

San Miguel Basin Forum

ENERGY

Thor Energy meets with NNACC members

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

The Nucla Naturita Area Chamber of Commerce (NNACC) held a “meet and greet” last week introducing Thor Energy, of Australia. Thor Energy has joined the chamber, and chamber president Paula Brown said she’s excited to have the company on board.

More than 20 people attended last week’s gathering at the West End Visitor’s Center to introduce themselves to Thor Energy representatives. Coffee, juices and some breakfast items were served, courtesy of Saucy Mama’s, of Nucla.

Thor Energy’s website says the company holds a “100 percent interest in three uranium-vanadium projects in the highly prospective Uravan Mining Belt on the border of Utah and Colorado. The Wedding Bell Project and the Radium Mountain Project are both in Colorado and comprise 199 mineral claims over areas of historical, high-grade uranium and vanadium production.”

Their website adds, “The Vanadium King Project in southeast Utah comprises 100 mineral claims,” just north of Moab.

The San Miguel Basin Forum spoke with Nicole Warland, of Thor Energy, last week. Warland said right now, the work is focused on “exploration” but added the company aims to be “mining in the future.” The Forum asked if Thor Energy would be employing any local people for their work.

“Yes we are currently employing locally,” Warland said.

So far, Thor Energy is using a Nucla-based geologist and a group made up of Norwood and Naturita individuals for a field assistance team. Warland said Thor Energy will “continue to engage with the local community as the programs expand.”

Warland said the work is related to alternative energy sources.

Naturita Mayor Gene Greenwood told the Forum last week many breakthroughs have been made the last few years with nuclear reactors. He said the small reactors are different than nuclear power plants of the past, and the new technology is good for rural areas.

He said there’s been much progress since the old days, regarding nuclear testing and mining practices. He said there are improved mining standards and regulations to keep people safer and healthier. Greenwood said we know more about radon gas attaching to particles when we breathe — and the importance of ventilation and also not smoking.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Sutherland is state athlete of the year for track

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Lisa Sutherland didn’t know she’d been named the Colorado High School Activities Association’s (CHSAA) 2023 Athlete of the Year for 1A Track and Field on June 2. She found out online by accident June 13, but said it was “very cool” to get the news regardless.

“It’s a huge honor to be named (athlete of the year),” she told the Forum. “It’s kind of funny that I found that way.”

“Athletes of the year were selected based upon their performance at the state meet,” CHSAA representatives said online. “In order to be considered for athlete of the year, they must first have made the all-state team by winning an event.”

Additionally, several other girls from various 1A schools were named to the state team, too, including Sutherland who had the highest honor.

Sutherland didn’t begin participating in track and field until her sophomore year. She worked with her coach, Sara Bray, to determine which events she wanted to compete in. She tried hurdling, and decided she could do it.

“It seemed to work out pretty good,” she said.

Now she’s a two-time state champion, and also a state qualifier for the long jump, an event she just started competing in during her senior year. Last year, she was



CHSAA named Sutherland track athlete of the year. (Courtesy image)

named female athlete of the year for the San Juan Basin League, too. For that she received a plaque. She’s not sure what her award will be for the CHSAA title, but thinks it might be a banner. If so, she said it will be presented to Nucla High School and hang in the gym.

Sutherland is set to attend the Colorado School of Mines in Golden this fall. She’s wanted to attend the school since she was in middle school. She thinks the academics are amazing, and she loves the location. She has her heart set

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

McCabe wrestles in all-state games, gets pin

By JOEL PRIEST, Forum Contributor

Last Thursday afternoon, on June 15, inside CSU-Pueblo’s Massari Arena at the 2023 Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games, Nucla’s Rylie McCabe didn’t have long to dodge disaster during her wrestling days’ penultimate two minutes.

Able to construct a 4-2 lead on Ignacio’s Faye Hackett after one period and then grow her advantage to 9-2 — via a late near-fall — the graduated senior suddenly found herself in a precarious position during the third period as both 2A San Juan Basin Leaguers strove for a victory.

“If my belly button’s facing the sky, I am in trouble,” she explained, grinning while recalling how Hackett had her in danger of being pinned to the mat covering Harry H. Simmons Court. “So I just knew I had to get my hips up and not go to my back ... make sure I was in a better position than her. That’s what was going through my head.”

