amount of money that should already have accumulated should be in excess of $30 million in both the city and the county. If the money is not available for safety issues the entire electorate should demand to know where it has gone and by whose authority. Has it been misappropriated perhaps contributing to the $6,000,000 squandered on private businesses as mentioned above?

Even more has been spent on Mr. Belle’s new ‘family’ car. With his salary he should buy his own family transportation---then it might last more than a few years.

There have been nasty incidents all around the U. S. Does Montrose believe themselves to be exempt from atrocities such as Uvalde, Texas? Must we endure a similar tragedy before we use those funds to prevent the preventable? Why?

Bill Bennett, Montrose
Editor;
The highly publicized movie, "The Sound of Freedom," reveals the insanity of Biden’s open-door border sickness by inviting the whole world into our country. The movie is based on a true story of how young children are forced into the sex trade by cartels from foreign countries. Biden and the whole Democrat party are taking our country down by inviting and promoting this invasion. It's no wonder how Biden and his Tax & Spend-o-crats are sending America into oblivion. They invite the whole-world invasion in by rewarding them with full living accommodations too numerous to list and it includes free health care and education. This is what much of your $Trillions is being spent on by the Spend-o-crats and is a huge contributor to the inflation we are all suffering with. Congratulations, you didn’t know you were so good-hearted and generous did you? There are Democrats who want to also include free college for illegals! This movie is playing now at theaters and is a must-see!

On another note, those who are pushing for solar and wind energy also are promoting "carbon capture" pipelines. The Leftists insist that man-made CO2 is causing climate change and therefore pipelines are needed to bury this “threat” into the ground! A large-scale proposal is to build a carbon capture pipeline system 1300 miles across five states in the Midwest. But there is no scientific reason for such a project. Trees and plants need CO2 to live, but the climate radicals tell us that it is a pollutant. Scientific facts prove more CO2 enhances plant growth, which boosts crop yields, which feeds more people worldwide and plants increase photosynthesis in response to increasing CO2. More plant growth means less topsoil erosion. More CO2 makes plants grow faster with less stress and water. CO2 helps plants create natural repellents to fight insect predators. The carbon capture pipelines are therefore unnecessary and actually dangerous to all human society. In fact some scientists are actually warning of a CO2 shortage that will lead to famine. The U.S. Navy has produced a chart entitled, "CO2 Starvation". That chart shows the average CO2 needs for plant life is 1,00 Parts Per Million (PPM). However, according to the Navy, we are currently at 400 PPM. Many scientists have verified this including some climate experts. Some predict a "dust bowl" phenomena as a result of plants starving from CO2 and millions of acres covered by solar panels and wind turbines will lead to the destruction of the environment. Target states for this insanity include Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, and Minnesota. But farmers are beginning to understand the threat to their property rights. The corporations behind the scheme resort to ruthless intimidation tactics to scare farmers into compliance as they boldly trespass on private farmland with armed guards and heavy equipment, damaging crops. We are already losing American farmland to China. They now own roughly 384,000 acres of U.S. farmland and of that 195,000 acres are owned by 85 Chinese investors. But don’t be fooled about the investors. The power behind it all is the Chinese government and is a direct threat to American sovereignty, especially when much of that land is within visual range of American military bases. China is pushing hard for the U.S. to accept wind and solar power while we eliminate gas and coal. (enter the Biden crime family!). Yet, China is leading the world in reopening oil wells and coal mines for their own energy needs. China is behind much of the drive for the U.S. to convert to electric vehicles and away from gas-powered cars. (enter the Biden crime family again!). Through the purchase of American farmland China adds power to the push for the carbon capture pipeline, which helps to destroy American food production. China can increase the spread of wind and solar over valuable American farmland, decreasing more of our farm industry. Plus, now they can use American farmland to raise their own crops and ship them back to China for their own use, while American grocery shelves grow empty!

Legislation has been introduced in Congress to block some of the Chinese purchases of farmland, but now big corporations are pushing back to destroy the small farmers in order to extend global influence of the Great Reset over the United States. The global corporations will not cater to consumers and will decide what you eat—-including fake meat and bugs. What will it take for voters to wake up?? The Democrat cabal is ushering in one-world government! Is this want you want? Then quit voting for Democrats!!

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose
CONEJOS & COSTILLA COUNTIES — Beginning July 24, motorists can expect full stops and up to 20-minute delays while the Colorado Department of Transportation paves CO Highway 142 near the Rio Grande. Operations will continue through late August and take place approximately ten miles east of Manassa (Mile Points 13 -15). Motorists are encouraged to plan for lengthy delays, Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CDOT crews will work as swiftly as possible to complete the surface treatment however resurfacing operations are weather dependent. Motorists traveling on CO 142 between San Luis and Manassa can expect full stops and 15-20 delays while CDOT completes paving operations through late August.

Traffic Impacts
Operations will take place Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Motorists should plan for 15-20 minute delays and should allow for extra travel time. Expect one-lane alternating traffic guided by flagging personnel and pilot cars. A speed reduction of 40 mph will be enforced through the work zones.

Know Before You Go
Travelers are urged to “know before you go.” Gather information about weather forecasts and anticipated travel impacts and current road conditions prior to hitting the road. CDOT resources include:

- Road conditions and travel information: COtrip.org
- Download the COtrip Planner app: bit.ly/COtripapp
- Sign up for project or travel alerts: bit.ly/COnewsalerts
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COLORADO – Colorado’s Western Slope brings beautiful views along with some additional hazards that require motorists’ sole focus. Whether ice, snow, bicyclists, pedestrians or wildlife situations can present themselves quickly and without warning leaving drivers with life-saving decisions in a short amount of time. Driving above the speed limit or the road conditions shortens those same drivers’ time to react and can create deadly results.

In 2022, Colorado State Troopers investigated 50 serious injury or fatal crashes between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend on Colorado’s Western Slope due to a motorist who exceeded a safe and legal speed. While many risk-taking behaviors ramp up over the weekend, such as driving impaired and lane violations, State Patrol data revealed that speeding crashes were most common on Mondays followed closely by Fridays in this region.

“The data suggests that many of our speeding-caused crashes could be stemming from over-confidence and complacency from local drivers,” explained Major Brett Williams, District Commander for Region 5 of the Colorado State Patrol. “Speed limits are there for your safety and if everyone follows them, traffic flow is also enhanced.”

Recreational travelers can also play an important role in helping reduce aggressive and reckless driving in the area. If a motorist notices a long line of vehicles behind them pulling over in a safe place to allow those to pass is a great option. In addition, on roads with two or more lanes traveling in the same direction vehicles should say in the right lane, except to pass.

For more great mountain driving tips, visit Super Cruising in Colorado from the Colorado State Patrol.

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DELTA HEALTH RECOGNIZED FOR WORK TO IMPROVE BREASTFEEDING

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DELTA - The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment recognized 45 hospitals for their efforts to promote breastfeeding and offer healthier food and beverage options through the Colorado Healthy Hospital Compact and Colorado Baby-Friendly Hospital Collaborative. These initiatives are part of the state’s work to promote healthy eating and active living to reduce the rates of death and disease from chronic illness among Coloradans.

At the June 14th event, CDPHE honored Delta Health for being Baby-Friendly designated (per Baby-Friendly USA) and awarded the Colorado Celebrate 6 Award of Breastfeeding Excellence. Delta Health was honored with the Celebrate 6 Award in 2020 and again this year.

The Celebrate 6 Award of Breastfeeding Excellence honors hospitals for having implemented at least six of the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative’s Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding. These are evidence-based policies and practices known to increase breastfeeding success and improve maternal and infant health outcomes.

“We are honored that Stork’s Landing received this prestigious designation once again,” said Jan Humphrey, RN, Director of Obstetrics at Delta Health. “This recognizes our hospital’s optimal level of care that is provided by staff for all mothers and their babies. Our team strives to provide compassionate, quality healthcare that our community can trust when it comes to choosing where to deliver their babies. We appreciate this award and what it means for our community.”

CDPHE honored all 14 Baby-Friendly designated facilities in the state for receiving and maintaining the prestigious certification from Baby-Friendly USA.

The department supports maternity facilities in pursuing Baby-Friendly designation through the Colorado Baby-Friendly Hospital Collaborative which provides free training and resources to help hospitals implement evidence-based policies and practices that support breastfeeding and optimal infant care.

“These hospitals have worked hard to create change that supports Colorado families to breastfeed. With over 90 percent of Colorado families choosing to breastfeed their children each year, such policies and practices are essential,” said Stacy Miller, breastfeeding specialist at CDPHE and facilitator of the Colorado Baby-Friendly Hospital Collaborative.

The number of Baby-Friendly designated hospitals in Colorado has grown from three in 2013 to 14 in 2023. Over a third of births in the state now occur in Baby-Friendly hospitals each year. These include:

- Aspen Valley Hospital
- Boulder Community Health
- Centura St Elizabeth
- Centura St. Francis
- Delta Health
- Estes Park Health
- Good Samaritan Medical Center
- Lutheran Medical Center
- St. Joseph Hospital
- St. Mary’s Medical Center
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- UHealth Memorial Hospital North
- University of Colorado Hospital
- Valley View Hospital

Learn more about the Colorado Baby-Friendly Hospital Collaborative (CBFHC) at BreastfeedColorado.com or view a complete list of awarded hospitals here. For more information about what the Celebrate 6 Award means for Delta Health, contact Jacqueline Davis, Marketing and Communications Director. For more information about the CBFHC, contact Stacy Miller at stacy.miller@state.co.us or 303-319-1929.

To learn more about Stork’s Landing, Delta Health’s birthing center, visit deltahealthco.org/storks-landing/ or call 970.874.2255.
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DENVER — Drivers who’ve been using the I-70 Express Lanes in the mountains as their own personal passing lanes — or who’ve been driving in the lanes when they’re closed — have had 30 days to stop their dangerous behavior. Now, it’s about to get real for them.

As of Friday, July 21, motorists who drive unsafely in the Express Lanes on the I-70 Mountain Corridor will be issued fines known as “civil assessment penalties.” For the past month, drivers have received mailed warnings for violations such as using the Express Lanes when they’re closed, weaving across the solid yellow line and driving in the lanes with an oversized vehicle.

As of July 21, the warnings will cease, and drivers will be mailed fines starting at $75 and increasing to $150 if not paid within 20 days of issuance.

Since the month-long grace period started on June 21, 5,640 warnings have been mailed to drivers in violation of these rules.

“The number of warnings issued during the grace period is extremely concerning,” said Tim Hoover, a CDOT spokesman. “We don’t want to see so many people get fines — we just want roadway users to follow the Express Lane rules so everybody can get to their destinations safely.”

The Mountain Express Lanes are technically “peak period shoulder lanes,” meaning they are narrower than typical highway lanes and cannot accommodate oversized vehicles such as semi trucks, RVs and vehicles pulling trailers. Due to federal regulations, they can only be open for a certain number of days per year and operate as emergency shoulders when they are closed. Driving in the lanes when they’re closed is extremely dangerous as violators could crash into a disabled vehicle, an emergency responder or a maintenance vehicle using the lane as a shoulder during this time.

When the Express Lanes are open, weaving in and out of the lanes creates hazards for drivers who aren’t expecting vehicles to cross the solid lines. Additionally, navigating the significant speed differentials between traffic in the Express Lanes versus general purpose lanes greatly increases the risk of a crash.

“These civil penalties really boil down to safety,” Hoover said. “Motorists in violation of these simple rules may think they’re saving travel time by driving dangerously or ‘outsmarting the system,’ but in reality, they’re creating life-threatening risks for themselves and everyone else on the road. We hope this program is the reminder people need to drive safely and follow the rules.”
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UNITED STATES-Davin Daniel Meyer, 18, of Castle Rock is charged with attempting to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization and made his initial appearance in federal court on Monday, July 17. According to court documents, Meyer was arrested on Friday, July 14, as he attempted to board an international flight at the Denver International Airport. According to the affidavit in support of the criminal complaint, Meyer pledged an oath of allegiance to the leader of ISIS, and intended to travel to serve as a fighter for ISIS in Iraq. The FBI Denver Field Office is investigating the case, with assistance provided by the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Melissa Hindman for the District of Colorado is prosecuting the case, with the assistance of Jennifer Levy of the National Security Division’s Counterterrorism Section.

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CITY FUNDS ROTARY DONATION TO CERISE PARK STRUCTURE AS ‘PASS THROUGH’

Montrose City Council convened for a regular City Council work session on Monday, July 17, in chambers at the Elks Civic Building, above.

By Caitlin Switzer
MONTROSE-Montrose Mayor Barbara Bynum opened the regular City Council work session on Monday, July 17. “...In our work sessions we just get right down to business,” she said. “These are less formal meetings that just give us a chance to discuss items that will be on future council agendas, usually, and there is no voting that takes place in work sessions, and these meetings are available to the public to view and watch but there is no public participation in these meetings, and we will jump right in to business.”

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES
Council welcomed new (and returning) City employees. Joining the City team are:
- Police Department Emergency Manager Paul Eller;
- Public Works Street Cleaning Operator Travis Triesch;
- Police Department Civilian Report Taking Technician Tina Sullivan;
- Police Department Civilian Report Taking Technician Charlie Hunt;
- Public Works Facilities Maintenance Foreman Brayden Reeder; and
- Pavilion Events Technician Nathan Hughes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
Police Chief Blaine Hall discussed the annual Victim Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant Application.

Background-A resolution in support of the grant application states, “The Montrose Police Department is mandated by the Colorado Constitution to guarantee certain rights to victims of violent crimes, employs a full time Victim Services Coordinator and one full time Victim Advocate to ensure compliance and to provide services to crime victims, and wish to apply for a portion of the Victim Services Coordinator’s in the amount of $30,150 and Victim Advocate’s salary in the amount of $25,000.”