Composed enough to wriggle free and regain control on top, McCabe — then leading the 130-pounders’ showdown by a comfortable 12-2 margin — soon clutched and stretched out Hackett’s left arm, finding leverage to press the Lady Bobcat’s shoulder down and finalize the fall with just 30 seconds remaining.

“This was just a fun way to end the season,” said McCabe, set to build upon her father and NHS head wrestling coach Rob McCabe’s legacy at Adams State University (NCAA Div. II) in Alamosa. “State didn’t go exactly how I wanted it, so this was a great last match of my high-school career before college.”

“It almost felt nostalgic, you know, just being here ... on the mat for probably the last time,” Hackett said. “Even though I lost, I still had a lot of fun.”

McCabe’s six-point stick gave Team Blue, guided by 3A Eaton’s Tony Mustari and 5A Centennial Eaglecrest’s Javier Quintana, a 10-6 lead three bouts into the dual, but Hackett and Red prevailed 47-38 after 15 subsequent pairings. Hackett’s slated test against 5A Boulder Fairview’s Sydney Wu — who’d repped the Boulder Valley School District in 2022-23 by suiting up for 4A Broomfield, and who’d already beaten 4A Denver South’s Kiana Suro by 15-5 major decision — was scratched.

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NUCLA

Main Street waterline improvements continue

By REGAN TUTTLE, Editor

Many people have noticed the flagging work on Nucla’s Main Street, marking utilities and also some wetlands. The work is part of the waterline, sewer and sidewalk improvement project that is ongoing this year and into the future. The work is a bit off schedule due to some delays with CDOT. The Town of Nucla got a new schedule last week and was coordinating with it to make adjustments.

There is less than an acre total of wetlands identified in Nucla’s Main Street area, but it’s still important to not interfere with those portions, because of the ecology of plants and animals. Most of the portions can be seen by the cattail plants. Town Clerk Melissa Lampshire said the wetlands areas



There are a few wetlands areas on Main Street in Nucla. (Photo by Regan Tuttle)

are far enough outside of where the future sidewalks will be poured.

The only properties really affected by wetlands are the Nucla Fire Hall, the San Miguel Basin Forum, and the property owned

by the Apple Core Project. There are other wetlands further west in town, too. Lampshire said natural springs and the leaks from the ditch have created them.

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HOOF & PAW

Cats in the West End

Ask anyone in the West End if they have stray cats in their neighborhood or on their property, and they will most likely answer “yes.” Some people consider free roaming cats a nuisance, and some consider them a beloved part of the community.

There are three categories that animal welfare organizations use to classify domestic cats. 1) Owned cats, as in they have a person or family that considers that animal theirs. They are given food and veterinary care and generally are an animal that spends time inside and out. 2) Feral cats, unowned and untended domestic cats that live outdoors and tend to avoid human contact. They do not like to be handled or touched. 3) Community cats, who have a dedicated caretaker who provides them with veterinary care, spay/neuter services, vaccinations against rabies, regular feedings and often a covered space or area outside (but sometimes inside) of a house, where they can sleep, eat and hang out.

Community cats are often friendly and habituated to people. Community cats may have been previously owned animals who were abandoned, or feral cats who have become habituated to humans. Community cats often live in groups called colonies.

Community cats are frequently a part of a trap-neuter-return-monitor (TNRM) program. TNRM is the method of humanely trapping the animal, having it spayed or neutered and vaccinated, and then returning it to the location where it typically resides.

Cats that have been a part of a TNRM program are typically identified by a tipped ear. Ear-tipping is a widely accepted means of indicating a cat who has been spayed or neutered. It is a humane, safe,



(Courtesy image)

surgical removal of the top quarter-inch of either ear and prevents an already spayed or neutered cat from the stress of re-trapping; it also indicates to the neighborhood that the cat is tended to.

In both Naturita and Nucla, owned cats are required to be registered. This helps the animal control officer identify owned cats, if they end up in the shelter or if they have wandered away from home. Registration can be done at the spay and neuter clinics hosted by Hoof & Paw, or by contacting your respective town’s animal control officer.

Nucla is making efforts to manage the cat population by keeping a photo on record of registered, owned cats, along with a description of the animal and the address of its home; the town can also keep microchip information, if available.

Nucla also has a community cat registry that is free; proof must be shown that the cat has been spayed or neutered, vaccinated and ear-tipped. Call or text the animal control officer, Kivi, at 720-609-1651 for more information.