Emergency Manager Paul Eller presented a Resolution Rescinding the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Councilor Ed Ulibarri asked how the resolution would impact the City’s use of AARPA funds. City Manager Bill Bell said there would be no impact.

Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall discussed the Disposal/Sale of Police Radios, “Olathe Police Department has contacted us and stated that they have a need for them,” he said. “...It will help support the Olathe Police Department.”

The radios are scheduled for replacement in 2023 and have already been replaced. Their replacements were budgeted from the IS/Radio Fund.

City Manager Bill Bell discussed an abatement assistance request for Montrose business Elderado Financial. Council spent time in discussion.

Councilor Ed Ulibarri asked how the City derives revenues to keep generating funds for things such as business promotions. “…Is that going to generate more revenue specifically for the city rather than income for the employees or the owner of the building...is the city eventually going to be too generous for that kind of a business, instead of some retail or something that actually would generate revenues for the city to help pay for continued businesses to come into Montrose and develop their business here?”

Bell said, “…We kind of look at business development in Montrose in a few different veins...we look at retail businesses that generate sales tax. We help them expand those businesses, we help them expand if they need to...we attract in new retail businesses...what it does is it creates vibrancy for the community’s economy...this one is a little different.

“So there’s other properties and businesses that we partner with to clean up dilapidated and old properties in our community that are an eyesore or a safety hazard, and this is the vein that this one falls into...things that help to make sure the businesses in our community are safe and attractive for the next 50 years,” Bell said.

“Or we’ll take dilapidated buildings and help demo those and remove them and bring new buildings to replace them like we did with Hospice...we went in with public works...and demo’d the blighted homes that were in that area to allow for them to build their new building...this would be more along the lines of building rehabilitation and cleanup for our community, not business sales or retail...in this case adding new areas for office space helps other businesses that need office space to expand...the money paid to those employees then gets spent out in our community and helps create that cycle of new jobs in the community, higher paying salaries and that type of thing...this is a business that’s a great example of paying a liveable wage to their employees...we recommend in this case partnering with Elderado Financial...“There’s just a lot of different things we...
Community Development Specialist Chris Ottinger presented information on Assignment of Private Activity Bond Allocation to Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA).

**Background** - A memo from Ottinger to Council states, “For the past five years, the City of Montrose has assigned our allocation of Private Activity Bonds (PAB) to the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA), and CHFA in turn puts the PAB to use in our community. We ask the City Council to again consider assigning this year’s PAB allocation to CHFA... In 2022, the allocation for the City of Montrose was $1,125,667. In 2023, the allocation for the City of Montrose is $1,245,218... Allocating the PAB directly to CHFA allows our community to benefit from the PAB allocation without the City directly issuing bonds. Examples of PAB at work include in 2020, CHFA worked with the City of Montrose to use the City’s PAB allocation to support Steele Properties, LLC’s rehabilitation of San Juan Apartments, which serves Senior (62+ years old) Section 8 and residents with disabilities. In 2021, CHFA funded 20 loans in their single-family tax-exempt program, First Step, for a total of $5.3 million in the City of Montrose. For 2022, CHFA funded 17 loans, totaling $4.5 million, at a median income of $70,666 for a median loan amount of $268,492. City staff this year again recommends that City Council consider assigning our PAB allocation to CHFA, and request that CHFA use the PAB if there is the opportunity to support first-time home ownership investment, a multifamily affordable housing project, and/or use the PAB allocation to support CHFA’s homeownership program known as First Step. If the City Council allocates PAB to CHFA, CHFA will ensure that the funding is used within the City of Montrose to benefit our community.”

Council considered an ordinance change to Section 9-4-1, Removal of Snow and/or Ice. Public Works Director Jim Scheid presented information.

“This has been something on our minds for years,” he said. “…We wouldn’t want to implement anything new like this midseason…” The Ordinance is proposed due to the impacts of snow from private property being deposited in the right-of-way, causing drainage, traffic and sight issues, Scheid said.

Mayor Bynum said, “…We’re going to clarify some rules because it really does impact the city’s operations when it isn’t done the right way.”

**Background** - A memo from Scheid to Council states, “City of Montrose Public Works Operation perform snow and ice removal from over 300 lane miles of public roadways. Effective snow and ice control is necessary for routine travel and the provision of emergency services. Public Works Operations attempt to provide such control in a safe and cost-effective manner keeping in mind safety, budget, personnel, and environmental concerns. Depending on the severity of the storm and conditions Public Works employees and equipment and/or private contractors may be required to provide this service. The snow-plowing and ice control policy… is intended to keep the streets within the City passable during adverse weather conditions and in a reasonably safe condition... These changes will help to keep the roadways and storm drain system clear of snow and ice during and after snow events.”

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

Scheid discussed the Cerise Park Storage Building Expense Authorization, presenting expenses for the construction of a storage building in Cerise Park near the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater at a cost of $183,574.72 including a contract with Stryker and Company for the design and construction. City Manager Bill Bell spoke about the $100,000 that Montrose Black Canyon Rotary Club will “donate” to this project. “Just to be clear, that’s a pass-through from AARPA funds...so by giving it to the non-profit and having them donate it back to us, it meets our original intent of utilizing AARPA funds...so go by giving it to the non-profit and having them donate it back to us, it meets our original intent of utilizing AARPA funds...it allows us to do a transfer, which is a passthrough...” Bell said.

“…Ok, I was a little confused where the money was coming from in the first
CITY FUNDS ROTARY DONATION TO CERISE PARK STRUCTURE From previous pg

first place,” Councilor Ulibarri said. Mayor Bynum said she appreciated the information, which was not included in the work session packet.

Background-A memo from Scheid to Council states, “After the completion of the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater in 2021 the usage of Cerise Park for events has increased significantly which has created the need for a building to store support materials such as modular fencing panels, portable light towers, Police Department Patrol equipment and non-profit event organizers accessories. City Staff have selected a location near the Amphitheater that will be accessible for event support but also out of the way of the busy and sometimes congested support area. It was also important to select a location that has a minimal environmental impact and doesn’t disrupt other users of the park such as the Disc Golf Course that is nearby. A map of the location selected is included in this packet. The City issued an RFP for design build proposals for a storage building and received one proposal from Stryker and Company. The proposal was complete and offered several ideas on how to achieve the building needs in the most cost-effective way. All the pricing provided is within the amounts that City staff expected to see. The contract with Stryker would be a not-to-exceed amount of $141,565.16. This would include the design and construction of the building and electrical service. The Owner Expenses include materials for the access road, fiber service, cameras/network, security system, and an owner’s contingency at 7%. A rendering of the building is included in this packet. This is a multi-year project due to the lead time for the building materials. If this recommendation is awarded, the materials will be ordered in August of 2023, but the actual construction and completion will be in the Spring of 2024…The Montrose Black Canyon Rotary Club will donate $100,000 to this project. Approximately $40,000 of this donation will be spent in 2023 and may need a supplemental Budget in December of 2023. There is $40,000 included in the 2023 Police Admin Budget and this will be utilized in 2023. The remaining $103,574.72.00 will be budgeted in 2024.”