In Naturita and Nucla, the animal control officers work closely with Hoof & Paw to care for found and abandoned animals and return them to their homes or, if the animal is unclaimed, to spay, neuter and vaccinate the animal and to find it an appropriate new home.

If you have questions about free roaming cats in your area, please contact your animal control officer. It may be that the little fuzz-ball hanging out under your porch is a member of the colony down the street and she is just out for an adventure. With free roaming cats, a little understanding goes a long way. Working together we can make our communities a safer and healthier place for animals and their people.

West End Events

- **ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** June 30 at 5 p.m., Main Street in Nucla, sponsored by Rimrocker Historical Society,
- **WATER DAYS:** July 1 in Nucla, pancake breakfast, parade, horseshoe tournament, water spray, vendors and food, fireworks, dance with Desert Flyer Band
- **WEST END PUBLIC SCHOOLS:** Board meetings are third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Nucla Middle-High School, in the library
- **NUCLA-NATURITA FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Board meetings are second Monday of the month, 6 p.m., Nucla Fire Hall
- **TOWN OF NUCLA:** Board meetings are second and fourth Wednesday, except in November and December, at 7 p.m. at Nucla Town Hall
- **TOWN OF NATURITA:** Board meetings are second and fourth Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Naturita Community Center
- **BASIN CLINIC:** Board meetings are third Tuesday of the month; next meeting is 5:30 p.m. on June 27 at Hopkins Field
- **MONTROSE WEST REC:** Board meetings are first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. in the office of West End Visitors Center, 230 W. Main St. in Naturita; limited hours. See montrosewest.com for programs.
- **FARMERS MARKET:** Thursdays, 4 to 7 p.m., in front of Wild Gal’s, starting late June
- **WEST END DARK SKY ALLIANCE:** No meeting schedule set. Email westenddarkskyalliance@gmail.com to join or volunteer.
- **RIMROCKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Board meetings are third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the museum building

History: Rimrocker Historical Society
Etta Zatterstrom’s
typewriterBy JANE THOMPSON, *Rimrocker Historical Society*

As we begin unpacking things in the new museum, my curiosity gets the best of me. I have glanced at this typewriter many times over the years and never thought much about it. Now I find my curiosity wanting to know more about this very cool typewriter. I know it belonged to Etta Zatterstrom, but I wasn’t sure which of the Zatterstrom ladies that would be, so who could I ask? Buzz Zatterstrom was my biology teacher many, many years ago at Nucla High School, but none of his family is left living here locally. I turn where I usually turn, and that is to Marie’s (Templeton) articles.

From the San Miguel Basin Forum of June 12, 2014, here is an article on Etta Zatterstrom:

“Etta Sage Zatterstrom was born April 15, 1885, in Binghamton, N.Y. ‘Scarcely a man is now alive ... who remembers that date and year,’ she would quote with a twinkle in her eye.

Her father, Nathaniel Stacy Sage, was a minister and the family moved to a new parish in Brooklyn, Pennsylvania, where Etta spent most of her young and teen years. She was Buzz Zatterstrom’s mother.

Etta enjoyed freedom unusual in that era. She overruled family objections by going with the Davis Commission to the Five Indian Nations: Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cree, Seminole and the Cherokee,

in the nations before they became Oklahoma state. The Cherokees had a system of education for their children long before they ever saw a white man.

Etta later worked on the Newcastle Independent in Wyoming. While other women could only report on the doings of the Ladies Aide Society, Etta was a ‘printer’s devil’ setting type with blackened hands. She was an artist, painted delicate water colors, raced her horse, Custer, and married a farmer Leonard Zatterstrom ...”

Here is the mystery of the Remington Standard Typewriter No. 6. Our accession says that Etta Sage owned this typewriter and used it in her newspaper job. It was donated by Buzz and Jean Zatterstrom. How exciting this must have been in those days when most women were not in the workforce and certainly not in the man’s world of newspapers! According to The National Museum of American History, the Remington Standard No. 6 was manufactured by the Remington Standard Typewriter Company around 1894. The Model Number 6 contained many improvements to Remington’s previous models, including an improved cylinder, improved spacing mechanism, improved paper carriage, and adjustable paper guides. And yes, it was manufactured by gun-

makers, E. Remington and Sons. While most women of that era were shopping for household items and a husband, here is Etta with a typewriter, working for a newspaper!

The article continues: “The family spent part of their married life in Lincoln, Nebraska, and the rest in Nucla. Etta was a housewife and a piano teacher. In the early days she rode her horse to people’s houses to give their children lessons. When she started, she had 15 students and charged \$.50 a lesson. At the age of 88 she had 25 students and charged \$1.50 a lesson.

Etta was a member of the Congregational Church in Nucla; she also belonged to the Study Club, Garden Club and Alpha Society and to the National Iris Society. She loved outdoor picnics and arrowhead hunting. She was a very good ice skater and enjoyed skating for many years. Etta passed away in Montrose on August 12, 1977, and she is buried in the Nucla Cemetery.”

Marie goes on to tell how Etta, belonging to the Iris Society, cross-pollinated irises with a q-tip by somehow splitting the stems with a sharp knife and grafting different colors from one plant to another. According to Marie, her whole front yard was an iris bed with the most beautiful irises you have ever seen. Etta Sage Zatterstrom, what an amazing lady.



This photo shows Etta Zatterstrom’s typewriter. (Photo by Rimrocker Historical Society)

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West End youth



Jaxson Kay plays at Naturita Town Park.



Ryatt Harrigan goes to a branding.



The Caruso family is on the water.



Kyndle Weimer is washing her goats. (Courtesy images)

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OBITUARY

Roy 'Gene' Williams

June 11, 1925 – May 16, 2023

Roy "Gene" Williams, son of the late Virgil and LuLu Williams, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on June 11, 1925. He departed this life at the Missouri Veterans Home in St. James, Missouri, on May 16, 2023, having attained the age of 97 years, 11 months, and 5 days.

Gene was a veteran of the United States Army, having served as a machinist in the 725th Ordinance Maintenance Company in the Korean War. Gene was honorably discharged on June 31, 1953, due to wounds received as a result of action with enemy forces on December 6, 1952. For his service, Gene received a Purple Heart, the UN Service Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars and an Overseas bar.

Gene enjoyed spending time with family and friends, working



Roy "Gene" Williams. (Courtesy image)

on his farm and operating his various pieces of machinery.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and LuLu Williams; brothers, Denver McCabe, Paul Williams, Floyd Williams, Gerald Williams and Willard Williams; sisters, Wilma Phillips, Christene Sanders, Oneita Sutherland and Moleane Barenz; a daughter, Deborah Williams; and

one grandchild, Shannon Williams.

Gene is survived by his wife, Sherely "Sug" Williams; his sons, Steve Williams and Roy Williams; and wife, Shelly; his daughter, Sheila Williams; and grandchildren, Dione StLuka, Clinton Eugene Williams, Morgan Williams, John Roy Williams; and sister, Jewel Narramore.

Graveside service with military honors are May 22, 2023, at 11 a.m., officiated by pastor Doug Massie. Burial will be at Ellington Memorial Cemetery. Pallbearers are Danny Lillo, James Jones, Andy Jenson, Ted Wilkening, Doug Parish and Kendell Wisdom.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Missouri Veterans Home, located at 620 N. Jefferson St. in St. James, MO 65559. Arrangements are handled by McSpadden Funeral Home in Ellington, Missouri.

COMMUNITY

World's Largest Swimming Lesson is June 22

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Thousands of children around the globe are participating in the 14th annual World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ (WLSL) to help beat the single leading cause of unintended death of children ages 1-4. The Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (uncompahgrewatershed.org/) invites kids and families to participate in this global event at the Swim Beach at Dutch Charlie at Ridgway State Park.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is co-hosting, and Montrose Recreation District is providing swimming instructors, with support from Ouray Hot Springs Pool as well.

The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ will take place over the course of 24 hours at hundreds of aquatic centers, swim schools and waterparks on six continents. Families should register their children locally at: uncompahgrewatershed.org/event/2023-worlds-largest-swimming-lesson. Children must be accompanied by adults and bring a beach towel to do part of the lesson on.

CPW will have their PFD trailer and games on site with chances to learn about swimming safety and win prizes including sunglasses, shirts and more. UWP will have infor-

mation about the watershed and ways to be a good steward of the Uncompahgre River and its environment.

The event happens on Thursday, June 22, from 3 to 4 p.m. at Ridgway State Park Dutch Charlie

Entrance, located at 28555 Highway 550 in Ridgway. A park pass or the daily entry fee is required.