Council considered Authorization of a Deed of Easement on City Property, granting Clearnetworx a utility easement along the southernmost property line of the Black Canyon Golf Course for a fiber mainline to supply Woods Crossing Subdivision.

Background-A memo from Scheid to Council notes, “Clearnetworx is seeking to supply the Woods Crossing subdivision with fiber. Currently, Clearnetworx has a conduit transmission box located just inside the Golf Course property next to the roundabout. The proposed 15’ easement as seen in exhibit A would allow for fiber to be bored in from the transmission box to the next available utility pole, Approx. 150’ away. The easement is outside the bounds of play on hole 2 and would not affect golf course operations. Deeply Digital, LLC will be the installation contractor working for Clear Networx. Deeply Digital has worked with city staff to accommodate business hours and strategies for minimizing impact to the surrounding area. Work will be performed under the purview of an Excavation Permit issued and approved by the Public Works Streets Division.”

Scheid recommended award of a fuel contract with Parish Oil. “We’re basically renewing our fuel and oil contract…they’ve been a great vendor to work with.” Only one complete bid was received, from Parish Oil, Scheid said. Pricing information is included in the work session packet.

Background-A memo from Murphy to Council states, “The City of Montrose owns, operates, and maintains a fleet of over 300 vehicles and equipment. The City also owns and operates a fuel station to fuel the fleet. The City consumes about 90,000 gals of fuel and about 2,700 gals of oil per year…the contract with this award to Parish is for a one-year term with the option to extend for up to a total of three years. There is a total of $425,000 budgeted in the Internal Service Fund for Fleet Management in 2023.”

City Engineer Scott Murphy discussed the Flashing Crosswalk Signage Expense Authorization. Council will be asked in a regular meeting to approve of $61,100 in expenditures for the purchase of solar-powered flashing crosswalk equipment. Councilor Ed Ulibarri said, “I really like this design…you said something about flashing light on both sides…recently I was on Main Street and both of the intersection lights were flashing and people were crossing and they almost got ran over by a truck that either wasn’t paying attention and didn’t see the little flashing lights. As I got closer, I realized that the lights were flashing because at first I thought the pedestrians were just crossing.

“Put this on design Main Street, as soon as possible, would be my preference,” Ulibarri said. “I almost saw pedestrians, a man a wife, and two kids… get struck by a truck…this brighter light at a lower area is probably going to be a lot safer for the community when we install ‘em.”

“Think it’s a good idea.” Murphy said the new flashing crosswalk signage will be disbursed in six or seven locations throughout town to see how they work and to receive feedback. “At the end of the day, there is no substitute for drivers paying attention…We shouldn’t even need the flashing part, but…we can collect data on all these various styles and see how they work, and then decide which we’d like to use best going forward as we implement these elsewhere,” he said.

“Because I think public safety is pretty important,” Ulibarri said.

Background-A memo from Murphy to Council notes that the City has budgeted to add solar-powered flashing pushbutton-activated crosswalks at the following intersections:

- Main & Junction
- East Oak Grove & Rio Grande at Rec Trail Crossing
- Chipeta Road at Rec Trail Crossing near Ute Museum
- Colorado Avenue & Rio Grande (replacement). The memo also states, “It should be noted that this updated beacon is being used in lieu of the style used previously on Main Street that included flashing LEDs mounted around the perimeter of the crosswalk sign. Although more expensive, this updated style has been shown to better grab driver’s attention and increase compliance…The 2023 budget included $80k in the capital improvement fund for the purchase and installation of these signs, which leaves approximately $19k remaining within the budget for installation work if needed. The City intends to perform the installation using in-house crews but may utilize on-call concrete support to construct their foundations if necessary due to limitations in crew availability.”

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo discussed applications for Street Closures with Alcohol Permits for the City’s FUNC Fest (Aug. 12-13) and MADA’s Monte De Rosas Fiesta (Aug. 19).

Police Chief Blaine Hall presented the 2A Report Card and 2nd Quarter Police statistics. All statistics, including information for the Montrose Municipal Animal Shelter and City Code Enforcement, are included in the work session packet.
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MID-SUMMER SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT PERIOD BEGINS MONDAY

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STATEWIDE — Stay buckled this summer or you could get a citation. Starting Monday, July 24, through Friday, Aug. 4, the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and 51 participating law enforcement agencies throughout Colorado will begin the July seat belt enforcement period. During the same enforcement period last year, 788 citations were issued to drivers for not wearing a seat belt or having unbuckled passengers in their vehicle. That included 68 drivers who had an improperly restrained child in their vehicle.

Recent data shows that 479 drivers and passengers were killed in vehicle crashes in Colorado in 2022. Most of those lives lost (236) were not wearing a seat belt. Thirteen Colorado counties reported that 100% of their roadway fatalities in 2022 involved unrestrained vehicle occupants. Those counties were: Baca, Bent, Costilla, Gilpin, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Jackson, Kiowa, Logan, Phillips, Prowers, Saguache, and San Juan.

“Refusing to wear a seatbelt can’t be uncoupled with a possible consequence of death. So, while you may have the right not to protect yourself, I can’t accept that unbuckled fatalities in Colorado are a far too common occurrence,” said Col Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. “As we head into the last Click It or Ticket enforcement period of the summer, remember, there can be consequences much worse than a citation.”

Last year, 1,963 drivers were issued citations in Colorado during the April and May Click It or Ticket enforcement periods. This year, 2,992 drivers were cited during the same two enforcement periods. This is a nearly 52% increase from last year.

“Those who decide to go unbuckled must understand they are at greater risk of injury or death in the event of a crash,” said CDOT’s Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. “We have the power to lower the rate of unbuckled traffic fatalities with one simple action: wear your seat belt.”

Properly wearing a seat belt is crucial — no matter if you’re the driver, a passenger, or sitting in the second or third row of a vehicle. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), wearing a seat belt in the front seat of a vehicle reduces the risk of moderate injury by 50% and fatal injury by 45%. Additionally, nearly 60% of backseat passengers who were killed in a crash in 2021 nationwide were unbuckled. Wearing a seat belt will always be the first choice a driver or passenger can make to prioritize safety while on the road.

The Click It or Ticket campaign urges Coloradans and visitors to fasten their seat belts, every ride, every time.

Proper seat belt usage is the No. 1 way to protect yourself in the event of a vehicle crash and minimize the risk of injury or death.

Fines for not buckling up begin at $65, and parents or caregivers caught with an improperly restrained child can receive a minimum fine of $82.

Adults — Colorado has a secondary enforcement law for adult drivers and front-seat passengers. Drivers can be ticketed for violating the seat belt law if they are stopped for another traffic violation.

Teens — Colorado’s Graduated Drivers Licensing (GDL) law requires all drivers under 18 and their passengers, regardless of their age, to wear seat belts. This is a primary enforcement, meaning teens can be pulled over simply for not wearing a seat belt or having passengers without seat belts.

Children — Colorado’s Child Passenger Safety law is a primary enforcement, meaning the driver can be stopped and ticketed if an officer sees an unrestrained or improperly restrained child under age 16 in the vehicle.

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MONTROSE RHEUMATOLOGY OPENS, REFERRALS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE - Montrose Rheumatology is pleased to announce its opening, led by rheumatologist Dr. Danny Williams, in partnership with Montrose Regional Health and Peak Professionals. Referrals are currently being accepted, and consultations begin in early August. With over three decades of experience in clinical rheumatology, Dr. Williams brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the Montrose community.

Dr. Williams has an extensive background in caring for patients with complex rheumatic conditions. His career spans prestigious tertiary care centers, where he has provided exceptional patient care, taught fellow physicians, and conducted groundbreaking medical research. Previously, Dr. Williams held positions at the Denver Health Medical Center and served as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. He also played a pivotal role in the development and management of The Infusion Center of Denver.

Having earned his medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Dr. Williams completed his residency at the University of Tennessee Medical Center-Knoxville, first specializing in family medicine and then internal medicine. His dedication to education and clinical excellence led to his appointment as Chief Resident in Internal Medicine. Subsequently, Dr. Williams received his rheumatology training at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Furthermore, he holds fellowship status with the American College of Physicians, the American College of Rheumatology, and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Montrose is excited to welcome Dr. Williams as he brings his exceptional skills and compassionate approach to the treatment of rheumatic diseases. Alongside his wife, Dianne Blanke, Dr. Williams resides in Montrose, Colorado, embracing the local community and its values.

“Bringing rheumatology services to Montrose is a wonderful opportunity for me and my wife. We love the community, culture, scenery, and medical comradery. I cannot be more excited to get started, serving those I can help,” says Dr. Williams.

The opening of the new rheumatology office marks an important milestone for Montrose, providing residents with access to specialized care for rheumatological conditions that has been missing for years, often requiring patients to travel long distances or go without advanced treatment options. Patients can expect personalized treatment plans, comprehensive evaluations, and evidence-based care from Dr. Williams and his dedicated team at Montrose Rheumatology. Dr. Williams will work closely with the infusion staff, laboratory professionals, and imaging experts of Montrose Regional Health to keep as much care local as possible. Dr. Williams recommends a referral from a primary care provider for those interested in seeking care. He notes that having a primary care provider on the treatment team increases the chances of diagnostic and treatment success. This also ensures that if non-rheumatologic health issues are found, they can be managed by primary care experts. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Montrose Rheumatology at 970-497-7700 or visit their website at montroserheumatology.com. Referrals may be faxed to 855-855-4482. Dr. Williams is accepting referrals and is scheduling consultations for an early August start.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY JEAN PITMAN (KUPER)
March 15, 1929 - July 19, 2023

SHIRLEY JEAN PITMAN (KUPER), 94, of Montrose, passed away peacefully in her home on July 19, 2023. Shirley was born in Lennox, South Dakota, on March 15, 1929 to Dick and Hilka Kuper. She was the second oldest of seven children. Shirley attended school in Lennox and was her high school class valedictorian. She had a love of poetry and wrote many poems; several of which were printed in magazines. She fell in the with the high school football star, Wayne Pitman. Wayne and Shirley married December 17, 1949 and started married life in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Shirley became Christian at 17 when she felt the calling of the Lord. The day before she died she was talking how she couldn’t wait to go to heaven to be with Jesus.

Shirley and Wayne moved their family to Montrose, CO, in 1965. She opened Shirley’s Cakes and Specialties in 1968. Her love of cake decorating started when she was a child. She would make mud cakes and decorate them with flowers and twigs. She was very artistic and continued to develop her talent throughout her career.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents, Dick and Hilka Kuper, her sisters; Geneva and Sandra, her brothers; Lee and Donald, her beloved husband, Wayne and her grandson, Nathaniel Pitman.

She is survived by her brother, David Kuper, Fort Myers, FL; sister, Bette Jackson, Sioux Falls, SD; son, Michael Pitman and his wife, Carolyn, Grand Junction, CO; daughter, Suzanne Pitman, Montrose, CO; daughter, Linda Gaulke, Montrose, CO; as well as seven grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

There will be a small family gathering on July 29, 2023, to celebrate her life. Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory of Montrose is assisting the family.

BETTY ANN DAVIS
March 3, 1948 — July 15, 2023

BETTY ANN DAVIS passed away July 15, 2023, in Eckert, Colorado at the age of 75. Services will be held on Friday, July 28th, at 2 p.m. at the Taylor Funeral Service Chapel, 6823 1725 Road, Delta, Colorado.

Betty was born to Max and Lurleen (Sneed) DeBusk on March 3, 1948 in the area around Heber Springs, Arkansas. She spent her later childhood and early adult years in Austin where her father had come to work on various construction projects. She married Mahlon Davis in 1976 and they enjoyed almost 47 years of marriage to each other.

She was an avid history buff and collected many newspaper articles and clippings which she would send to friends and family members about things of interest. She loved to watch birds, especially the sandhill cranes in the Delta area, and spent many enjoyable hours watching wildlife.

She is survived by her husband Mahlon; her stepchildren Nellie (Jim) Clauson of Grand Junction; David (Melanie) Davis of Grand Junction and Lori (Paul) Kindall of Meeker; her daughter-in-law Jackie Davis of New Castle; 11 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and four great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her beloved parents Max and Lurleen DeBusk, her stepson Doug Davis and her grandson Kyle Kuersten.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in her name to Hopewest. Arrangements are under the care of Taylor Funeral Service and Crematory.
Barbara was a cherished wife, mother, and aunt. Barbara passed away July 16, 2023 in Montrose hospital. Barbara enjoyed being on the ranch, horseback riding, side by side, camping, and fishing with her boys. Barbara was born January 17, 1982. She grew up in the Montrose Olathe area and graduated from Montrose High School in 2001. Barbara and Danny Piatt were married on January 18, 2003. Together they have two loving sons, Daniel Chase Piatt and Dillon Casey Piatt.

Barbara will forever be forgotten, but forever in our hearts.

Crippin Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting Mrs. Piatt’s family. 970-249-2121

Birdie E. Hatter went to be with our Lord God on July 14, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. Born to Joseph Y. and Helen V. Brown, Birdie was the youngest of 10 children. She was the only remaining sibling. Birdie lived a full and adventurous life and never missed a chance to tell her stories to the younger family members, always generating laughter and joy. Always one for quick wit and honesty, she could leave you either laughing or crying depending on what you needed. She was, and continues to be, the heart, soul and the Rock of this family. She gave love selflessly and was always willing to help a friend in need. She drew great joy and pride from her large family and loved each one with a fierceness to be reckoned with. Birdie and Skip Hatter were married in 1974 and it was a love for the ages. They were equally the love of each other’s life. Birdie is preceded in death by Skip and Granddaughter Ashley B. Brown.