Local partners decided to host the event to educate the public about safe, sustainable recreation on the water. Ridgway State Park and other public lands continue to see increased recreational use by visitors from other areas who may not have the knowledge about protecting themselves, wildlife and the watershed. This event could help save lives and will promote recreation etiquette and outdoor skills.

The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ was created to send the message Swimming Lessons Save Lives™. Tragically, drowning is the single leading cause of unintended death of children ages 1-4 in the U.S. and the third leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide. Research by the American Academy of Pediatrics shows participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning for kids ages 1-4 by 88 percent.

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HEALTH CARE

MRH specialty clinic opens in Delta

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Montrose Regional Health opened a new location at 311 Palmer St. to better serve residents of Delta, Austin, Cedaredge, Hotchkiss, Crawford and more with specialty care close to home. Named the Montrose Regional Health Specialty Clinic, the new location continues the hospital's commitment to providing access to gynecological services in the region. In the future, the location will help connect residents with access to additional specialties, including cardiology and more.

Alpine Women's Centre formerly shared a space with Delta Health's Pain Center at 236 Cottonwood St. in Delta, a partnership that began in early 2022. Montrose Regional Health expresses gratitude for their partnership and looks forward to continuing to offer complimentary services and increase access to care.

To connect with the new clinic, call the MRH Alpine Women's Centre at 970-249-6737.

Montrose Regional Health is a 501(c)3 nonprofit healthcare system serving Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Gunnison, Delta, Hinsdale and San Juan counties. The hospital is licensed for 75 beds and offers an extensive range of inpatient and

outpatient health care services, including cardiology, oncology, minimally invasive surgery, laboratory, medical imaging and radiology, Mountain View Therapy, Acute Rehabilitation Unit, Spine and Pain Center, advanced respiratory and pulmonary services, and the family birthing center.

The health system has a reputation for acquiring the latest technologies in healthcare, from robotic assisted surgical services to UVC-disinfection technology. Montrose Regional Health is the second-largest employer in Montrose County, with more than 700 employees and 100 providers who represent 23 medical specialties.

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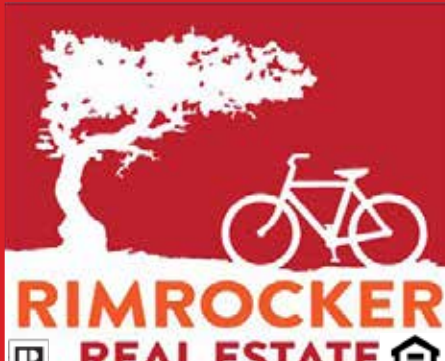
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State athlete of the year for track

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on becoming a doctor, so she'll be majoring in quantitative biosciences and engineering, which checks all the boxes for a pre-med degree.

She got a full scholarship from the School of Mines, and it's not associated with sports. But, she will be competing in college track and field. She's a member of the heptathlon team, an event that lasts two days. Four of the events she's never done before, but she's intrigued to try them out. They include 100 hurdles, the 200 meter, the 800 meter, the long jump, the high jump, the shot put and the javelin throw.

She's staying in shape this summer by running and also lifting weights. She said she reports for school in mid-August.

Sutherland is grateful for many people, her mom especially. She



Sutherland is a two-time state champion in hurdles.

said her mother has supported her through all of her endeavors. She never really liked track before and she considered not doing it. Her mom supported that. When she felt like she might compete, her mom stood behind her then too.

And, Bray, Nucla's high school track coach, has continued to push Sutherland throughout her high school career, helping her with the events she's wanted to do.

"Her support has been amazing," Sutherland said.

Rylie McCabe wrestles in all-state games

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"The atmosphere here was great; everyone was super kind, welcoming," McCabe said. "I didn't know Hackett very well, but we became close, and it was fun to wrestle her. It was like wrestling a friend."

McCabe is happy to have competed in the all-state games.

"This year, my senior year, was my first year wrestling, and I wasn't done," she added. "I didn't think I'd like it as much, but it's just ... the drive and the mental state you have to have, the physical attributes you have to have to be able to make some-



McCabe produces a pin at the all-state games June 15.

(Photo courtesy of Joel Priest, Southern Ute Drum)

body do what they don't want to do. Even if you do lose, you're

winning because you know what to work on next."