Birdie is survived by her children: Brenda Maret, Todd Brown, Tina (William) Womack and Vivian Hatter (David Hollowwa). Also her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren: Joseph (JC) Brown, Michael (Tatyanna) Boyd, Alex (Alexis) Brown, Caleb Teague, Lindsay Lyon, Tyla (Chad) Dawson, Brandon Womack, Justin Womack, Frankie Hatter, Kurston Hatter, Mason Hatter, Joey (Moriah) Brown, Jacalyn Brown, Trevor Brown, Scott Brown, Anastasia Brown, Sarah Ruybalid, Kinsley Boyd, Wyatt and Walker Brown, Brooklyn Lyon, Mersadie Osollo, Elizabeth Lyon, Aliais Hatter, Alena Hatter-Chick, Riley Brown and Riot Brown. As per Birdie’s wishes, there will not be a memorial service. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to your favorite Cancer charity in Skip Hatter’s name.

Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory is in care of assisting Birdie’s family.
Robert (Bob) Sturgeon of Delta, Colorado passed away at Willow Tree Care Center in Delta, Co on July 15, 2023. Bob was born on the family farm near Olathe, Co on January 14, 1936 to N.C. and Katie Sturgeon, the fifth of six children. Bob married his high school sweetheart Margie Colson on January 16, 1955. They celebrated 68 years of marriage. They spent the majority of those years farming and raising livestock until retiring to their Delta home.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and two sisters. Bob is survived by his wife Margie, son Terry and wife Cindy, daughter Vickie and husband James, two granddaughters Jamie and husband Matt, Cassie and husband Jordan, a grandson Ty and wife Shannon, and four great-grandsons: Evan, Riley, Levi and Ridge.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hopewest of Delta, PO Box 24, Delta, Colorado 81416. Arrangements are in care of Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory, Montrose. (970) 249-2121

Bonnie Sue Andrew (Flanigan), 81, of Montrose passed away peacefully in Grand Junction on July 14th, 2023. Bonnie was born in Montrose, Colorado to Fred and Wilma (Flowers) Flanigan. Bonnie grew up in Montrose and graduated from Montrose High School. She then married Gene DeVincentis and had two children, Gina and Kevin DeVincentis.

Later in life Bonnie was united with her current companion Gordon Simoens, who she has shared the last 23 years of her life with. Bonnie always enjoyed living in Montrose being close to her friends and family, raising her children and keeping up her six grandchildren. Bonnie is survived by her companion Gordon (Kirby, Heather, and Kelly Simoens), her sister Judy Martin and niece Marchelle Deines, her two children Kevin and Gina (Kim Hussong), her six grandchildren Saige, Kira, Seth, Dawson Hussong, and Kameron and Kalli DeVincentis. Along with great-grandchild Cruz. She was predeceased by parents Wilma and Fred Flanigan, and nephew Shane Deines. Arrangements are in the care of Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory, Montrose (970) 249-2121.
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OUTDOOR GAMES: SEEK THE OUTSIDE!

By Valeria Herrera,
Friends of Youth and Nature

In today’s fast-paced, technology-driven world, children are often immersed in screens and disconnected from the natural world. However, the allure of outdoor games remains as strong as ever! Suggesting a simple game of tag or hide and seek with your child is sure to pump up their excitement and get them off the couch! Outdoor play contributes a wealth of benefits to your child’s holistic development including physical health, social skills, and various cognitive skills like reasoning, remembering, imagining, and using language. The power of outdoor games cannot be overstated. Let’s explore how outdoor games benefit our children.

Engaging in outdoor games means movement and physical activity! Running, jumping, climbing, and throwing are the primary building of children’s physical fitness. Outdoor games promote these gross motor skills, along with eye-hand-foot coordination, balance, and strength. The unpredictability of outdoor play requires quick thinking, concentration and decision-making. Children learn to adapt to changing circumstances, analyze risks, and develop strategies on the fly.

Outdoor games provide a dynamic and stimulating environment for children. Not only do they received a good dose of fresh air, and sunlight, opportunities abound for them to exercise their five senses through observing the sounds, smells, textures and colors found in nature. Outdoor games fuel their curiosities about their surroundings and may encourage them to explore more and foster a love for nature.

One of the greatest benefits of outdoor games lies in their ability to foster social interaction and communication skills. When children play outdoors, they engage with peers, siblings, or neighbors, leading to improved social competence. Outdoor games encourage teamwork, cooperation, negotiation, and conflict resolution as children work together towards common goals. They learn to share, take turns, and respect each other’s boundaries. These interactions lay the foundation for building positive relationships and developing essential life skills that extend beyond the realm of play.

Outdoor play has a profound impact on children’s emotional well-being. Physical activity releases endorphins, the “feel-good” hormones, which reduce stress, anxiety, and depression. The freedom to run, jump, and explore in the natural environment provides an outlet for pent-up energy and fosters a sense of joy and happiness. Outdoor games also encourage children to take calculated risks and face challenges, promoting resilience and building self-confidence. The connection with nature during outdoor play promotes a sense of calmness, mindfulness, and overall emotional balance.

The vast outdoor environment serves as a canvas for children’s imagination and creativity to flourish. In this unstructured space, they can transform a simple patch of grass into a magical kingdom or turn fallen leaves into treasure. Outdoor games encourage imaginative play, storytelling, and the creation of imaginary worlds. Children develop problem-solving skills, critical thinking, and the ability to think outside the box. Unleashing their creativity in outdoor games nurtures their ability to envision, innovate, and appreciate the beauty of the natural world.

Outdoor games are the first step in promoting a livelong enjoyment of an active lifestyle. In an era dominated by screens and structured activities, recognize the value of free-form outdoor play is essential. By encouraging children to embrace the joy of outdoor games, we not only support their overall well-being but also cultivate a generation that appreciates nature, values physical activity, and possesses the necessary skills to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Some examples of outdoor games that are beneficial to children’s health include: Tag, the classic outdoor game promotes cardiovascular fitness and agility. Children engage in running, chasing, and evading, which helps improve endurance and motor skills. It also enhances reflexes, coordination, and spatial awareness. Evening flashlight tag is also a fun escape from the heat of the day.

Hide-and-seek encourages children to be physically active while developing problem-solving skills. Running, hiding, and seeking help children build strength, balance, and coordination. It also enhances cognitive abilities as they strategize and make decisions during the game. Try playing it at night for added excitement.

Capture the Flag is an exciting team-based game that promotes teamwork,
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communication, and strategic thinking. Players must work together to capture the opposing team’s flag while defending their own.

The game involves running, dodging, and coordination, improving cardiovascular fitness and physical agility.