Waterline

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While the waterline improvements have been happening since spring, not all of Main Street can be opened up at once. That's why there have been some temporary street closures and detours. Temporary lines have been run for minimizing inconvenience, and so that nobody goes without water.

Lampshire said businesses are open and will remain so. All should use caution when traveling around construction areas, however. She added the alleys east and west of Main Street are in good condition and can make reaching businesses possible. She appreciated Paul Koski's allowing people to use his wood shop parking lot for those entering Wild Gal's Market last week.

"We ask that you be patient with the town and Williams Construction while our 60-year-old water main is being replaced," she said.

Some big work will continue through June 23 with pothole maintenance and a temporary waterline being put in the following week. The town will have a planned water outage June 29-30 and will send reminders to the community.

The line to the new school has been laid, but not the service lines yet on Fourth Street.

There's also a bit of sewer the town is working on from the Fire Hall to part of Sixth Street and south of Eighth Street. Overall, the waterline work should be complete by November, before the freezing temperatures begin again.

Mesa Engineering and Surveying, of Montrose, is doing the design. Williams Construction is handling the labor. The work is

part of a CDOT Main Street revitalization program, and much of the work is funded by grants.

Lampshire said the town is starting at the top of town and working its way down. Town officials will have to see how far the funding lets them get. She'd like to see sidewalks on both sides of the street from the top of town to the Nucla Town Park. She said she's not sure that can happen, but at least one side of the street with a continuous sidewalk would be good. The sidewalk work will likely happen in 2025.

Overall, the Town of Nucla wants to see the business district be revitalized and beautified. Lampshire is pleased that the West End Economic Development Corporation is offering another facade grant program for local businesses to make improvements to their exteriors. That grant will be announced this month.

Thor Energy

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Greenwood, who worked in Uravan and was also a foreman for the cleanup, said wind power requires too much of a carbon footprint with the trucks and assembly, and solar power also creates waste. He said we can only dam up so many rivers for hydroelectric power. He said natural gas

will burn more cleanly than coal, and he likes natural gas for energy. But, his opinion is that nuclear is the most efficient, smartest and cleanest energy for the U.S.

He said the U.S. will always build better plants than the Russians. He said the Russians don't have the safety and backup measures that the U.S. employs.

"Nuclear is the cleanest energy source," he said last week.

Thor Energy's site says the

uranium-vanadium mining districts of the Colorado Plateau are reported to have produced more than 85 million pounds of uranium and more than 660 million pounds of vanadium in the last 100 years. It says their company has access to a high-priority drill section, only previously used by the U.S. government.

"Thor will be the first company to access and drill test this highly prospective area," the site says.

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5/25/2023
0649 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to relay a message in the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla.
1318 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for an abandoned vehicle.
1343 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Highland Circle in Naturita for a 911.
1614 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Adams Street in Naturita for an animal problem.
1705 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28800 block of CC Road near Nucla for a civil standby.
1936 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita for an animal problem.

5/26/2023
0731 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a theft report.
1032 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Fourth Avenue in Nucla for a theft report.
1812 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28800 block of CC Road near Nucla for a civil standby.
2327 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of East Main Street in Naturita for a noise complaint.
1 civil process attempted/served

5/27/2023
2131 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a disturbance.
1 civil process attempted/served

5/28/2023
1005 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for an animal problem.
1053 Hours - Deputy conducted a citizen assist in the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita.
1115 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita for an unsecure premise.
1346 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of Fox Street in Nucla for an animal problem.
1446 Hours - Kyrin Heiter, 50, was contacted in the 200 block of East Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.
2008 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 55 near Naturita for an accident.
2012 Hours - Deputy took an information report at the intersection of East Fifth Avenue and Ash Street in Nucla.

5/29/2023
0237 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for an information report.
0954 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 80 near Naturita for an accident.
0956 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 29100 block of Highway 97 near Nucla for a criminal mischief report.
1148 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 90 mm 26 near Naturita for an animal problem.
1225 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 33300 block of Highway 141 near Naturita for a harassment report.
1226 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 300 block of West Sixth Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.
1659 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 34000 block of 3500 Road near Redvale for a harassment report.
1742 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Heron Street in Nucla for a 911.
2130 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Porter Street and Highway 97 in Naturita for a juvenile problem.
2246 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a noise complaint.