Red Light, Green Light is a game that helps children develop listening skills, self-control, and physical coordination. Players move forward on the "green light" command but must freeze when the leader says "red light." This game encourages bursts of physical activity followed by periods of stillness, promoting a balance between energy expenditure and self-regulation.

Simon Says is a game that combines listening skills, physical activity, and following instructions. The leader gives commands prefaced with "Simon says," and players must follow them. This game enhances children's listening abilities, motor skills, and body awareness.

Hopscotch is a game that improves balance, coordination, and motor skills. Children jump, hop, and skip through a series of numbered squares, enhancing lower body strength and stability. It also promotes spatial awareness and counting skills.

Jump rope is a classic outdoor activity that boosts cardiovascular fitness, endurance, and coordination. Children can engage in various jump rope games, such as single jump, double Dutch, or skip counting, which provide an enjoyable way to improve overall physical health.

Tug of War is a team-based game that develops strength, teamwork, and coordination. Children divide into teams and compete by pulling a rope in opposite directions. This game enhances upper body strength, grip strength, and cooperative skills.

Soccer or football is a popular team sport that enhances cardiovascular fitness, coordination, and teamwork. It involves running, kicking, passing, and strategizing.

Every child loves obstacle courses. Crawling under obstacles, climbing over structures, balancing on beams, and jumping through hoops improves coordination, strength, endurance, and promotes problem-solving skills.

Several outdoor games help improve eye-hand coordination and can engage many people of all ages at summer family gatherings: ladder ball, cornhole, croquet, bocce ball, badminton, and Frisbee.

Embrace the wonders of outdoor play and unlock the immense potential of unbridled joy, active bodies, imaginative minds, and social skills in your children. Let them run, laugh, explore, and make lasting memories in the great outdoors with their friends and families and watch your children bloom into confident, well-rounded individuals. They will feel ready to conquer the world!

Friends of Youth and Nature is a non-profit that promotes opportunities for youth and families to get outside, experience outdoor activities, and explore nature. Follow our outdoor news blog and receive monthly tips on connecting your children to nature. Learn more, visit: www.friendsofyouthandnature.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 denominations.
Wherever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come discover hope, joy, peace, purpose.

**ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH**
Affiliation: Southern Baptist
Address: 1598 E. Niagara Road, Montrose, CO 81401
Office Hours: Tues-Thurs, 9am-4pm
Contact information:
Phone: 970.249.4887
website: www.RosemontBaptist.org
email: office@rosenmontbaptist.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 worshipers of Jesus.
We provide a nursery for children under four years old with paid staff providing excellent care during Sunday Morning Bible Study and Worship Service.

**SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER**
Denomination affiliation: Independent Interfaith
Address: Meeting at Lions Park Community Building, 602 N. Nevada, Montrose Office hours: Tues-Fri, 9 am to 4 pm,
Home Office – 970-252-0908
Contact information: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, 970-252-0908,
arlyn@spiritaware.org, www.spiritaware.org
Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, Senior Minister; Rev. Catherine Gates, Associate Minister. Spiritual counseling available.
Worship service times: In-person Sunday Unity Service at 11 a.m., (Social Time begins at 10 a.m.); Quiet Meditation at 10:30 a.m. Virtual Afternoon Service on Zoom at 2:00 p.m.; Chai Chats, a Wednesday morning midweek informal gathering at 10:30 a.m. at Pun Hill Himalayan Restaurant, Montrose; Thursday Empowerment Circle at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. Everyone is welcome.

**SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:**
Denomination affiliation: Southern Baptist
Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403
Office hours: Varies
Contact information:
phone number: 970-275-7026
email: summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com
website: www.summitchurchmontrose.org
Name of current Senior Pastor: Rev. John De-Sario
Worship service times: Sunday Worship is at 9 am followed by a time of fellowship and snacks. Summit Church has frequent Bible studies and other events for adults, young adults, youth and children. Please visit https://www.summitchurchmontrose.org/events for more information.
Summit Church Montrose is a new church plant that preaches the Word of God, reaches the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equips Christians to serve the Lord. Summit Church has people of all ages!
We have families with children (babies, school aged, recent high school and college graduates) There are retired couples and widows. During the Sunday sermon we offer teaching for children ages birth to Kindergarten, in a kid friendly room called Base Camp.

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VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH
OF MONTROSE
Denomination Affiliation: Independent Baptist
Address: 2890 N Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-12pm
Contact Information: Phone (970) 249-6874; email at info@vbcmontrose.org; website: vbcmontrose.org
Current Pastor: Roland Kassales
Worship Service Times: Sunday School at 9:30am, Sunday AM Service at 10:30am, Sunday PM Service at 6pm, Wednesday Night Service at 6:30pm (all services include childcare)

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

Church Directory
Mirror Editorial Staff
MONTROSE-As a way of serving the faith community in Montrose, the Montrose Mirror is in the process of establishing a Church Directory. If your congregation or fellowship would like to be included in the directory, please supply the following information to the Montrose Mirror:
Name of church
Denomination affiliation
Address
Office hours
Contact information (phone number, email address, website)
Name of current Senior Pastor
Worship service times

Please give a one sentence description of your church and its mission in the Montrose community.
Brief description of your current church demographics (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles).
Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

Birth Certificates & Death Certificates
available at
MONTROSE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
1845 SOUTH TOWNSEND AVE. MONTROSE WEST WING
MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM - 4PM
(970) 252-5011 PUBLIC HEALTH
(970) 252-5009 VITAL RECORDS

WWW.MONTROSECOUNTY.NET
MONTROSE—Montrose Center for Art has announced that in addition to the professional artists who will judge the Art Show on Tuesday, July 25, Montrose Mayor Barbara Bynum and Montrose County BOCC Chair Sue Hansen will select their choices on Wednesday, July 26 about 10am. In addition, Margaret Noah, former President of Black Canyon Quilters and this year’s winner of Best of Show at the Black Canyon Quilt Show, will be awarding Judge’s Award. Judge’s Award is given to the piece of art - any medium, that the Judge would most like to take home. Margaret Noah will also make her selection about 10am on Wednesday, July 26.
Local Immunization Providers

PEAK PROFESSIONALS
1550 Niagara Road Montrose
(970) 497-4921
peakpros.org

PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES
947 South Fifth Street Montrose
(970) 249-2421 VFC PROVIDER
corpho.com

NORTHSIDE HEALTH CENTER
528 North Uncompahgre Ave Montrose
(970) 240-6438 VFC PROVIDER
pfb.com/northsidechildhealthcenter

CEDAR POINT HEALTH
300 South Nevada Ave Montrose
(970) 249-7751
cedarpoighth.com

BASIN CLINIC
421 Adams Street Naturita
(970) 865-2665 VFC PROVIDER (RHC)
basinclinic.org

UNCOMPAGRE MEDICAL CENTER
1350 South Aspen Street Norwood
(970) 327-4233 VFC PROVIDER (FQHC)
unclinic.org 340B PARTICIPANT

DELTA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT
255 West Sixth Street Delta
(970) 874-2165 VFC PROVIDER
deltacounty.com/8/personal-health-services

RIVER VALLEY FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS
1010 Rio Grande Montrose
(970) 497-3333
308 Main Street Olathe
(970) 323-6141
rivervalleyfhc.com
340B PARTICIPANT & VFC PROVIDER (FQHC)

THE PIC PLACE
87 Merchant Drive Montrose
(970) 252-8896
pic.place

MESA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT
510 29 1/2 Rd Grand Junction
(970) 248-6900 VFC PROVIDER
health.mesacounty.us/services/family/immunizations

VFC (VACCINES FOR CHILDREN)
The Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) is a federally funded program that provides vaccines 0-18 years of age who are enrolled in Medicaid, who have no insurance, or who are American Indian / Alaska Native.
*Children who are underinsured may receive VFC vaccines at a federally qualified health center (FQHC) or rural health center (RHC).