5/30/2023

0431 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Grape Street in Nucla for an information report.
1148 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Highway 145 mm 103 near Norwood for a traffic complaint.
1921 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a welfare check.
2135 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of Juniper Street in Nucla for a report of threatening.
4 VIN inspections
1 civil process attempted/served

5/31/2023
0813 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of Pine Street in Naturita for a disturbance.
1532 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of HH26 Road near Naturita for a fire.
1 VIN inspection
1 directed patrol in County

6/1/2023
1546 Hours - Deputy took a report for a civil standby in the 24300 block of X7 Road near Bedrock.
2038 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a welfare check.
1 VIN inspection
1 directed patrol in Nucla

6/2/2023
0448 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a 911.
1101 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of U29 Road for an agency assist.
1211 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Highway 97 in Naturita for a trespassing report.
1354 Hours - Justin Leyendecker, 24, was contacted on Highway 97 mm 2 near Nucla and cited for speeding and driving with a suspended driver's license.
1451 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 28000 block of 2810 Road near Nucla for a 911.
1620 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of East Tenth Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance. Roger Culver (73), Mary Culver (72), Bradly Littlejohn (44), and Kristen Snow (37) were cited for disturbing the peace and abusive conduct.
1636 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the area of Payson Street and Wilson Street in Naturita for a report of gunshots.
2112 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a medical assist.
1 directed patrol in Nucla

6/3/2023
0729 Hours - Deputy was dispatched

to the 200 block of West Main Street in Naturita for a suspicious vehicle
0920 Hours - Deputy conducted public relations in Naturita.
1252 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 200 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a 911.
1727 Hours - Deputy conducted a fire assist on Highway 90 mm 14 near Bedrock.
2024 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to County Road 90 mm 37 near Nucla for a traffic hazard.
2203 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to Highway 141 mm 78 near Naturita for an accident.
2247 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 400 block of West Second Avenue in Naturita for a noise complaint.

6/4/2023
0726 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 900 block of Main Street in Nucla for a civil matter.
1041 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 100 block of Payson Street in Naturita for a theft report.
1320 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 600 block of Pine Street in Naturita for an information report.
1709 Hours - Esther Williams, 67, was contacted in the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.
1717 Hours - Holli Owen, 47, was contacted in the 100 block of East Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.
1726 Hours - Dayton Waddell, 33, was contacted in the 100 block of West Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.
1753 Hours - Deputy conducted a field interview in the 300 block of Adams Street in Naturita. Casey Whitney, 47, was arrested on two outstanding warrants.
1821 Hours - Deputy was dispatched to the 500 block of West Seventh Avenue in Nucla for a disturbance.
1946 Hours - Deputy conducted a ride along in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.
2058 Hours - Michael Rutter, 46, was contacted in the 300 block of West Main Street in Naturita and issued a warning for speeding.
2111 Hours - Deputy conducted a motorist assist on Highway 141 mm 58 near Naturita.
2119 Hours - Cody Terrell, 26, was contacted at the intersection of DD31 Road and DD31 Trail near Nucla and issued a warning for speeding and no visible registration.
2342 Hours - Deputy took an information report in the 27700 block of DD Road near Nucla.

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JULY 20 - NO SALE
JULY 27TH - Regular Cattle Sale/ Sheep & Goat Sale
AUGUST 3 - NO SALE
AUGUST 5TH - Horse sale
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PUBLICATION BASIN CLINIC, INC. NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION OF DIRECTORS BOARD VACANCY

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO ELECT DIRECTORS

Basin Clinic, Inc. will hold its annual meeting and election of Directors on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Nucla Hopkins Field, located at 27696 DD Rd, Nucla, Colorado (Zoom attendance available by emailing Christina Pierce, cpierce@basinclinic.org). Two Directors' positions are up for election and will serve a three-year term.

Nominations may be made by writing a letter of intent to serve on the Board for the Basin Clinic, Inc. In order to be nominated for director you must be a registered voter and a member/user of Basin Clinic, Inc.

Such letters must be delivered to the office at the Basin Clinic, Inc. or mailed to P.O. Box 14, Naturita, CO 81422. They must be received by Basin Clinic, Inc. on or before 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 23, 2023.

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THEME: INDEPENDENCE DAY

ACROSS

- Kind of illusion
- Perched
- Island near Java
- Old West pack animal
- False statement
- Opposite of atonal
- Hailing from the East

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- Supply with weapons
- "___ death do us part"
- *Frank
- *Popular celebratory get-together
- Many, many years
- Scott Hamilton's "court"
- Gross National Product
- Abundant
- Bantoid language
- Bakery unit
- Cutlass maker
- Two in eighteen
- Milk's favorite cookie
- Muslim ruler honorific
- Hyperbolic sine
- Iranian money, pl.
- Nancy Sinatra's boots
- Fill to satisfaction
- *Certain Doodle
- Argo's propellers
- Feather glue
- Give temporarily
- Porridge grain
- *Roman firework
- *"The Star-Spangled Banner"
- Opposite of neo-
- Glass margin
- Continental money, pl.
- Opposite of #17 Across
- Go for the gold
- "Silas Marner" author
- Mexican money
- Not yang
- Down and out

- DOWN**
- ___ constrictor, anagram
 - Word on a door
 - Duet plus one
 - Angry
 - Large California bird
 - Smelting waste
 - Stuff of inflation
 - Adagio and allegro, e.g.
 - German city on Rhine river
 - Con
 - Not of the cloth
 - Down with a bug
 - ___ someone ___ bed
 - Satirical publication, with The
 - Calligrapher's purchase
 - *"From the ___ forest to the Gulf Stream waters"
 - *Old ___
 - Waterwheel
 - Hymn of praise
 - *Popular decoration
 - *"Rockin' in the USA" band
 - Certain church member
 - Yiddish busybody
 - Theater guide
 - Kind of rock
 - Heroic tale
 - B on Mendeleev's table

- "Where ___ is 58. "Oh, my!" heard a discourag-
- ing word..."
- I'll second that"
- Great Lake
- State of mind
- One in a litter
- *King George
- Farm structure
- Charlie Chaplin's prop

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Solution to Last Week's Sudoku

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Solution to Last Week's Crossword

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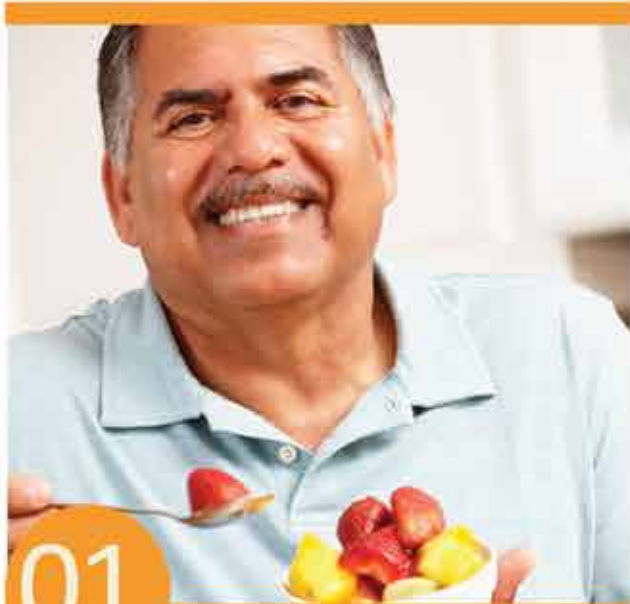
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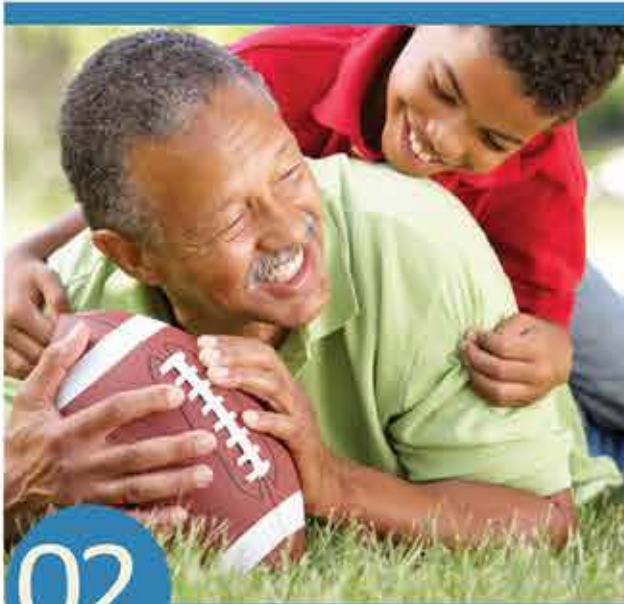
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02

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