340b
The 340b Drug Pricing Program is a US federal government program created in 1992 that requires drug manufacturers to provide outpatient drugs to eligible health care organizations and covered entities at significantly reduced prices.
CITY MARKET SOUTH
16400 South Townsend Ave Montrose
(970) 240-1994  340B PARTICIPANT
Register Online
Flu  Shingles
Pneumonia  MMR
Tdap  Rabies
Meningococcus  Polio
Chickenpox  Japanese Encephalitis
Hep A  Hep B
Hep B  COVID-19

WALGREENS
2351 South Townsend Ave Montrose
(970) 252-1743
Register Online
Flu  Shingles
Pneumonia  HPV
Td  MMR
Td or DT  Rabies
Meningitis  Polio
Varicella  Japanese Encephalitis
Hep A  Typhoid
Hep B  Hep A/Hep B
COVID-19 (Moderna)

CITY MARKET NORTH
128 South Townsend Ave Montrose
(970) 249-2064  340B PARTICIPANT
Register Online
Flu  Shingles
Pneumonia  MMR
Tdap  Rabies
Meningococcus  Polio
Chickenpox  Japanese Encephalitis
Hep A  Hep B
COVID-19

SAFEWAY
1329 South Townsend Ave Montrose
(970) 249-1160  340B PARTICIPANT
Register online
Flu  Shingles
Pneumonia  Tetanus
HPV  Pertussis
MMR  Meningitis
Hep A  Hep B
COVID-19

WALMART
16750 South Townsend Ave Montrose
(970) 249-7742
Walk-in’s welcome
Flu  Hep A & Hep B
Shingles  IPV
Tdap  Varicella
Td  Pneumococcal
MMR  Meningococcal
COVID-19 (Moderna & JJ)

CVS (IN TARGET)
3530 Wolverine Dr Montrose
(970) 497-8981
Register online
Flu  MMR
Hep A  Tdap
Hep B  Varicella
Hep A/Hep B  Pneumococcal
HPV  Meningococcal
Shingles  Hep A/Hep B
Typhoid  Japanese Encephalitis
Polio, adult  COVID-19 (Pfizer & JJ)

STACIE’S APOTHECARY SHOPPE
112 Village Square West Ridgway
(970) 626-7100
Flu  Pneumonia
Shingles  Tdap

Please note that this list is not exhaustive and is not an endorsement of any pharmacy or provider. Visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines for the latest recommendations. Please contact your Pharmacy or Provider to confirm availability of vaccines. Montrose County Public Health will not provide immunizations after June 30th, 2020. Last Updated 7-25-2022.
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$210,000
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DETAILS
3BD, 1620 sq. ft.
2BA, Carport

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(970) 249-7653
500 E Main St, Montrose, CO
the-res.com
**SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR**

**ONGOING:**

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

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

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

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

**RIDGWAY TRUE GRIOT WALKING TOUR**

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

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

**MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET**-Summer market every Saturday May-October from 9 am to 1 pm in Downtown Montrose. Fresh produce, local meats and eggs, baked goods, beautiful artisan crafts, live music, kids’ activities. South Uncompahgre Avenue, Centennial Plaza and South First Street.

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

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

www.montrosehistory.org

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

**GREATER MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS** – May 25.

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

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

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

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

**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 Hampton Inn conference room at Noon.

**MONTHLY**

**July 21 - 28** –Montrose County Fair & Rodeo, Montrose County Fairgrounds.

**July 24**-On July 24, Monday 1 p.m. “Local historian and genealogist Zilla May Brown will present information on using “Heritage Quest”, an online genealogy resource, at the Warrior Resource Center, 4 Hillcrest Plaza Way. All are welcome to this program sponsored by the Montrose Genealogy Center.”

**July 29-30**-Colorado Mountain Club Western Slope Group is hosting two days of Wilderness First Aid, July 29 and 30 in Montrose. Details and registration at: [https://www.cmc.org/groups-sections/cmc-state/course-templates/wilderness-medicine-school-wilderness-first-aid/](https://www.cmc.org/groups-sections/cmc-state/course-templates/wilderness-medicine-school-wilderness-first-aid/)

**Questions:** WSGoFMC@gmail.com

**Aug 2- Sep 6**-Mindful Communication-A six-week class teaching you how to use mindfulness to communicate effectively and peacefully so that we can all be heard even if we think differently. Wednesdays 7-8pm $100/6 week class. Contact: 719-239-4600.newleafmindfulness.com/group-classes

**Aug 7**-Montrose Women’s Giving Club meets on Monday, August 7 at 5:30 at the Bridges Golf and Country Club. More than $300K has been awarded to local non-profits. Always open to women, all women who have an interest in learning and giving to our community. $100 plus a $10 hospitality fee for a 1.5-hour meeting that guarantees to be time well spent. For Information call Phoebe 209-9598.

**Aug 8**-On Tuesday Aug. 8 at5-630 Montrose library mtg rm. Citizens’ Climate Lobby meeting in person to promote local actions and education in climate. Non-partisan, national, environmental, All welcome info at 970-765-9095

**Aug 12**-Granny’s Attic (Large Yard Sale) Saturday, Aug. 12, 8 am to 1 p.m. Montrose United Methodist Church 19 S. Park Ave, Montrose, (970) 249-3716.

**Sept. 16-17**-The much-anticipated Tribute to Aviation, the signature event hosted by Montrose Regional Airport, is officially set for Sept. 16-17, 2023. This crowd-favorite event is back this year after a break for a major airport construction and remodel project at Montrose Regional Airport. Tribute to Aviation is one of the largest static displays in the western United States featuring both military and civilian aircraft. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Vendla Stockdale at vstockdale@montrosecounty.net or 970-964-2479.
MONTROSE TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUG. 1

Police Chief Blaine Hall has announced that the Montrose Police Department will host National Night Out for the community starting at 5pm on Aug. 1., in the area near the new Public Safety Complex, at left.

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